



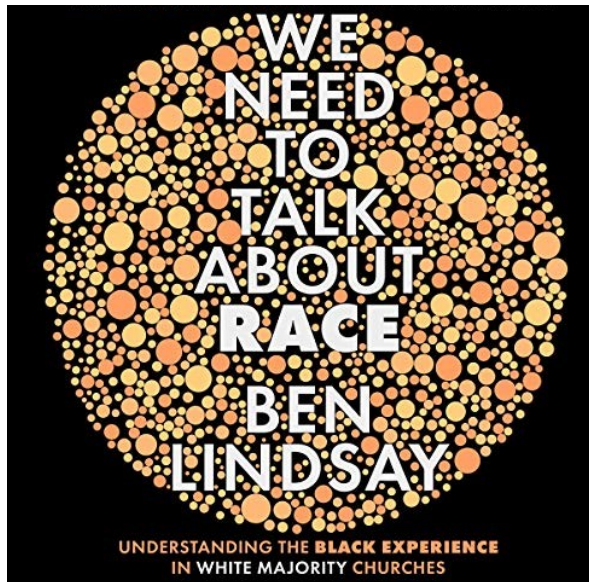
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An Occasional Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 22 (Summer 2021) of our Occasional Newsletter. Please feel free to photocopy this for distribution amongst your congregation.

AN INVITATION FROM CTIW TO JOIN THEIR NEW BLM READING GROUP

Reading : “We Need to Talk About Race – Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches” by Ben Lindsay



On Thursdays 8.00 – 9.00 pm, September 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 14, 2021.

Register on Eventbrite at <https://cutt.ly/amQqpkI>

Free - all are welcome. *From the UK Church’s complicity in the transatlantic slave trade to the whitewashing of Christianity throughout history, the Church has a lot to answer for when it comes to race relations. Christianity has been dubbed the white man’s religion, yet the Bible speaks of an impartial God and shows us a diverse body of believers. It’s time for the Church to start talking about race.*

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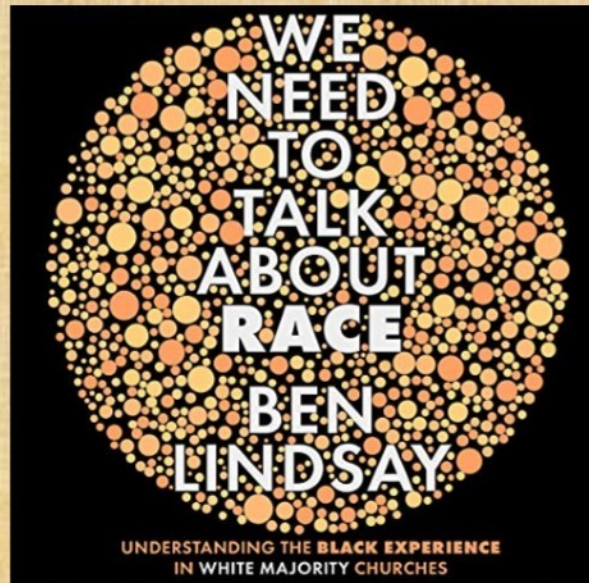
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CTiW SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR PENTECOST 2021

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This year our CTiW Pentecost Service was kindly hosted and led by Rev'd Canon Peter Babington on Sunday, 23 May at 6pm in the beautiful English Baroque Anglican church of St Mary le Strand. It was also Livestreamed on <https://youtu.be/Nq5CmXeJDYw> and at time of writing is still available on this link.



The Order of Service which is available on <http://ctiw.london/2021/ctiw-service-of-the-word-for-pentecost/> was adapted from The Liturgy of the Feast of Pentecost in *Common Worship: Times and Seasons* pp 491-502 (© The Archbishops' Council 2006) and included hymns, prayers and music.

CTiW Executive members Gillian Dare, from All Saints, Margaret Street, Anglican Church, read two scripture passages, and a scripture reading and the Prayers of Intercession were read by Rev'd Dr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest at Farm Street R.C. Church. At the Blessing of Light, the congregation, both in church and at home, was invited to light a candle whilst listening to the singing of the Hymn "One is the Body and One is the Head".

CTiW would like to express our grateful thanks to Canon Peter and all who helped with this Service which was held under COVID restrictions.

LATEST CHANGES TO THE CTiW EXECUTIVE

We say "goodbye" and our very grateful thanks for their help and support to the following:

- ◆ Majors Richard and Caroline Mingay from the Salvation Army, Regent Hall.
- ◆ Canon Anthony Ball from Westminster Abbey.
- ◆ Rob Thompson from Hinde St Methodist Church/WLM.

A warm welcome to:

- ◆ Canon Peter Babington from St Mary le Strand
- ◆ Cathy Slater from Hinde St Methodist Church/WLM
- ◆ Deacon Ali McMillan from Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

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- **"Meet the Neighbours"** - If your church is interested in hosting a future event, we should be very pleased to hear from you. See also our Guidelines for Hosts on <http://ctiw.london/meet-the-neighbours/> As well as being happy, sociable events, they are excellent Ecumenical opportunities for the hosts to showcase their church and for everyone to visit other congregations, join with them in prayer, and learn more about their church organisations & activities.
 - **"Join the Neighbours"** - If you are holding a special event, Patronal festival etc to which you would care to invite people from other CTiW churches, please do let us know and we will pass on the invitation.

MEET THE CHAPLAINS – FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER, 7.00 PM

Register for a Zoom invite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-chaplains-tickets-164735122185>

Churches Together in Westminster has had a regular and popular Meet The Neighbours initiative which has enabled people of faith to meet in the varied places of worship in Westminster and learn more about our different denominations and approaches.



We are now extending this initiative to encompass the vital work of chaplains in a wide variety of different sectors within Westminster and beyond. Our Meet the Chaplains event will enable chaplains from several different sectors to speak about their ministry and the ways in which this has been impacted by the pandemic.

Many chaplains have been with those most affected by the pandemic, whether those without work or home, or in prison, or with education significantly impacted. This event will enable us to hear real stories of chaplains in good times and bad, enabling us to pray and support their ministries more effectively.

Contributing chaplains include:

- **Rev Ruth Bottoms**, *Head of Faith and Spirituality, WLM Central Office*
- **Revd Mark Dean**, *Chaplain and Interfaith Advisor to University of the Arts London, including Central Saint Martins, Camberwell, Chelsea, and Wimbledon Colleges of Arts*
 - **Rev Gill Long**, *Free Church Chaplain, HMP/YOI Downview*
- **Revd Lindsay Meader**, *Senior Chaplain of Theatre Chaplaincy UK and Lead Theatre Chaplain for the Diocese of London*
- **Revd Ian Worsfold**, *Coordinating Chaplain, City, University of London*