

Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 16th January 2017.

Vocation

Reflection

The theme of the readings on Sunday 16th January is about the beginning of Jesus' three year ministry to spread the gospel of love. Christian Unity week starts on Wed 18th January and is an international Christian observance. Churches across the world will join in prayer during this week. This year's theme is "Reconciliation: the love of Christ compels us." Unity is defined as the state of being one; oneness, the state or fact of being united or combined into one, as of the parts of a whole; unification. This is Christ's message in the gospels and is the message for all Christians. The Bible teaches that the Church must be unified. St Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians that, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ." Every human being is equal in God's eyes and St Paul reaffirms what Jesus taught in Palestine. Christians of all denominations testify that Jesus is the Son of God and this belief must 'unite' and not divide us. How will you pray and work to unite people in your school this week?

Prayer

Father of love, you have called us into the fellowship of your Son and appointed us to bear witness to the gospel. By the grace of your Spirit, enable us to overcome our divisions and dwell together in unity so that our joy may be complete, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the bible

**"Now I have seen and testified that he is the
Son of God."**

John 1: 34