

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray during Ascensiontide for more people to come to know Jesus. This global prayer movement from Ascension to Pentecost, this year the 11 days from 18th to 28th May, started in 2016 as an invitation from the



Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England and has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer with Christians from 172 countries praying that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayer is what we do all year round, but this is a special opportunity to pray with others too: a renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray, and for each individual to pray for 5 people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

This year a new sub-theme '*Living the Kingdom*' has been introduced. Whilst *Thy Kingdom Come* will always have its focus as a call to prayer for evangelisation, participants are invited to go one step further. Mission always comes from the place of prayer, so how can we in this time go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need? This is about living the Kingdom - individually and corporately - in our context.

During the 11 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

Within these 11 days, in addition to the daily weekday opportunities for prayer in church from 10am to 12noon, there is a **Prayer Walk** on **Saturday 27th May** when we hope that Christians from all denominations and traditions will come together to pray for Bramcote. This starts from the church carpark at 10am and returns at around 2pm and includes an opportunity to pray over Bramcote and further afield as we look down from King George's Park. This combines two of the 23 ideas suggested by the coordinators, *Prayer Walking* and *Pray On The Hills*. As in previous years, it is possible to start or leave the walk at any point along the 7-mile route. A map with approximate times at various points along the route will be displayed in advance.