

Prayer Needs in June 2009

1. Local traders
2. CTiS officers
3. Queen Mary's Hospital
4. Mothers and toddler groups
5. Schools and colleges locally
6. Those unemployed or in need of help
7. Thanks to God, Father, Son and Spirit, Holy Trinity
8. The promotion of Fairtrade
9. Our local councillors
10. Doctors and their staff
11. Raise God in the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
12. That we may be generous and loving in service
13. Hairdressers
14. Praising God for the Body of Christ, our Eucharist
15. Thanksgiving for the churches gifts
16. Local Community Services
17. Dentists, opticians, osteopaths and health practitioners
18. for Breakfast and school clubs
19. Journalists
20. Carpenters and builders
21. Women's fellowship
22. Renewal in faith in England
23. Our police and PCSO's
24. Courage to witness the Gospel
25. The gift of love and peace
26. Newspapers and Broadcasters to be truthful
27. plumbers
28. Youth fellowship
29. Leaders and teachers in the church
30. Our MP's to work honestly with integrity

50th Anniversary CTiS Celebration

prayer, witness, displays, video clips, interviews, choir and band from 6pm 26th July Family Fun at the Park and meet evangelist Steve Chalke in the Big Top

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SIDCUP WORKING IN UNITY

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“Live in

Harmony

with one another”

Newsletter from Churches Together in Sidcup

The Holy Father and the common search for truth

For Catholics, the visit of Pope Benedict to the Holy Land was a “hold your breath” occasion. After some recent media outrage, it seemed that such a diplomatically difficult visit could not pass without incident. Thankfully, although there were one or two attempts at controversy, the visit was generally accepted as it was intended: an effort to encourage peace and dialogue in a troubled part of the world, sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians.

At the meeting for organisations involved with inter-religious dialogue, the Holy Father said:

“Far from threatening the tolerance of differences or cultural plurality, truth makes consensus possible and keeps public debate rational, honest and accountable, and opens the gateway to peace.” Encouraging people of other faiths, and even atheists, to engage in a common search for the truth and promoting a confident appraisal of human rationality have been a hallmark of many of Pope Benedict's public addresses.

His words are important today, when peace and tolerance are set in opposition to truth, and there is even the threat of civil penalties for those who proclaim unpopular truths, especially in the area of morality. Avoiding the search for truth does not create a genuine freedom but runs the very real risk of creating a “dictatorship of relativism” in which even the expression of a religious belief held to be true, may be considered not merely unpalatable or unpopular but “discriminatory.”

By engaging in this question with Muslims and Jews in the Holy Land, Pope Benedict offered a way forward for genuine dialogue and co-operation in matters which are held dear by the three “Abrahamic” faiths.

Fr. Timothy Finigan Our Lady of the Rosary

CRIBS Presents n:joy!

**Garden Party with CRIBS trustee Martin
Andrews & family**

Saturday 27 June 2009 3pm – 5.30pm

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

£2 adults £1 children

Enjoy 14 acres of gardens, woodland & orchards

Fun, games, inflatables, quiet, cream tea

Help fund raiser to promote work of CRIBS

CRIBS Office 01322 330730

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Walk through the Bible again!

***Following the success of the walk through the Old
Testament you are invited to stroll through the
New Testament. Mark your diaries now! Saturday
28th November 2009 Details soon or from Leigh
Smith 0208 300 4080 or leigh.smith@talk21.com***

**Next CTiS Meeting 15 June at 8pm by All Saints
at John Smith Memorial Hall Rectory Lane
Sidcup**

**Monthly Churches Together Prayer Meeting every
3rd Saturday**

9 - 9.30 am. All welcome

Next Meeting is

20 June – Christ Church

18 July – Emmanuel

15 August – Footscray Baptist

19 September – Holy Redeemer

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**50^{YEAR} CELEBRATION OF COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES AND CHURCHES TOGETHER
www.sidcupchurch.org.uk has links and news
from the churches**

***St Andrew's is providing the editorial for
July/August***

St John's for September

and St Lawrence's for the October issue

Lark in the Park 25 July to 9 August

Last Chance! www.larkinthepark.com

Brilliant free events for all ages