



*To all bishops*

8 March 2021

Dear colleagues,

**Thy Kingdom Come 13- 23 May 2021**

We are so grateful to the team at Thy Kingdom Come for their service to the church over the last five years. The reach has been beyond anything we had imagined – with people engaging in over 90% of countries across the world, joining in the 11 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost.

Whilst prayer for evangelisation remains at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come, this year they have adapted their offer in light of COVID-19's impact on worshipping communities.

In particular the team are seeking to respond to findings shown by new research (\*A ComRes poll of 4,000 UK adults), which indicate how the pandemic has impacted church attendance and growth. It reveals a number of missional opportunities and challenges, most incorporating those who have joined us for church online and seeking to re-engage those who have drifted away during this time.

Drawing upon these findings, the team have created a selection of resources for all ages. These include:

For adults

- The Prayer Journal – this has been written by Archbishop Stephen with a particular desire to engage those who have drifted from the church, and to spiritually nourish those who have remained. 100,000 printed copies and we are ready to give them away, free of charge, in order to resource churches.
- This year's Novena is entitled *Praying the Psalms from Ascension to Pentecost*. A beautiful prayer booklet aimed at helping all journey in prayer through these 11 days.
- In terms of digital resources, there will be video reflections, podcast / audio content, the TKC app and resources for church services.

For Families, children and youth

We are aware that many households, children and young people have struggled to engage through this time. To this end, Thy Kingdom Come has invested significantly in resources in this area.

- This includes the creation of an 11-part video series containing worship songs, games, prayer and Bible stories produced for primary school-aged children. The series features the [Cheeky Pandas](#) and the hope is that it will be a rich and joyful resource for households, churches and schools. The videos include contributions from Bear Grylls, Gemma Hunt, and Pastor Agu to name a few.
- The Adventure Prayer Map is a brilliant, fun prayer resource for children. Once again 100,000 printed copies will be given away, free of charge, in order to resource churches. There will also be an accompanying app which will include bonus activities and content.
- For youth, Thy Kingdom Come are working with the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust to create a number resources focused on discipling young people, equipping them with practical tips and spiritual reflections to help them grow closer to God.

All resources are available to download online and in printed form. 100,000 printed copies of the Prayer Journal and Family Prayer Adventure Map will be given away, free of charge, the only cost is P&P.

The virtual launch for this year's Thy Kingdom Come will happen on Tuesday 9 March at 14:00pm [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#) hosted by the Evangelism and Discipleship team.

To find out more about Thy Kingdom Come's ongoing developments, visit the website for regular updates. Equally, we know the team would be delighted to give any help or hear any feedback.

In the peace of Christ,



The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby  
Archbishop of Canterbury



The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell  
Archbishop of York