



# Newsletter

*Churches Together in Kew - building love and trust between the churches in Kew that binds us together in the Holy Spirit, moves us to worship together and leads us to action to proclaim the Gospel by shared witness and service in the world.*

## January 2013

Please find information on some upcoming activities. Visit our website at:  
[www.kewchurches.org.uk](http://www.kewchurches.org.uk)

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2013

This year's ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Monday 21st January at St Winefride's Church, Leyborne Park, Kew at 8pm. The service will be based on material from an ecumenical group in South India on the theme of What Does God Require of Us? There will be a retiring collection at this service in aid of the Richmond Foodbank, see <http://richmond.foodbank.org.uk>

New this year are two Prayer Walks between the Kew churches:

*Wednesday, 23rd January, 12noon.* Share Midday Prayer at the Barn, then walk to St Luke's for lunch.

*Thursday, 24th January, 10am.* Share communion at St Luke's, then walk to St Winefride's for further prayer.

### Lent 2013

After two years of a joint activity for everyone, we will revert to small study groups for 2013.

We will start with our traditional Prayers & Pancakes on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm at St Anne's Church, Kew Green and follow with study groups on the five weeks of Lent. There will be a range of daytime and evening groups.

We will be looking at some of the encounters between individuals or groups of individuals that Luke describes in his Gospel as a way of focussing on our own encounter with Jesus. Booklets will be available.

If you would like to join a study group please respond to the accompanying e-mail with the requested information or e-mail [churchestogetherinkew@gmail.com](mailto:churchestogetherinkew@gmail.com)

We are hoping to follow the study series with a visit to The Life of Christ Passion play at Wintershall near Guildford (see [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com)). This is likely to be Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, but we will confirm once we are further on with our plans.

### **Ecumenical Meditations**

There are two remaining services in this series on Jesus' Teaching held at the Barn Church (Atwood Avenue), on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm.

*10th February 2013* - recreation, relaxation and rest

*3rd March 2013* - illness, suffering and grief

### **Understanding Islam**

Many of you may have attended the very interesting and educational course on Islam by Chris Hewer a few years ago in Kew. He now has a web site on which you can read some of his latest writings and find out what he is doing. [www.chrishewer.org](http://www.chrishewer.org)

### **Lent 2012 on Social Justice**

The talks from last year's Lent series on Sharing in an Unfair World: Christians and Social Justice are still on our website with a report of a follow-up evening that was held in October. Father John Weatherill introduced the evening and participants discussed possible follow-up actions to the course. These are being discussed further by the Churches Together in Kew planning group.