

24-7 Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

13-23rd May



What's happening?

As a Diocese one of our core values is growing in prayer. Thy Kingdom Come is 11 days focused on prayer for people to discover faith in Christ. During lockdown people are more aware of the need for prayer than ever. So as a Diocese we want to commit to continuous prayer from Ascension to Pentecost as part of Thy Kingdom Come for our nation, for the people we care about and for God's kingdom to come.

We will have a Zoom meeting open from 7pm on Ascension Day until 10am on Pentecost Sunday with different people in the Zoom room praying for the whole time. It might be one person on their own or a group of people. Sometimes it will be silent prayer, at others liturgical prayer and at others prayer and worship with a band. It is entirely up to the host for an hour how they want to run that hour.

Who can take part?

Churches and individuals can sign up to host an hour or as many hours as they have capacity for. A church can have a whole church prayer meeting for some or all of the time. They can also have a rota for members of church to take it in turns to cover different hours. In any 1 hour you can have up to 100 people attend!

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How do we get involved?

You need to sign up here for any hour slots you are willing to cover - <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/d660ad>
People are really welcome to sign up as individuals but for accountability and safeguarding we may need their church leader to act as a referee for them.

How it will work

1. There will be a Zoom account opened solely for these days of prayer.
2. People can sign up [here](#) to pray for an hour
3. Hosts will receive log in details to access the room and a table showing who is hosting the room before and after them.
4. Hosts log in to zoom a few minutes before their time begins
5. They will be placed in the waiting room.
6. The person hosting the current hour will then let them into the meeting. (As a host you will need to be alert for your successor as your hour approaches the end)
7. The current host needs to click on participants and the 3 dots on the right of their successor's name and click 'make host'.
8. It would be great if as you hand over you say the Lord's Prayer together.
9. The host of the first hour can leave without closing the meeting and the host of the next hour is left responsible for the room

10. They will then need to hand on hosting at the end of their time to their successor.
11. There will be a TKC user account logged into the room for the whole period – this account won't be monitored but is simply there to ensure the zoom stays open if only one person is actively in the room praying. (Zoom believes you need two or three gathered for it to be a meeting and shuts the room after a while if there is only one attendee!)

Private prayer vs open to all

When you book a slot you can set it as exclusive use or leave it open so another host/group can join you. There were a couple of slots last year where churches shared a slot. Many slots had one person on their own. As host you have total control of who you let in from the waiting room, should anyone be in there

Sharing resources, reflections, prayers and creativity

As well as the prayer room there will be an online pinboard where people can post anything they like from their time in the prayer room. It might be what they have been praying about, a prayer they found helpful or a photo of something they created during their hour. It could be a word of encouragement or picture for the person following them. In fact can be anything you like which would be helpful, appropriate and edifying for other people praying. The pinboard is here - <https://padlet.com/jamesgrier1/ack9yq1upopymbgb> (It is in fact from last year – so we can build on last year's contributions)

We will also put in it helpful hints about how to pray for an hour!

Security

We are very alert to potential risks with zoom. The global security settings for the use of Zoom will be set so that users are protected as much as possible. E.g. people will have to be signed into Zoom to join in prayer, there will be a password, a waiting room, only the host can screen or file share and people can't rename themselves. We will also have some guidelines for users - such as using their full name when they sign in so that they are more likely to be recognisable in the waiting room and having to have their camera on.

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Safeguarding

We want children to be as welcome as adults as we pray as a church. Therefore the following safeguarding guidelines need to be adhered to:

- For those under 13 a parent needs to accompany them.
- For those 13 - 18, either a parent needs to be present or 2 adults who are not married to each other. It is preferable for them to be DBS checked, but otherwise Safer Recruitment principles should be followed by parishes nominating any volunteers who aren't already in a contact role in the church. All volunteers should have completed Safeguarding Training up to Foundation (C1) level; both C0 and C1 modules are available online: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

We would discourage children and those under 16 being in the Zoom room after 9pm.

Any problems 24-10

You can contact James Grier on 07825 610288. That can be because your time is up and you haven't been replaced or you lock yourself out of your own meeting!

If it's not urgent but you want to give feedback please email him on james.grier@exeter.anglican.org
