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DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWS

Christian Unity Week, 18th - 25th January 2024.

On Sunday 21st January at 3.00 pm St Giles Church, Graffham GU28 0NL will hold a Christian Unity Service. All are welcome.

In the following week, the United Reformed Church (URC) in Petworth will kindly host the week day Lunchtime talks, with a soup and roll lunch to follow.

Speakers and dates for **Lunchtime** talks starting at 12.30 pm are:

Monday 22nd January	Rev Anne Lewitt (Petworth URC)
Tuesday 23rd January	Father Peter Newsam of RC Sacred Heart
Wednesday 24th January	Rev David Crook (Fittleworth)
Thursday 25th January	John Riddell (Tillington)

Booking is not necessary

This year the Unity week is guided by the churches of Burkina Faso, previously Upper Volta.

Their theme is the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*. They invite us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis.

Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

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