



**Mohaned being recognised for his advocacy
Pray for the UN**

'When I put my suit and tie on the morning I went to the UN for the first time, I cried. I was doing something that I used to do, and it brought me back to myself.' - Mohaned
In the most recent issue of Response, Claire Denman, UN Officer, told us about the

privilege of taking long-time CSW partner and Sudanese human rights lawyer Mohaned to the UN, to advocate for an international response to the democracy protests that were taking place around the country. Find out more about Sudan at csw.org.uk/sudan

Mohaned was forced to leave Sudan recently because of his human rights work, and now lives abroad. Speaking at the UN was the first time he had undertaken any significant advocacy since he had to leave. Thank God for this opportunity.



Pray for Cuba

Apostle Alain Toledano Valiente told CSW, 'In Cuba, pastors are more at risk than criminals and bandits.' Just under a year ago Cuba voted in a new constitution which contains fewer protections for freedom of religion or belief. Since then, church leaders and human rights defenders have faced increased harassment and restrictions on their freedoms. Yet they continue to defy the government's intimidation, determined that they should be able to practise their faith publicly and freely. Find out more about Cuba at csw.org.uk/cuba

There has been increased pressure on religious leaders, with some being arbitrarily prohibited from leaving the island. In July 2019 four leaders were prevented from travelling to Washington DC to participate in the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom. Pray that all travel restrictions would be immediately lifted.

Pray for CSW – A voice for the voiceless



A warm welcome to our Services Refreshments will be served after the service —please stay.

What's on at St Mary's & St John's www.disley-parish.org.uk

Tues 4th	9.30am	St Mary's Tots— <i>Disley Community Centre</i>
Thurs 6th	10.30am 3.30pm	BCP Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Lighthouse Kids— <i>St Mary's</i>
Sun 9th 3rd before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion— <i>St John's</i> Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Family Homegroup— <i>St Mary's</i>
Tues 11th	9.30am 7.30pm	St Mary's Tots— <i>Disley Community Centre</i> Executive Committee— <i>Narthex</i>
Wed 12th	2.30pm	Dystleigh Grange Holy Communion
Thurs 13th	10.30am 3.30pm	BCP Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Lighthouse Kids— <i>St Mary's</i>
Sat 15th	10.00am	St Mary's Mission Coffee Morning— <i>Community Centre</i>
Sun 16th 2nd before Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	'Puppets & Praise'— <i>St John's</i> Messy Church— <i>Disley Community Centre</i> Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Valentines Service with Renewal of Vows— <i>St Mary's</i>
Tues 18th	9.30am	St Mary's Tots— <i>Disley Community Centre</i>
Thurs 20th	10.30am 3.30pm	BCP Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Lighthouse Kids— <i>St Mary's Church</i>
Sun 23rd	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion— <i>St John's</i> Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Family Homegroup— <i>St Mary's</i>
Mon 24th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod— <i>St Mary's</i>
Tues 25th	9.30am 2.00pm	St Mary's Tots— <i>Disley Community Centre</i> Knit & Natter— <i>12 Hillside Close</i>
Thurs 27th	10.30am 3.30pm	BCP Holy Communion— <i>St Mary's</i> Lighthouse Kids— <i>St Mary's</i>
Fri 28th	12.00noon 6.30pm	Long Table Lunch— <i>Community Centre</i> Disley Churches Together Shabbat Meal & Service at <i>Disley Methodist Church</i>

SAFEGUARDING

The Bishop of Birkenhead has written to me to outline details of a new past cases review, known national as PCR2. All parishes are required to respond by checking records and reporting to the review all known cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults.

This an important task and part of the Church's ongoing scrutiny of its handling of safeguarding files. It is being carried out to ensure our churches are safer places for everyone.

Individuals who wish to make representations to PCR2, or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church-related abuse, are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Pauline Butterfield, on 07703 800031, or call the dedicated telephone helpline - 0800 80 20 20 - operated independently from the Church, by the NSPCC.



Sunday 16th February at 4.00pm
St Mary's will be holding a Valentines Service during which there will be an opportunity to renew your Wedding Vows. All are welcome to this short service which will be followed by Cheese and Wine.

If you intend to be present please could you let Anita Blower know for catering purposes.

Shabatt Lenten Services -

6.30 Friday .. 28 February Disley Methodist Church
A short Service led by Keith Sandau (Methodist) and Jane Henderson (Baptist) followed by a meal

6.30 Sunday 1 March Disley Baptist Church
Short Service for the thanksgiving of the Sabbath
Afterwards everyone invited to meet at the local pub or just go home

LONG TABLE LUNCH

Long Table Lunch will be held on Friday 28th February at 12.00noon in Disley Community Centre.

To book or for information please contact Jenny Kidd

Knit and Natter



The next meeting is Tuesday 25th February at 2.00pm at 12 Hillside Close, Disley

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



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St Mary's Church
In aid of CPAS and SMS
Saturday 15th February
10.00-12.00noon

Donations of cakes, raffle prizes, tombola prizes and bric-a-brac welcome.

Offers of help to Anita Blower.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2020 at St Mary's Church

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to '**Rise, take your mat and walk**' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at St Mary's on Friday 6 March 2020, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe.

Further information can be found at: wwdp.org.uk

CSW everyone
free to believe

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8th March

Dave Mance, Head of Campaigns for CSW will be coming to speak to us about the ongoing work of CSW. He will be speaking at the 9.30am service at St John's and again at 11.00am service at St Mary's.

DON'T MISS IT !

CSW is one of the Missions which Disley Parish supports through prayer and financially through our Missionary Giving