

## ‘That All May be Free’

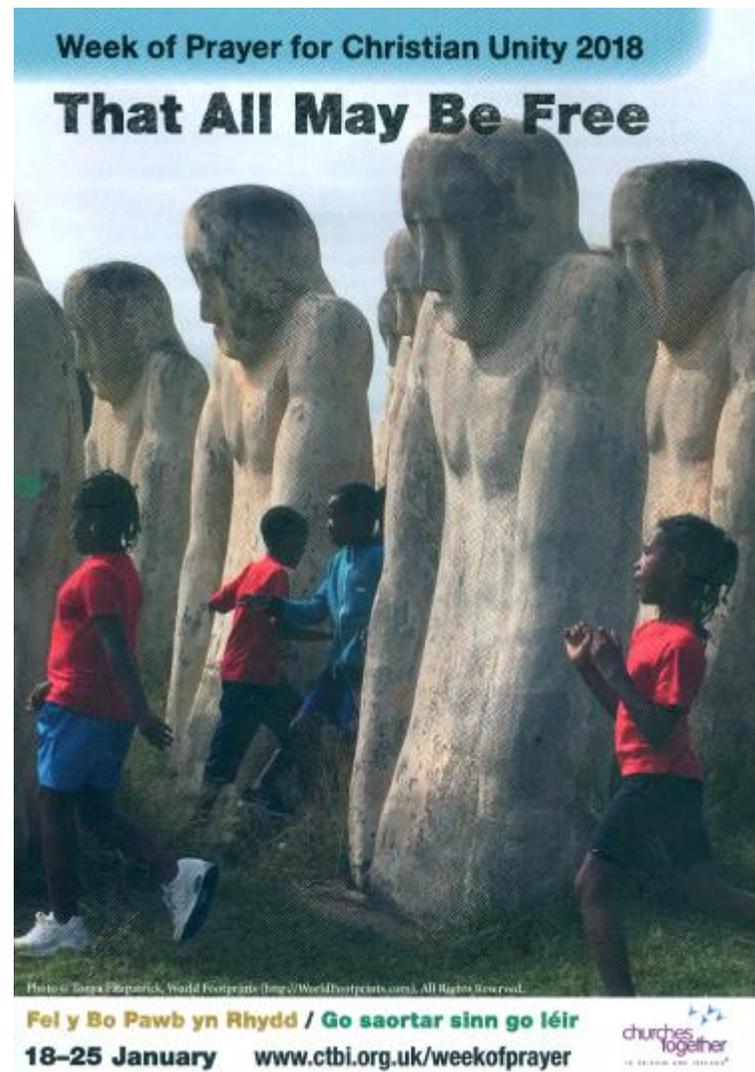
‘Churches Together in the Caribbean’ has provided this year’s theme stemming from Exodus 15 and its song of triumph over oppression. Our principle focus in 2018 is modern-day slavery, but all forms of political, social, ethnic, and religious oppression are included.

Christian Churches throughout the world are all deeply involved in local efforts and human agencies to assist the liberation of oppressed peoples, collectively and individually. By working and organising more closely together we could be so much more effective, and give a stronger witness to a world in need of God’s compassion, grace, and salvation. Just before he was arrested, Our Lord prayed for: “all who believe in me...that they may all be one. As you Father, are in me, and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may know that you have sent me ...may they all be one, as we are one...” (John 17:20-23).

The International Committee for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comprises united members of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Week of Prayer resources are made available through regional and national groups; like ‘Churches Together in Britain and Ireland’ and can be found in digital form on the ctbi website: [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

Service pamphlets, including large-print pamphlets, and A3 posters for church notice boards, are available from:  
Norwich Books and Music,  
13a Hellesdon Park Road,  
Norwich, Norfolk NR6 5DR  
(online [www.chbookshop.co.uk](http://www.chbookshop.co.uk))  
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## Churches Together in Lincoln and District



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**Thursday 18 January: 12.30 p.m.**

All Saints Anglican Church  
Monks Road, Lincoln LN2 5JL

**Friday 19 January: 7.00 p.m.**

Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church  
Laughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE

**Saturday 20 January: 12.30 p.m.**

Nettleham Methodist Church  
High Street, Nettleham, LN2 2PL

**Sunday 21 January: 7.00 p.m.**

Bridge Church, Assemblies of God  
72a Newark Road, Lincoln LN5 8PY

**Monday 22 January: 12.30 p.m.**

Ermine United Reformed Church  
Sudbrooke Drive, Lincoln LN2 2EF

**Tuesday 23 January: 7.00 p.m.**

St Katherine's Traditional Anglican Church  
Colegrave Street, Lincoln LN5 8DW

**Wednesday 24 January: 12.30 p.m.**

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)  
Meeting House, 1 Park Street Lincoln LN1 1UR

**Thursday 25 January: 7.00 p.m.**

Life Church Lincoln  
127 Birchwood Avenue, Lincoln LN6 0JE

'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland' again invites groups of local churches to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During this eight-day 'octave' between two ancient feasts of St Peter and St Paul, different Christian communities around the world come together in prayer. On each of the eight days a service is held in a different church following the same world-wide theme and Bible readings. This encourages each participating church to worship in its own tradition and style and to offer hospitality to visitors.

The 'pilgrimage' gives church-goers who may have little contact with members of other denominations, a practical opportunity to experience and celebrate their common membership of the wider Universal Church. Doors are opened to all fellow Christians and neighbours who acknowledge the same Lord and Saviour. Together we visit neighbours in their own places of worship, to learn from them, share their hopes and aspirations, and grasp the hand of fellowship and mutual support. This is a mini pilgrimage not to see relics and shrines but to experience the richness of living traditions.

Lincoln Cathedral is also joining in with our Lincoln Octave, and offering special daily Evensong services at 5.30 p.m. No matter what church tradition we were born into, or feel drawn towards, Lincoln Cathedral is very special. It is a sacred space, hallowed by centuries of divine service, and countless generations. It is familiar and common ground to all Christians coming together this week.

Each service is arranged by our host church using elements of worship they wish to share, but in general following the theme provided this year by Churches Together in the Caribbean; and so our prayers will be in harmony with ecumenical gatherings just like ours, throughout this special octave, all around the world.