



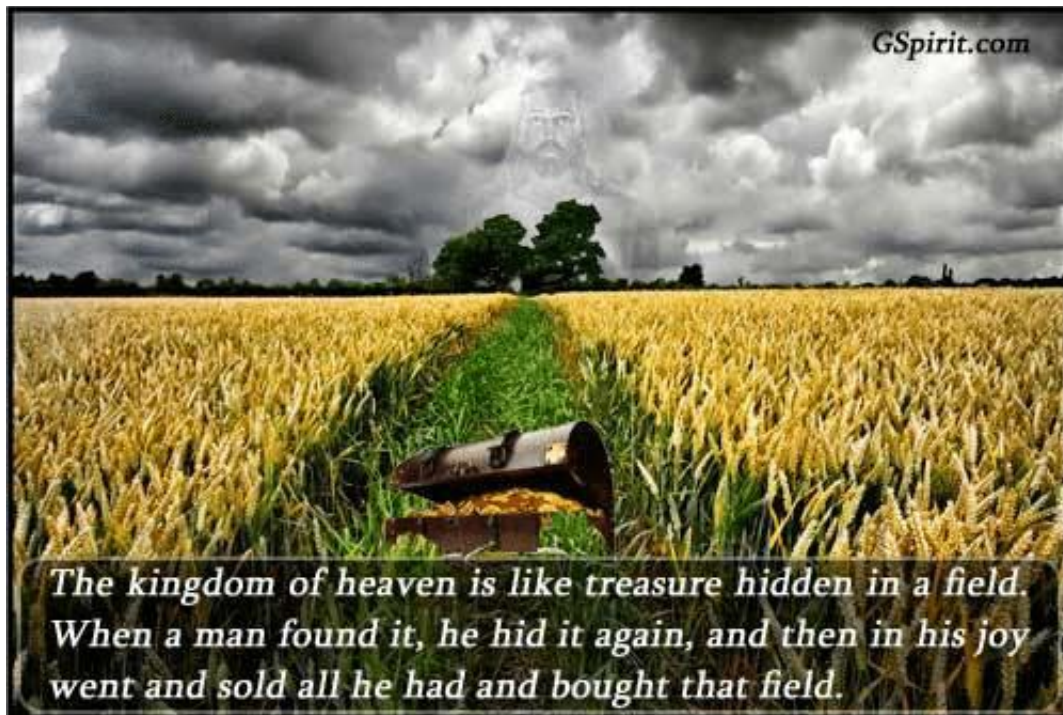
#PLEDGE2PRAY

*Thy Kingdom Come 2019 - a global wave of prayer this year*

*Thy Kingdom Come invites people to grow in prayer – as individuals, in families, with friends, with others across the Diocese.*

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting Church schools to participate in wave of prayer across the UK and around the world between Ascension and Pentecost from 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June

***This Year's Diocesan Theme for Thy Kingdom Come 2019 is 'Fields of Gold' Matthew 13.44-46***



*Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God being like treasure in a field; so precious that a man sold everything he had in order to gain it; or like a merchant who had seen a precious pearl who sold all he had in order to possess it.*

**Questions you might want to explore:**

- How might we grow in our understanding that Christians see their faith as treasure?
- Who or what represent precious pearls or treasure in our communities?
- How can we encourage each other to recognise our worth?
- What does it mean when Christians say 'God is at work' in our community?
- How might we respond to these ideas with prayers and reflections?

We are producing Treasure Chest and Precious Pearl box templates which you will be able to download from the diocesan website. You could use them as prayer boxes. There are a range of styles that can be customised. You could fill them with sweets, gold coins or white Maltesers to give out as a stimulus in a collective worship.

## Resources

A variety of other prayer resources (free) are currently being ordered and will be available to pick up from The Old Deanery, St Marks Plymouth, St John the Baptist Newport Barnstaple, and other locations to be confirmed.

Additional resources are available on-line for free as well as for purchase from:

[https://www.thykingdomcome.global/search/resources?tags=3&theme\\_id=34](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/search/resources?tags=3&theme_id=34) and

<https://www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome>

***There is also free 'Inspire and Enable' event on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> (10.30am -12.30pm)*** at St Michael & All Angels, Alphington, Exeter for churches and school – a free TKC resource pack is available to every participant and lunch is provided. To book a place please use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tkc-inspire-and-enable-tickets-56786742676?ref=eios>

*Deadline for bookings is 25<sup>th</sup> March*

## Beacon Event – Pentecost Sunday: June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

On Pentecost Sunday, Exeter Cathedral will be hosting our Diocesan beacon celebration and prayer event. It will be an amazing gathering for hundreds of people of all ages from across Devon – We'd love you to be part of it and to bring your treasure chest of prayers and reflections as a symbol of your school community. Alternatively you could pass it on to your local church for them to bring

There will be a number of prayer spaces around the cathedral – If your school/MAT or Federation would like to host a space please let us know as soon as possible.

**Be creative – we'd love to hear from you!**

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