

CHRISTIAN UNITY

EVERY year in January, when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes round, it is very easy to say some prayers - and do nothing about it. Yet how can we pray for the unity Christ wills for His Church and remain isolated in our different churches? This question must be asked in rural areas where the number of churches of different denominations are limited. Many Christians in the locality worship outside their villages, often some distance away, where they can find their own Church or Meeting House.

Last year four parishioners of Shipton and Milton-under-Wychwood got together - a Roman Catholic, a Methodist, a Quaker and an Anglican - to consider what they could do to share an act of worship. An order of service was agreed and Christians of all denominations in the area were invited to the Anglican church of St. Mary's, Shipton-under-Wychwood on the Sunday evening following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The preacher was the Revd. David Winter, the Bishop of Oxford's Officer for Evangelism. This service was well attended and much appreciated by those who came. Recently, on Sunday 26th January 1992, again following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a service of worship was held in Milton-under-Wychwood Village Hall, in the manner of the Society of Friends, the Quakers. It was a foggy, cold and dank winter's night, but that did not prevent Christians of different denominations coming together to fill the hall and to share the quiet of a Quaker meeting - together to wait upon God. A retiring collection for "Shelter" amounted to £72.

In this way we shared our worship one with another and expressed our concern for God's world, which after all is what Christian Unity is all about.

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SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD EVERGREEN CLUB

We are looking forward to starting meetings for 1992, and these are still held in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

The annual subscription for membership continues at 50p, and a warm welcome is given to anyone over 60 years of age.

The April / May programme is as follows:-

- April 1 A.G.M. and a good sing-along with Mrs. J.Rose on her keyboard.
- 8 Spring run-around in the Banbury/Warwickshire area.
- 15 Mrs. A.Fincham - talk and slides on a cruise down the Nile.
- 29 Outing to Apollo Theatre for My Fair Lady.
- May 13 Mr. M.Harding-Hill - talk about antiques.
- 27 Outing to Twyford Garden Centre, Evesham.