



## **Thy Kingdom Come 2017 – *Global wave of prayer***

**The Archbishop of Canterbury is calling Christians to join a wave of prayer across the UK and around the world - praying that people you know might know Jesus**

**It's happening between Ascension and Pentecost from 25<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Vision** – In response to Archbishop Justin's 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer focus we want to encourage a wide variety and expression of prayer activities and gatherings across every mission community / parish in the diocese, and with other denominations during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost 2017.

One aspect of our Diocesan vision is growing in prayer, and Thy Kingdom Come invites us to grow in prayer – praying as individuals, in families, with friends, with Christian brothers and sisters across the wider church in Devon and for those who do not yet know Jesus.

The shared hope for this wave of prayer is that as Christians pray together we will:

- be transformed through prayer
- be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit
- be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ

### ***How might we get involved? What could we do?***

- Prayer spaces in schools
- Prayer spaces in local churches
- Messy church prayer events – on-line resources available (see below)
- Prayer request boxes in cafés / pubs / local charity shops / gathering places / Parent toddler groups / Messy church gatherings / Youth groups – other places where we are 'present' as church in C.A.P centres, Food banks.
- Have a Prayer walk around your local community
- Hold a 24 – 7 type events (or 12 or 24 hours of prayer events) / Prayer vigil
- Use the Novena prayer resource available on the Thy Kingdom Come website or your own
- Offer prayer on your local high street streets / Community spaces / Why not set up a Prayer 'white board' on streets if your church is located with an on-the-street presence or host other prayer events.
- Be creative – we'd love to hear from you!
- Resources both on-line and can be purchased too – see below.
- A prayer box template is available to use for prayer requests and also to bring along to our beacon event (see later)\*

**Resource ideas including video clips can be found on [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)**

**Please register to pledge to pray**

## **Some other important aspects of Thy Kingdom Come in Devon**

**Please help build an on-line Prayer wall:** We'd love to hear your prayer stories, how you've been praying and where, what special gatherings have you held, what are you praying for, answers to prayer

The Diocesan communications team would like to create some film clips from your events or interview people sharing their story of prayer in Thy Kingdom Come – please contact Rebecca Paveley

Also – why not video-blog something related to your prayer event?

We'd also love to hear stories from individuals who might like to share a response to being prayed for.

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### **Pentecost Sunday evening – (June 4<sup>th</sup>) A Beacon event to celebrate our prayer focus - Pentecost Prayer Pilgrimage to Exeter Cathedral**

Exeter Cathedral will host a Beacon Prayer Event on Pentecost Sunday evening (June 4<sup>th</sup>) at 6.30pm

Our vision is for every church / mission community to be represented as we gather in the cathedral for an amazing worship and 'house of prayer' event. Please bring your boxes to share your story of praying for the Kingdom Of God, and place them on our huge map of Devon which will be in the cathedral as together we will pray Thy Kingdom Come!

*\*Each Mission Community is invited to construct a 'prayer box' (from a cross shaped template available in Exeter old deanery, Plymouth St. Marks and supplied to all the Archdeacon visitation venues across the diocese)*

*It's a flat pack to symbolise the church with 'open walls' – Please cover it inside and out with pictures, Bible verses, answered prayers, intercessions, good news stories, hopes and dreams for the building of God's Kingdom on your patch. As you make your box, you might also want to place items in it that symbolise your prayers, for serving with joy or growing new disciples, transforming community, both the joys and the challenges. Send us a picture to help build our story of praying for the kingdom across Devon*