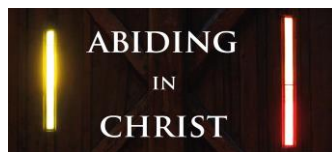


Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ~ 18-25 January



This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme chosen is, 'Abide in my love and you shall bear

much fruit', and is based on John 15:1-17.

The fifty sisters in the community come from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. They share the grace of their monastic life of vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

Each year Christian Aid provides the [Go and Do action points](#) for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

See: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

Kew Gardens Orchid Festival

This year's orchid festival, now postponed until 2022, was to have focused on the orchids of Costa Rica. In the meantime, although the glasshouses are closed, you can still walk around the gardens. If you go to <https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-in-the-gardens> there are lots of interesting photos and information. Try also <https://www.kew.org/wakehurst> scroll down to 'Read and Watch' for some uplifting winter and autumn photographs.

Local COVID information

Kingston Council news and guidance relating to COVID <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/covid-19-kingston> or the BBC website is useful for updates. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-55621228>

What's on...

Monday 18th January

- **3.30pm BBC Radio4 – The Food Programme. What to eat to save the planet.**
- **8.30pm BBC Radio4 – Crossing Continents. The migrant shipwreck that rose again.**

Thursday 21st January 9am and at 9.30pm BBC Radio4 – In Our Time. Justinian the Great. The Christian Eastern Roman Emperor, 482 -565 AD.