

Westminster College

# IMAGINE

*Thank you, God of  
the possibility and  
the power,  
for your calling to  
each and every  
one of us, your  
welcome home,  
your gift of love,  
your offer of life  
made new.  
Walk with us into  
the future made  
less lonely, less  
scary, less  
ordinary, less  
empty because it  
is yours.  
Amen.*

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... a regular  
reflection from  
me as I journey  
with you in this  
adventure that  
is our life  
together at  
Westminster.

NEIL

## Walking the Way

May begins with the majority of the URC's active ministers, including four Westminster teaching staff, gathered together for a unique opportunity to worship, reflect and learn together.

We've gathered at a time when ministry in the URC is under plenty of pressure. There are all sorts of experiments going on across Synods to see how ministers can best be used to build up churches. There's lots of change and uncertainty which might well be possibility if we have wisdom.

A few things strike me with incredible force:

- Being a URC minister is an incredible privilege and something

### Woolf Institute - open!

It was a joy and privilege to be present for the official opening of the Woolf Institute in April. The Princess Royal, patron of the Woolf appeal, spoke powerfully about the significance of its work in building bridges of understanding, friendship and trust. The Westminster team

for which I continue to thank God for in my own life. I need to never take for granted what the URC is entrusting me with. I must always avoid cynicism.

- The URC has gifted people who serve with diligence, self-sacrifice and skill. Of course I want to fully rejoice in the gifts everyone brings to the life of the world. But sometimes we have maybe played down what our ministers offer.
- Rowan Williams shared stories with us. One was of Pierre Maurin, a French Roman Catholic who was influenced by St Francis of Assisi and who



influenced a powerful stream of Christian activism in the US. His thought-provoking summary of following Jesus: live in such ways that goodness and generosity become more likely around us because we are there; *live so we make the world an easier place to do good in.*

I give my life to that.

predecessor, Revd Dr Susan Durber, who did so much to makes this happen through her vision. It is a new chapter for us, awash with possibilities.

