

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

JERUSALEM, JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 2

Theme : “They showed us unusual kindness”

(cf. Acts 28:2)

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2020 has been prepared by Christian Churches in Malta and Gozo. It refers to the welcoming of the apostle Paul and the other people on board the ship that was shipwrecked and run aground on the island of Malta. The very same island is one of the many places that feature in the stories of modern migrants who try to escape natural disasters, warfare and poverty. As Christians together facing these crises of migration this story challenges us: do we collude with the cold forces of indifference, or do we show “unusual kindness” and become witnesses of God’s loving providence to all people? Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. Our Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

PROGRAMME

Saturday, Jan. 25	Anastasis (Holy Sepulchre), Calvary <i>Greek Orthodox Office of “Apodeipnon” (Compline)</i>	5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 26	Anglican Cathedral of St George <i>Nablus Road</i>	5.00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27	Armenian Cathedral of St James <i>Old City, Armenian Quarter</i>	5.00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer <i>Old City, near the Holy Sepulchre</i>	5.00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Latin Patriarchate’s Church <i>Old City, from Jaffa Gate</i>	5.00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30	Upper Room, Cenacle <i>Mount Zion</i>	4.00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31	St Mark’s Church, Syrian Orthodox <i>Old City, near Jaffa Gate</i>	5.00 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1	Ethiopian Orthodox Church <i>West Jerusalem, off Prophets’ Street</i>	5.00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 2	Greek Catholic Church of Annunciation <i>Old City, near Jaffa Gate</i>	5.00 p.m.

N.B. – Wednesday 22 January, at 5.00 p.m., Fr. Frans Bouwen, w.f., will give a lecture on “L’actualité œcuménique en 2019” (in French), at the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française, Saint Stephen’s Church, Nablus Road, Jerusalem.