

# Papal Visit Legacy Resources



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## Proclaim the Good News

'In the course of my visit it has become clear to me how deep a thirst there is among the British people for the Good News of Jesus Christ. You have been chosen by God to offer them the living water of the Gospel.'

*Pope Benedict XVI, Address at Oscott College, 19th September 2010*

## Some Definite Purpose

Blessed John Henry Newman wrote and meditated on the following words: 'God has created me to do



Him some definite service, He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another, I have my mission... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection

between persons, He has not created me for naught, I shall do good.'

In visiting the UK, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, presented afresh these words to every person and outlined what our shared purpose is in the months and years ahead as a community that exists for mission. His words were addressed not only to members of the Catholic Community but to every member of British society.

**Materials are being offered online over the coming year to support you in your response to the Holy Father's Visit. They are categorised under four headings: Prayer, Catechesis, Outreach and Social Action.**

**Also see: [http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/The-Legacy-of-the-Pope-s-Visit-to-the-UK-Some-Definite-](http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/The-Legacy-of-the-Pope-s-Visit-to-the-UK-Some-Definite-Purpose)**

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## Prayer Of Thanksgiving

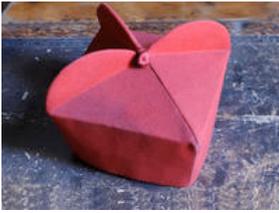
'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant. Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him. He has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly. He has filled the starving with good things, sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love -according to the promise he made to our ancestors of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

*Gospel of Luke, chapter 1, verses 46 - 55*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

**Amen**

Scripture text: New Jerusalem Bible, <http://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=49>



## Blessed of the Month: Cardinal John Henry Newman

Born in 1801, baptised in the Church of England, Newman became a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford in 1822, an Anglican clergyman in 1825 and Vicar of the Oxford University Church in 1828. The Anglican Newman, who later converted to Catholicism, was a pastor of souls, a University

teacher, and a student of Christian history and theology. His studies were never purely theoretical. Informed by pastoral experience, they were above all shaped by his insight into the needs of the present.

Newman's point of reference was the Church of the Apostles and 'the Fathers', the great teachers of the first Christian centuries. At school he experienced the attractions of atheism, and all his life showed unusual sympathy with religious doubt. More: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Cardinal-Newman/About-Newman/John-Henry-Cardinal-Newman>

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### 'Light of the World'

As a legacy of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK, 3,000 copies of the Pre-Raphaelite painter William Holman Hunt's, 'Light of the World' have been distributed, with 145 sent to prison chaplains. Prints and candles were blessed by the Holy Father during the Prayer Vigil at Hyde Park on the evening of Saturday, 18 September 2010.

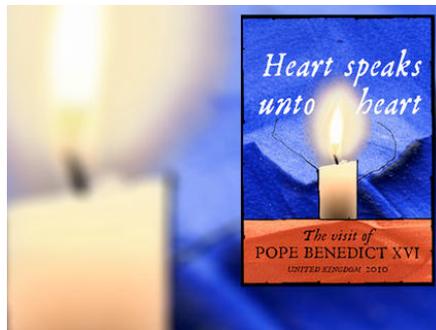
It is suggested that the framed images are taken by parishioners to prayer group meetings, schools, prisons, hospitals and hospices to encourage prayer and witness. The image has been reproduced with the permission of Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, London.

The guidance sheet can be downloaded from the official Papal Visit website:



[www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/Papal-Visit-Resources/Parish-Resources/Prayer/The-Legacy-Heart-speaks-unto-Heart](http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/Papal-Visit-Resources/Parish-Resources/Prayer/The-Legacy-Heart-speaks-unto-Heart)

### DVD Resources

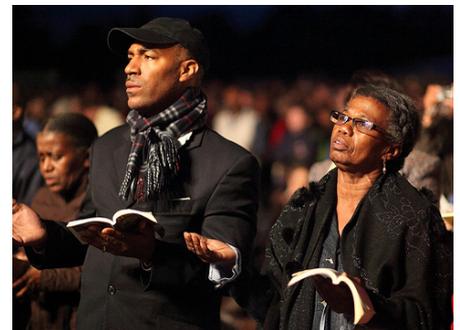


During the Pope's September 2010 Visit to the UK were you at the Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park? Did you see the film clips played on the big screens about Catholic life in the UK?

Three short films are now available online to be used by individuals or with groups. Two-sides of A4 accompany each four minute film to help people reflect on what they see, and how they might want to explore further.

The films were sponsored by CAFOD, working in partnership with the Home Mission Desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. To watch the videos visit: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/resources/video-galleries>

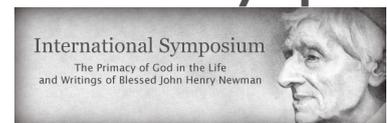
### Reading & Reflection



The following pdf sheets are offered on the legacy page of the Papal Visit website for ongoing prayer, reflection and mission planning. They include extracts from the speeches, homilies and addresses of Pope Benedict during his September 2010 visit.

- Sheet One:** Some Definite Purpose
- Sheet Two:** Knowing Our Purpose
- Sheet Three:** Growing In Confidence
- Sheet Four:** Witnessing To Faith
- Sheet Five:** Renewing Our Commitment To Service
- Sheet Six:** Signposting To The Transcendent

### Newman Symposium



An International Symposium on Newman will take place at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome on 22-23 November. See: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Events/International-Symposium>