

## Common Ground 2006

Our Common ground relationship with our brothers and sisters of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches is a bit like a journey on which we explore together what we share in Common and simply get to know each other better. During 2006 we're going to reflect this journey idea more explicitly by having it as the theme for many of the services. Some of the Common ground services in 2006 will fall on particular days with their own significance and we shall celebrate those but on the others we'll follow the theme of Pilgrimage and develop our shared understanding over the course of the year.

Here's the Common Ground programme for the year: Services are at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated (BPC = Bromley Parish Church; BMC = Bromley Methodist Church; URC = Bromley United Reformed Church)



22 Jan (BPC)	Churches Together in Central Bromley United service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
26 Feb (URC)	Pilgrimage 1 – The calling; the preparation and the setting out.
26 Mar (BMC)	Mothering Sunday.
23 Apr (BPC)	St. George
28 May (URC)	Pilgrimage 2 - Setbacks; getting lost
25 Jun (BMC)	Pilgrimage 3 – Encouragement on the journey; companionship (NB this will be the Rev John Bown's last Common Ground service before his retirement)
23 Jul (BPC)	Pilgrimage 4 – Pausing and resting
24 Sep (URC)	A Common Ground Harvest Festival service
22 Oct (BMC)	Pilgrimage 5 – The Arrival
26 Nov (BPC)	Christ the King
24 Dec (BPC)	Nine Lessons and Carols (6.00pm)

### Earth and Seasons

Lord of the elements and changing seasons,  
keep me in the hollow of your hand.

When I am tossed to and fro with the winds of adversity and the  
blasts of sickness and misunderstanding,  
still my racing heart, quieten my troubled mind.

Bring me at last through the storms and tribulations of this mortal  
life into the calm evening of your unchanging love;  
and grant that in the midst of my present perplexities and confusion  
I may experience your peace which passes human understanding.

Brother Ramon, member of the Anglican Society of St Francis