

Thy Kingdom Come

Together in Prayer as a Diocese

The global wave of prayer that takes place in May is this year focussing on prayer and care in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

And here in this Diocese we want to create a special virtual event that unites us Together in Prayer.

We are inviting our Churches and Communities to spend 24 hours praying together on Sunday May 31st - Pentecost.

This year Thy Kingdom Come, which runs from Ascension (21 May) to Pentecost (31 May), will be encouraging everyone not simply to pray that friends and family, colleagues and neighbours might encounter the love of God in Christ, but that they would experience that love in action.

During the 10 days the Cathedral will be dedicating their online Daily Reflections to Thy Kingdom Come, as will Bishop Andrew through his 'Going to Ground' series on YouTube.

But the Beacon Event at Salisbury Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday that has taken place in previous years cannot go ahead this year due to social distancing and the closure of our buildings.

So instead we want to create a virtual Diocesan-wide event and invite people to join us in prayer, for a few minutes, an hour or longer but however you take part, we will be Together in Prayer across 24 hours.

Using the 'Five ways to get involved in Thy Kingdom Come 2020' resources from the Thy Kingdom Come Team ([click here](#)), we are inviting people to take part as a family or an individual in one or more prayer activities on the Sunday.

This might be something already planned for your Pentecost Service, or you might want to organise a longer prayer vigil or family activity.

The national resources also feature a proposal to Light Up your Town or Village in Prayer and we would encourage the lighting of candles in windows and gardens on the Sunday evening.

But whatever you decide to do, we want to know about it so we can start to build up a picture of what Being Together in Prayer will look like.

And then we want you to share your prayer activity through pictures and words on social media tagging in the Diocese of Salisbury.

That way we can have a continuous feed of our combined prayers across the Diocese for the 24 hours.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be posting ideas of how you might like to get involved. But maybe you could organise a [prayer tree](#) or host a livestream prayer event.

The possibilities are endless.

More information on Thy Kingdom Come and the resources [here](#).