

Abide in Me – a celebration of unity across the churches of Chipping Barnet, January 2021

The theme (based on John 15:1-17) was created by the sisters of the [Community of Grandchamp](#), Switzerland. This community is inter-denominational, mainly Roman Catholic and Anglican. They provided a service outline, and shorter programmes suited to prayer & worship at other times, and these were translated into English by the World Council of Churches before being adapted by Churches Together in Britain & Ireland.

We picked these up, and Shaun & Carol put a service together, while Dominic prepared the sermon. Meanwhile, we used five of the shorter programmes to put together daily prayer sessions, with sub-themes of “called by God”, “forming one body”, “praying together”, “welcoming others” and “reconciling with all of creation”.

Attendance was above 60 people at the service, and though the daily prayer sessions were smaller they still averaged about 11 people. All our churches were represented, and we were delighted to see members of Brookside Methodist supporting their Wesley Hall congregation at the main service.

I hope those of you who came enjoyed themselves, and we hope to see even more of you next year, when we should be able to meet in person rather than over Zoom

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