

Spring Harvest 2017

What an amazing experience Spring Harvest is! 4000 Christians of all ages and many denominations worshipping together through prayer, bible study, music and fellowship. It was thought provoking, challenging, hilarious, tear-jerking, fun, friendly and very inspiring.

The theme of the week was Unity and it was explored in many different ways. Church Unity of course (acknowledging all the issues and prejudices that divide us as Christians and Churches) but also in politics, relationships, race and many other aspects. The necessity of forgiveness for healing was explored and the final message of hope and encouragement was as welcome and warming as the spring sunshine that we enjoyed all week.

The bible study focused on John 17 verses 1 to 26 and we learnt how this teaching is foundational to our unity. We were fortunate to benefit from the smooth production behind Spring Harvest with knowledgeable teachers, passionate leaders, enthusiastic stewards as well as talented musicians, actors, dancers, artists and film crew.

The group of 7 from St Mary's who went to Minehead between 4th and 8th April had a fabulous week. There was so much to do that it was hard to choose what sessions to attend but we packed in plenty of group worship and learning together, plus seminars in small groups and evening activities. We were able to take advantage of the facilities on site including water slides, a funfair, snooker tournament (Steve was narrowly beaten in the final), films, comedy, music, dance and so much more. We ate together every day which was an ideal opportunity to review what we had heard and think about what we had learnt.

There was also time for some quiet moments of reflexion. There were early morning walks on the beach, late night conversations over hot chocolate and silent study in a peaceful space.

We had so much fun that we are really keen to repeat the experience all over again next year. Will you join us?