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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th - 25th January 2026

“One body, one spirit”

For 2026, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

Paul’s epistles stress the importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love (Ephesians 4:1-3). Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent ‘one body and one Spirit’, united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. Paul uses the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity within the diversity of its members.

Visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/FalmouthPenrynChurchesTogether/ *for daily prayers and readings during the Week.*

Are you holding any special unity services during the week? Please let us know by emailing fpctcontact@gmail.com – many thanks!

<https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>

EPIPHANY TRADITIONS

Epiphany Chalk Blessing

Many churches are reviving the ancient tradition of chalking a blessing on the lintel of front doors. The letters C, M and B stand for the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, and also for the Latin “Christus mansionem benedicat” (“Christ bless this house”)



Galette De Rois

Just when you thought the opportunity for special seasonal food was over – it's great to see churches making traditional French Epiphany cakes this year to mark the season. Galette De Rois are made of puff pastry with frangipane or fruit filling, and a hidden coin that makes the finder king or queen for a day. People in France wear paper crowns to enjoy their galettes and it's traditional for the youngest person present to hide under the table and call out who should receive which slice – so no-one can cheat to get the coin! These delicious-looking Galette de Rois were made by the Holyford Mission Community in

Devon for a special epiphany service. (Diocese of Exeter)



FPCT JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTION GROUP - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Justice and Peace Action Group, founded by the late Mary Bradley, generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month for discussion and prayer around issues of justice and peace and persecution. These are open meetings and everyone is welcome.

Please note there will be no meeting in January, but we will resume on Tues 10 Feb at 2pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Killigrew St, when the focus will be the Olympic

Truce or Ekecheiria, an ancient Greek tradition revived by the International Olympic Committee, calling for a global ceasefire during the Olympic Games to ensure safe passage and participation for athletes, promoting peace, dialogue, and unity through sport. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal” at its session in November 2025, supporting this ideal of “laying down of arms” from seven days before to seven days after the Games. The



Winter Olympics are taking place in Milano/Cortina from 6-22 Feb. Christian sports ministry is a growing opportunity for many churches – can we develop it in Falmouth?

www.olympics.com/en/milano-cortina-2026/news/olympic-truce-resolution-for-milano-cortina-2026-adopted-by-the-united-nations-x8177

Our March meeting on **Tues 10 March** will take the form of a LOAF lunch – Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal-friendly, and Fairly traded. Look out for further details to follow!

If you would like to join the mailing list to keep up to date with the group's activities, please email fpctcontact@gmail.com

FEET ON THE STREET VIDEO



In Autumn 2025 we were blessed to have Aisling Manser, a student at Falmouth University, join us for a couple of late-night shifts as part of her project exploring community groups in Cornwall. She created this wonderful video about us as part of her work.
www.facebook.com/reel/3188112604693280

VACANCY: FOODBANK COORDINATOR

Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank is recruiting for a Foodbank Programme Coordinator to work within our volunteer-led project operating under the charity of Highway Church. Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank is located in what is considered to be one of the most significantly deprived constituencies in England. Our service is run by volunteers from local churches and the wider community.

By appointing a foodbank programme coordinator, we aim to ensure Penryn and Falmouth's existing provision for those in crisis continues to thrive and provide the necessary support increasingly need by wonderful community.

The successful candidate will create and maintain a more sustainable co-ordination process and administration, with particular reference to the 'Assemble' volunteer management system and develop further, by delivering our core business proposal and aim to also develop a volunteer mentoring programme to support the recruitment and retention of volunteers, whilst enabling them to gain confidence and employment-relevant skills.

For more information including job description and person specification please contact initially on Jo Crook on behalf of the trustee team – 07837247032 or on info@highwaychurch.co.uk

Closing Date Midnight 23rd January 2026.

Candidate Interviews Expected w/c 9th February 2026.



"TIME" BY LUX MURALIS

An Immersive Light and Sound Show at Truro Cathedral 12-17 January 2026

"Time" promises to be an extraordinary exploration of humanity's relationship with the concept of time, offering audiences an unforgettable journey through history, science, and imagination.

Visitors will journey through a series of captivating installations that portray humans as seen through different eras, exploring the fascinating theories of relativity, and the text of H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine."

Through the immersive projected artworks attendees will traverse wormholes, venture inside the intricate workings of clocks, and experience a dramatic narrative that spans from the present day back to the very beginning of everything. Spectators are taken on a mesmerising voyage through the epochs of humanity, ultimately reaching the formation of our planet, creating a profound and awe-inspiring conclusion to this unique event.

Book your ticket:

<https://shop.trurocathedral.org.uk/search?q=Luxmuralis&options%5Bprefix%5D=last>

www.trurocathedral.org.uk/luxmuralis-time

TRY ALPHA

14th January, 9.30-11am

Fairwinds Café, Church St, Falmouth

Sign up at hello@newstreetchurch.org

NEW ST

LICENCING OF THE REV'D JACOB TYERS

15th January

Church of All Saints, Killigrew St, Falmouth

We're delighted to share some wonderful news and extend a warm invitation to you. On Thursday 15th January, we will be welcoming Revd Jacob Tyers as he begins his ministry as the Lead Minister of New Street Church, in Falmouth, and we would love you to join us for this special occasion. Jacob will also be spending a third of his time working within the Deanery, and is due to visit Budock in February.

It promises to be a meaningful and joyful evening as we gather together to welcome

Jacob and his young family into New Street and the wider Falmouth community.

If you're able to attend, we'd be so pleased to see you there. If you could kindly RSVP to admin@newstreetchurch.org, it would be greatly appreciated.

NEW ST

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED

to the Licensing
by the Bishop of Truro

of

The Revd Jacob Tyers
as Lead Minister of New Street Church

on 15th January at 6.00 pm
in the Church of All Saints,
Killigrew St, Falmouth TR11 3PN

Refreshments in the Church
after the service

RSVP
admin@newstreetchurch.org

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