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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18 January until 25 January – In 2011 Christians in Jerusalem invite the worldwide Church to pray with them for the unity of the Church and justice and peace in the Holy Land and throughout the world. Related services and events in Winchester are:

Tuesday 18 from 12.30pm until 1pm	Lunchtime Prayers, United Church, Jewry Street.
Wednesday 19 from 12.30pm until 1pm	Space in the City, United Church, Jewry Street.
Wednesday 19 from 6pm until 9pm	Prayer Vigil, St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate.
Thursday 20 from 12.30pm until 1pm	Lunchtime Prayers, St Peter's Church, Jewry Street.
Friday 21 from 12.30pm until 1pm	Lunchtime Prayers, Cathedral Lady Chapel.

The week will end with a **Service of Christian Unity** at St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. The speaker will be Rev Dr Howard Mellor, Discernment and Selection Officer, Methodist Connexional, and the theme of his address will be "*All things in Common: the Bible*".

Sunday 23 January at 6.30pm

Space in the City – The January series of talks, entitled "*Pie in the Sky*", is exploring the end-of-life themes in the Bible. The speaker is Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Theologian at Birmingham Cathedral, and the talks are held at the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. The talks are followed by questions to the speaker, chaired by Debbie Thrower. Admission is free and sandwiches are available after the talks. More information can be found at www.spaceinthecity.org.uk.

19 January – A rough guide to Heaven

26 January – A rough guide to Hell

2 February – Resurrection: living a resurrection life

Wednesdays from 12.30pm until 1pm

Space for Peace – Choirs, singers and other musicians of all faiths will be gathering in Winchester Cathedral to sing for peace on Holocaust Memorial Day. Hosted by the University of Winchester, Space for Peace will mix and merge choral sounds from a variety of faiths and religions as well as from secular sources. Those who come to listen can experience the space and time as they wish: to light candles, to pray, to reflect and to be

inspired. The event is co-ordinated by Professor June Boyce-Tillman. Donations will go to St Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation. More information from Dr Vicky Feldwick on 01962 827466.

Thursday 27 January from 7pm until 9pm

A Day for Palestine – A day organised by the Portsmouth & South Downs Palestine Solidarity Campaign will be held at Stamshaw & Tipnor Community Centre, 69 Wilson Road, Stamshaw, Portsmouth, PO2 8LE (near the cross-channel ferry port). There will be videos, songs, Palestinian music and food and speakers including Baroness Tonge, Miranda Pinch, Mike Hancock MP and Penny Mordaunt MP. Stay all day or as long as you like. Free entry.

Saturday 29 January from 10.30am until 5.30pm

Flood Victims of Pakistan – There will be a Barn Dance at Hyde Parish Hall, Hyde Street, Winchester, to support the victims of the disaster in Pakistan. There will be music from the Dip'n'Dive Band, hot supper and raffle. Tickets costing £12 are available from Gillian Limb on 01962 867374. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 5 February from 7pm until 10.30pm

Faith in Society – A series of three lectures led by Lay Canon Lord Plant will deal with matters at the heart of public life from a reasoned faith perspective. They will be held in Prior's Hall in Winchester Cathedral Close.

16 February – Faith, Reason and Science

23 February – Faith, Gender and Equality

2 March – Faith and the Constitution (Also with Professor Robert Blackburn)

Wednesdays at 7pm

Churches Together in Winchester – A meeting hosted by CTW will be held in Prior's Hall, Winchester Cathedral Close, to explore and respond to the spiritual opportunities and needs of children and young people in Winchester. There will be short presentations from youth and children's leaders from various churches followed by the main body of the meeting which is an opportunity to ask questions and discuss various topics to do with children and young people in our churches and in Winchester. All welcome.

Thursday 17 February at 7.30pm

Caring for Refugees and Asylum Seekers – This Winchester Cathedral Fellowship talk will be given by Elizabeth Prescott-Decie from the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group. A sandwich lunch (£3) will be served in the Chapter Room (entrance immediately opposite door into Prior's Hall) and the talk is in Prior's Hall. Please pre-book the chair lift if required by leaving a message at least a day before on 01962 857216.

Monday 21 February at 1pm (Sandwich lunch at 12.30pm)

Diocesan Resource Room – Why not visit the Resource Room in the Education Centre in Winchester Cathedral Close if you wish to borrow books, CDs or DVDs to develop your understanding of Christianity and other faiths? Opening hours are 9.30am until 1.15pm and 1.45pm until 5pm Mondays and Fridays. Borrowing charges are £2 per item or £10 annual subscription.

Looking further ahead

Josephine Butler – A Winchester Cathedral Fellowship talk will be given by Ann Lewin, Visitors' Chaplain. A sandwich lunch (£3) will be served in the Chapter Room (entrance immediately opposite door into Prior's Hall) and the talk is in Prior's Hall. Please pre-book the chair lift if required by leaving a message at least a day before on 01962 857216.

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