



Archdiocese of Cardiff Commission for Christian Unity

Comisiwn Undod Cristnogol Archesgobaeth Caerdydd

Bishop Michael Evans R.I.P. by Fr. J. Owen

With sadness we recall the death in July of Bishop Michael Evans of East Anglia. He had been suffering from cancer for quite a long time and bravely carried on with his responsibilities to the very end. Bishop Evans was a committed ecumenist and was Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Christian Unity. He was also co-Chair of the British Methodist Roman Catholic Committee and a member of the Methodist Roman Catholic International Commission.

Recently we promoted a series of practical leaflets on Christian Unity, Together in Christ, which were inspired by Bishop Michael and well received here and in all the Dioceses in England and Wales.

Bishop Evans was a highly intelligent and humble man. Before being Bishop of East Anglia he had been Parish Priest of Tunbridge Wells and before that Vice Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley.

May he rest in peace.

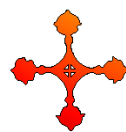
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News from Porthcawl, by Jean Hunt

Churches Together in Porthcawl have been involved with H.M. Parc Prison in Bridgend: this year's President, Ruth Birch, is responsible for Race Relations and Deacon Rev. Anthony Martin is now a Chaplain at the prison. During Christian Unity Week the speaker at one of the services was Rev. Nicholas Sandford, Chaplain to H.M. Prison, Usk, who spoke most powerfully on 'The Common Good', quoting from Isaiah 58, v.6 – 10 and Acts 2.



SUNG VESPERS



Tintern Abbey

Sunday 4th September 2011, 3pm

An ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer

Speaker: His Excellency The Most Reverend Kallistos

Metropolitan of Diokleia

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

From 1966-2001 Spalding Lecturer on

Eastern Orthodox Studies at Oxford University

THERE IS NO SEATING IN THE ABBEY

SO PLEASE BRING FOLDING CHAIRS

We hope you will join us for tea in the Village Hall after the service

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Ecumenical Stand...

Members of the Archdiocesan Commission for Christian Unity took part in the Catechetical Conference held at St Illtyd's School, Cardiff, recently. The Commission manned a stall, displaying colourful literature on ecumenism and offered information and advice on ecumenical activities.



One of the outcomes was to create a new

list of parish contacts of those who are interested in Christian Unity, or are involved with local Churches Together groups. If you would like to add your name to the list please contact us, (see information at the bottom of the page).

NEWS FROM ABERGAVENNY,

by Lucy Williams

THE word of God is the constant uniting all Christians. We are called to live his word through THE word - Jesus who prayed to his Father that all would be one as they are one. The practice of taking a phrase from the Gospel and putting it into practice has been one of the corner stones of the Spirituality of the Focolare movement -'Your words are Spirit Lord, and they are life' said Peter. From this root, many groups meet regularly every month to share their experience of putting the Gospel into practice. This is the basis of an ecumenical group which comes together each month in the small village of Llanover near Abergavenny.

There are people from Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic Churches from the local area. The group is open to anyone who wants to live the spirit of unity in their daily lives. The sharing of the Gospel month by month is a continual source of strength and enlightenment for those who come. The Gospel lived gives light to each one not only in their own daily circumstances but also to show how God wants us to take his light to others around us.

Led by the local Presbyterian Minister, the group hosted a beautiful gathering - 'Friends Day' - which was an outreach to other faiths and was a day of dialogue and sharing - a true witness to Christians and others united in sharing the riches of their faith in a spirit of mutual respect and friendship.

Sharing spirituality

Each month The Commission for Christian Unity selects a quote from a religious/spiritual leader. This is printed in 'The Catholic People' along with further information and updates. Look for the logo...



Joint Bible Study

'Veneration of the scriptures is a fundamental bond of unity between Christians. If Christians read the Word of God, and do so together, it will strengthen this bond of unity and enable them to be more open to this unifying action of God. Everything should be done to encourage this joint Bible study. From 'The Search for Christian Unity' published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, page 64. *Shared scripture study may be happening in your parish/locality. At this time of year, when activities and groups re-commence after the summer break, this may be the right time to take part in a new venture. Ask your parish priest or local Churches Together representative for information on what is happening in your area.*

To add your name to the mailing list, or if you would like a copy of Issue 1 of the Newsletter...

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