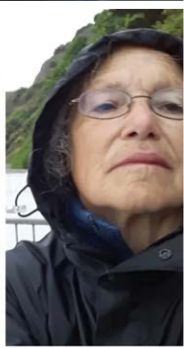




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Thy Kingdom Come 2022
Annual Report



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Introduction

This year marks the seventh annual Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement. Initiated by a call from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England to pray for evangelisation, Thy Kingdom Come has blossomed into a global ecumenical movement uniting more than a million Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across more than 85 different denominations and traditions.

From Burundi to Brazil, South Africa to Sri Lanka, Australia to Austria and beyond, Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow with an increased depth of engagement from national agencies and senior faith leaders to the production of different language versions of print and digital resources in many nations.

As ever, a strong commitment to ecumenism is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. This was reflected in the participation of churches from different denominations and traditions ranging from Roman Catholic to Pentecostal, Baptist to Reformed, Methodist to Anglican, at national and local levels.

Collaboration is also central to Thy Kingdom Come, as we continue to work with various parachurch organisations such as 24-7 Prayer, LICC, Hope Together, Transform Work UK and others.

Thy Kingdom Come remains committed to being accessible to all, irrespective of denomination, age group, geographical location, or ability. As a result, we have created a suite of resources for all ages, from 3-103, which also includes videos in sign language, print resources in braille, and resources adapted for children with additional needs.

'My cousin, who isn't a Christian, has been one of my "pray for 5" for the last 5 years. This Pentecost Sunday, he came to church of his own volition! Totally uninvited, he just decided to go and is now interested in beginning his own journey of faith. He is moving to our city later this year for a new job and I am excited to see what happens next.'

A participant

'Thy Kingdom Come happens every year because we constantly rely on a fresh empowering of the Holy Spirit. The urgency, vitality, and necessity of Christians across the world joining together praying, "Come, Holy Spirit" is essential. This is not primarily for our own renewal – but that we may live the calling of Christ to be His witnesses. I commend the resources the TKC team have produced for this year and pray they would enable our prayers, which we pray in the certainty that the Father always gives the Spirit to those who ask.'

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby

For those in the UK and much of the Commonwealth, Pentecost Sunday coincided with celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – providing a wonderful missional opportunity for many churches to reach their local community with the Gospel and share their faith.

COVID-19 has impacted congregations, leaving many weary and in need of refreshing. Similarly, we wanted to encourage those who have yet to see the fulfilment of their prayers, such as loved ones, come to faith in Christ after many years of prayer. This is why we introduced a new content strand 'Persevering in Prayer' in the lead up to and after the 11 days, comprising a series of audio testimonies, Bible verses, and quotes to encourage persistence in prayer. In many countries COVID-19 has changed the shape and ministry of the Church, presenting new opportunities for mission online and in social media.

Every year, we are astonished at how God moves. Our survey findings show that many people have repeatedly participated in Thy Kingdom Come over the years, drawing them closer to God, deepening their prayer life and encouraging them to share their faith with others. This year we have received a significant number of testimonies about people giving their lives to Christ.

Survey findings

What was the impact?

The impact of Thy Kingdom Come extends beyond praying for loved ones to come to faith. For many people, Thy Kingdom Come is a time of refreshing: a season to draw closer to God; to strengthen their prayer life (corporate and individual); to deepen discipleship at home and church; and an encouragement to evangelise and witness – sharing their everyday faith. For many, it is also a time of real unity, a sense of being part of a global family; and, in local contexts, a real opportunity to work ecumenically.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS (BASED ON 1000 RESPONDENTS)

80%



80% of people who took part this year had participated in previous years.

90%



90% were praying for family and friends to come to faith as the main focus – similar to previous years.

75%



75% who took part this year are planning on following up with or talking to the people they were praying for – exactly the same as 2021.

70%



70% of those who used the digital resources rated them as excellent and nearly 30% as good.

99%



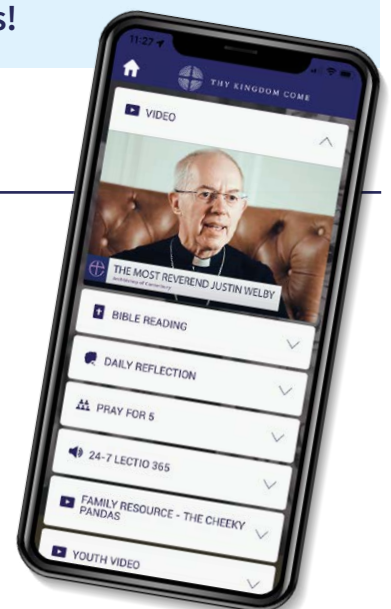
99% of those who took part this year are planning to take part again next year – same as for the past few years!

Digital media reach

Thy Kingdom Come's digital content engages audiences across the world with all videos produced over the last seven years amassing millions of views.

The award-winning TKC app, available in seven different languages, continues to grow in popularity, being downloaded in 45 countries this year alone. There are plans to update the app in future to modernise and improve functionality.

According to the feedback survey, the most popular digital resources are the daily emails (including all content), daily Bible readings and reflections, and videos.



Participation

How did churches and families take part and what resources were on offer?

As ever, churches, families and individuals took part in Thy Kingdom Come in a variety of ways. For many, as a result of the pandemic, a hybrid approach was employed – with some taking the opportunity to gather in-person (the first time since COVID-19) in significant numbers, to others preferring to engage in a digital space.

Activities ranged from hosting continuous prayer sessions (both on and off-line), to in-person Pentecost and Jubilee celebrations; from organising prayer stations in the church or church grounds, to prayer-walking with the local community; from setting up Cheeky Pandas prayer trails for children, or crocheting crosses and distributing them to neighbours with little prayers, to ‘prayer drives’, where small groups drove and prayed for the needs of their local area.

Whilst many prayed for loved ones to come to faith in Jesus, others used Thy Kingdom Come to pray for wider issues such as social issues, current affairs etc.

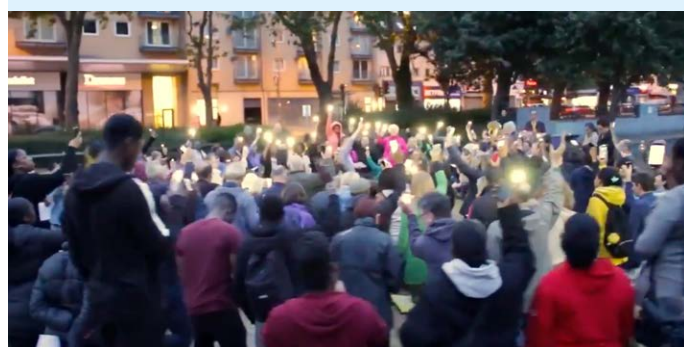
‘Our people, who were sitting with the prayer stations when church was open, were very prayerful and God touched them when no one was there. One was so aware of God that they shared on Facebook. We anointed two of our congregation. Children were very open to the teaching at the Jubilee event.’

Riverside Vineyard

Riverside Vineyard Church held two Bow Down events, in Staines, Middlesex and Feltham, London bringing many together to kneel together in prayer for local communities and for nations as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

Trent Vineyard also held a Bow Down event this year, gathering many to pray in the town centre for the city of Nottingham.

Vineyard Churches UK have participated in this time of prayer for several years with churches hosting a multitude of Bow Down events across the UK and Ireland.



‘As part of a #ThyKingdomCome launch event, I came across an amazing local Christian charity which helps both those escaping human trafficking and perpetrators, restoring people through faith. Their work really inspired my faith.’

Pentecost Sunday / Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

To commemorate and celebrate HM The Queen’s 70 years of faithful service, many churches hosted Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Pentecost Sunday. This included:

- Jubilee Street parties / outdoor celebrations held by churches – opportunity to share faith with neighbours
- Schools ordered free copies of the Cheeky Pandas books to give as Jubilee gifts for children

‘We handed out the free Cheeky Pandas children’s books to all the children in our three schools and to pre-school children aged 3+. We also set up Cheeky Panda trails in each of our churchyards.’

This year, to highlight this unusual timing, the final video for Pentecost Sunday was a tribute from Archbishop Justin Welby to Her Majesty The Queen, reflecting on her strong Christian faith as the foundation for 70 years of faithful public service.



Participation

Churches, charities, families and individuals took part in a variety of ways across the UK. Here is a small snapshot.

Lynn Bassett @DrLynnB... · 27/05/2022 ...
So grateful to the charities and groups who brought such thought-provoking prayer stations. A real inspiration.
[#ThyKingdomCome2022](#)

Facilitator CTHerts · 27/05/2022
 Thank you to all those who came to pray @thykingdom_come from across Herts and Beds yesterday evening. A beautiful mix of how prayer and service is expressed across the different traditions as we worshipped and prayed together.
[#unity](#) [#orayingtogether](#) [#TKC2023](#)



Rich Johnson @richjohn... · 29/05/2022 ...
Great to be at the @thykingdom_come gathering of churches from across Worcester, praying for a move of the Spirit! Love how much unity there is among us from different traditions and contexts, all committed to Jesus.



Andy Falconer @Fal... · 03/06/2022 ...
Preparing for early morning Eucharist service at @York_Minster. Incredible to think that this sacrament has happened at York Minster for over a thousand years yet is as relevant today as it was in 627AD.
[#YorkMinster](#) [#York](#) [#ThyKingdomCome](#) [#Pledge2Pray](#) [#revkatebottley](#) [#eucharist](#)



Holy Rood Church @hol... · 02/06/2022 ...
Thanks to all those who took part in our first School of Prayer. A rich, deep time in the presence of God.

One child reported, "I shall remember these three days for the rest of my life." What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
[#ThyKingdomCome2022](#)



Chris Dowling @MrChri... · 05/06/2022 ...
What a great day! Our come to the table service, Evie SMASHING her gymnastic comp followed by @thykingdom_come North at Inverness Cathedral! Real Privilege to be standing with & praying with Church leaders from Inverness, Nairn, Dingwall & Tain



Andy Glover @andy... · 05/06/2022 ...
So good this afternoon to be involved in a City Wide Prayer Event as 10 different congregations came together to express our unity at the Cross

[@_LinkUp](#) [@ChurchesEngland](#) [@gather_movement](#) [@thykingdom_come](#)

[#Chester](#) [#Pentecost](#) [#ThyKingdomCome2022](#)



Pray For Leeds @prayfor... · 10/06/2019 ...
Thank you to all who came to Global Day of Prayer on #Pentecost Sunday @BCC_Leeds part of @thykingdom_come. We were able to have the lords prayer said in English, Somalian, Angolan Portuguese, Indian Punjab, French, Latvian and Ghanian - See video. [@worldprayerc](#) [@JohnSentamu](#)



matt southcombe @ma... · 08/06/2022 ...
PENTECOST :: It was so great to worship with Christians from all over Bristol on Sunday night in @BristolCathedral. Leading alongside @GodsHouseC and featuring the @RenewalChoir. Such unity in the church in Bristol! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Jonathan SC Esq. @jo... · 01/06/2022 ...
[#Bowdown](#) [#ThyKingdomCome](#) [#Nottingham](#)



Diocese of Exeter @Cof... · 02/06/2022 ...
Since last Thursday, Christians across Devon have been praying online - individually and as churches - for @thykingdom_come in our @247prayer online prayer room, and there's still time to book a slot and join us in praying [#ThyKingdomCome](#)

[pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/451a2f?...](http://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/451a2f?)



Andy Ruffhead @AndyR... · 01/06/2022 ...
Wonderful to see the local community engaging with #ThyKingdomCome by planting prayer crosses in the @stpaulsleam garden - we've run out of crosses to plant!





Diocese of Sheffield · 16/05/2022
 Replying to @DioceseofSheff
 .@stjohnsgoole are doing 36 hours of prayer from 28th-29th May. Their Curate Joshua Blunt says:

"We took part in a 36 hour block of prayer for [@thykingdom_come](#) in 2021 and it was amazing to hear how many in the congregation engaged in prayer in such deep ways..."



Open Doors UK @Open... · 04/06/2022
 Across the world, millions of Christian women and girls are persecuted for their faith and gender - like Agnes (pictured), kidnapped by Islamic extremists in [#Nigeria](#) for two years.

On Day 7 of [#Pentecost](#) prayer, please lift our sisters in prayer.

[#ThyKingdomCome](#)



Parish of Hornchurch @... · 29/05/2022
[#SaveThePlanet](#). A clear message from today's [#EcoBunting](#). [@thykingdom_come](#) today is about fire - a symbol of the Holy Spirit who hovered over the waters at the beginning of creation in Gen.1.
[#environment](#) @MessyChurchInHx @climatestewards @ARochaUK @ffcnetwork @LynneCullens



London Diocese @dioc... · 26/05/2022
 Thy Kingdom Come begins today. Join with Londoners praying, "Lord, let your Kingdom Come in London as it is in Heaven!"
bit.ly/2GsZzcN
[#ThyKingdomCome](#) [#waveofprayer](#) [#dioceseoflondon](#)



steve cook @VicarStBEI... · 30/05/2022
 This week we are keeping [@thykingdom_come](#) prayer at our weekly Holy Hour on Wednesday 5-6pm. It is an hour of power as we pray in the Spirit together in silence at StB.



Rochdale Parish Church... · 31/05/2022
 Beautiful reflective Taize service [@stmaryinthebaum](#) led by [@currin_hannah](#) as we prayed [#ThyKingdomCome](#) [@DioManchester](#) [@mfp_rochdale](#) [@BishMiddleton](#) [@EmmanuelTheoCol](#)



Trent Vineyard @trentvi... · 01/06/2022
 Bow Down 2022. Praying for our city. [#ThyKingdomCome](#)



Rebecca (Bex) Chapman · 14/05/2022
 Pausing (v briefly, staying still not our strong suit!) at the Global Wave of Prayer zone & asking 'what does persecuted mean?' So many suggestions for things to lift up in prayer [@thykingdom_come](#) [@Southwarkcathed](#) [#SouthwarkCYP](#) [@SouthwarkCofE](#)



Diocese of Worcester · 23/05/2021
 Watch our diocesan prayer for [#Pentecost](#), filmed across our six new deaneries.

[#ThyKingdomCome](#) [#Pledge2Pray](#) [@ChurchofEngland](#) [@WorcesterCathedral](#) [@BishopWorcester](#) [@BishopofDudley](#) [@NikkiGroarke](#) [@RobJ147](#)



Kate Wharton @KateW... · 26/05/2022
 Busy Ascension Day [@StBartsRoby](#) as we begin [@thykingdom_come](#). For weeks we've been making crochet crosses to attach to leaflets to put through doors as we prayer walk our parish. Many of these good people are excellent at crochet. I, however, am not...



Church E20 @ChurchE20 · 01/06/2022
 Thy Kingdom Come! What a great evening! Pizza, worship, testimony, prayer and laughter with our brothers and sisters visiting from Brazil. [@chelmsdio](#) [@mnlondon](#) [@lab_studios](#) [@ywam_org](#) [@thykingdomcomeprayer](#) [#thykingdomcome](#) [#Church](#) [#Disciples](#) [#Mission](#) [#YWAM](#) [#Brazil](#) [#Stratford](#)



Bro Madryn @bromadryn · 03/06/2022
 Today as part of [#deleddyeyrnas](#) [#ThyKingdomCome](#) we are praying for

Timau Cenhadol yn Nefyn ac Abersoch | Mission Teams in Nefyn and Abersoch
 Bro Ystumanner
 Eglwys Tudweiliog Church
 Ysgol Tudweiliog
 Your family/Eich teulu
 Your 5 friends/5 o ffrindiau.



Facilitator CTHerts @m... · 31/05/2022
 A prayer from [@bedfordfoodbank](#) for [@thykingdom_come](#). Thanks for praying with us.
[#unity](#) [#service](#) [#prayingtogether](#)

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Light Up the World in Prayer

We know that there are lots of TKC activities happening worldwide which you may not always know about. Here is a snapshot.



Brazil

In Brazil, Thy Kingdom Come was shared in the House of Bishops to stimulate support, leading to several dioceses (including Rio De Janeiro, Recife, Sao Paolo, Amazon and Sul Occidental) taking part. Resources (Prayer Journal-2021 and Novena-2022) were translated into Portuguese and daily video and written reflections were shared on social media throughout the 11 days. There were also a number of in-person meetings in local parishes. The impact of this was not only a renewed energy in prayer, but a raised consciousness about the importance of praying for others as a core part of discipleship. It was also noted how therapeutic taking part was, especially during the challenge of COVID-19.

This was spearheaded by Bishop of South-Western Brazil, Francisco De Assis Da Silva, who said: *‘Every year, more and more people are involved in this beautiful movement: beautiful because it is a movement of prayer.’*



USA

Several churches in the USA participated in Thy Kingdom Come including churches such as Christ Episcopal Church, Wyoming which hosted two Beacon events – ‘Stations of Light’ on 31st May and a ‘Pentecost Eucharist and Red-Kite-Fly’ day on Pentecost Sunday.



Canada

St Paul’s Church, Manitoba Canada were involved in Thy Kingdom Come – sharing the prayer movement with other Christians and making some of the resources, such as the Prayer Journals, available to members of their parish and others. They distributed Novena booklets and Prayer Journals to members of their parish. In the words of one of the church leaders: ‘We are not a large parish, but we pray. We look forward to prayer together across the world, for others to find Christ.’



Philippines

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines celebrated Thy Kingdom Come with an event at their national cathedral.

‘This year there was a concerted effort to raise awareness of Thy Kingdom Come within schools and churches in the Philippines. This included the creation of a local version of the TKC Facebook page using some of the key resources created and local content, which will be used to encourage prayer all year round. The TKC app was also promoted. There are plans to increase participation in Thy Kingdom Come next year.’



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1: 8 & 9



England

South West Awake

Thousands of Christians formed a chain of prayer and praise on the South West Coast Path of England, uniting many from different traditions across the region supported by the Diocese of Exeter.



England

Churches across different denominations and traditions participated, including the Methodist Church of Great Britain, as well as hosting a number of ecumenical gatherings. Various dioceses within the Church of England were also involved such as the Diocese of Southwark, the Diocese of Carlisle, the Diocese of Sheffield. For example, The Diocese of Southwark ordered hundreds of this year's Prayer Journals for local prisons to use alongside organising prayer stations.



The Netherlands

'Thy Kingdom Come has been a helpful tool and a welcome impulse to use our prayers between Ascension and Pentecost as intercessions for those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. For many years we have encouraged believers to join this movement. Over the last three years, we have translated your Prayer Journal for some local churches in the Netherlands, for Dutch-speaking Christians to join the movement.'

'This year 2022, we are working with other missional organisations to present a Dutch translation of Thy Kingdom Come in the Netherlands and have started conversations with Alpha Netherlands and 24-7 Prayer to expand Thy Kingdom Come nationally this year and beyond.'

Jan Van Luik – Church Advisor of the IZB, the domestic missional organization within the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.



Albania

'Thy Kingdom Come has been such an encouragement for me. How beautiful to see the the Word of God passing on to the next generation.'



New Zealand

There has been strong participation from churches in New Zealand over the past few years including the translation of key resources into Maori and hosting of events and activities for example in the Diocese of Wellington.



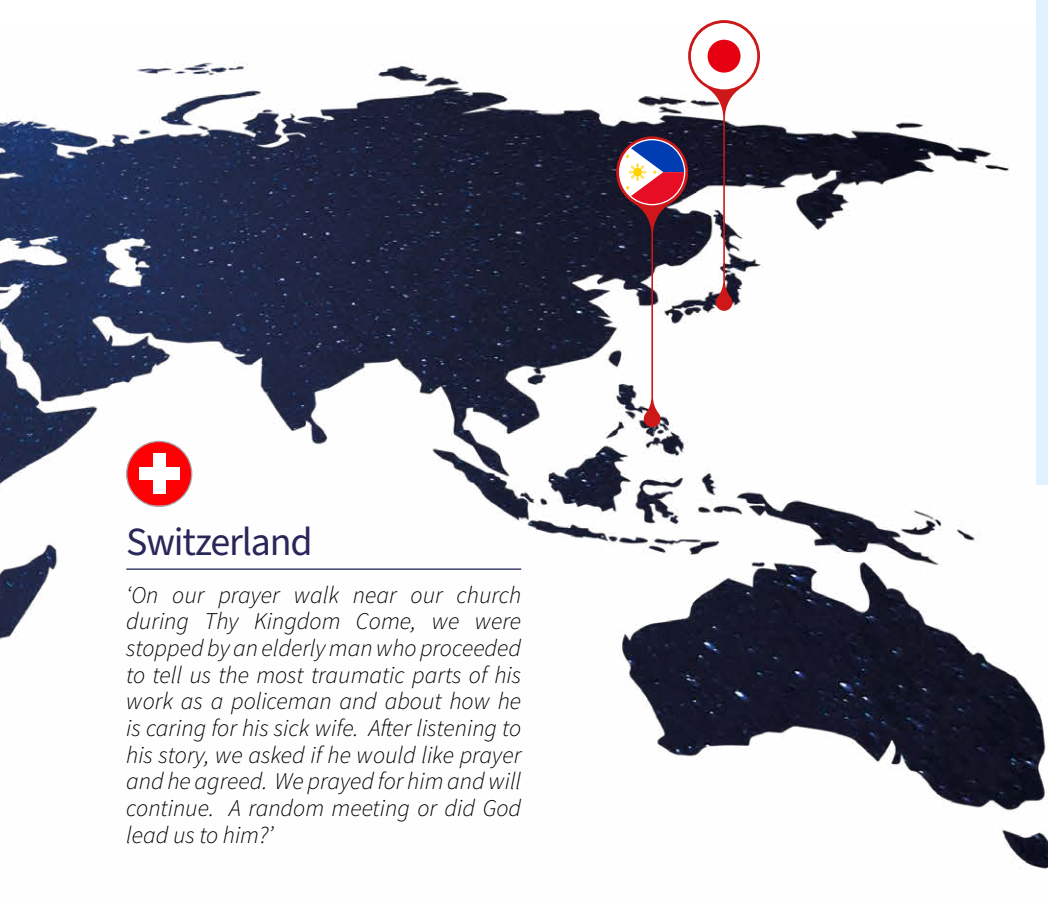
Japan

We have had wonderful support from all the Bishops in Japan, encouraged by Bishop Augustine of Kobe and The Revd Paul Tolhurst who is Secretary of their Department of Mission while being Mission to Seafarers Chaplain in Kobe.



Switzerland

'On our prayer walk near our church during Thy Kingdom Come, we were stopped by an elderly man who proceeded to tell us the most traumatic parts of his work as a policeman and about how he is caring for his sick wife. After listening to his story, we asked if he would like prayer and he agreed. We prayed for him and will continue. A random meeting or did God lead us to him?'



Light Up the World in Prayer...



Portugal

The Lusitanian Church in Portugal, part of the Anglican Communion, participated in this year's Thy Kingdom Come.



France

On Pentecost Sunday, All Saints Marseille held a special service entitled *Que ton règne vienne!* (Thy Kingdom Come) devised by a group of Christian denominations in Marseille working together (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, United Protestant, Baptist, and free evangelical), inspired by the Anglican Church's 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. The coordinator of the event was a member of the *Chemin Neuf* community in Marseille.

The service took the form of a series of meditations, one on each line of the Lord's Prayer, with a particular focus on 'Thy Kingdom Come' and in the context of the Marseille ecumenical community's continuing prayers for peace in Ukraine. The location was the *Eglise St Ferréol* in Marseille, at the centre of the city in the *Vieux Port*. The service was later broadcast on the local Christian radio station, RCF.



Scotland

For the last few years, Thy Kingdom Come has been endorsed by senior church leaders across Scotland who have mobilised their networks to participate in the 11 days of prayer. Endorsements, in the form of short video contributions, this year included the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Lord Jim Wallace, Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and Archbishop Leo Cushley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh in Scotland.



Finland

For the last few years The Anglican Church in Finland have participated in Thy Kingdom Come including the translation of the website and key resources into Finnish.



North Macedonia

For the last few years, we have posted braille versions of the Prayer Journal and Novena to several Christians in North Macedonia.

Mothers Union

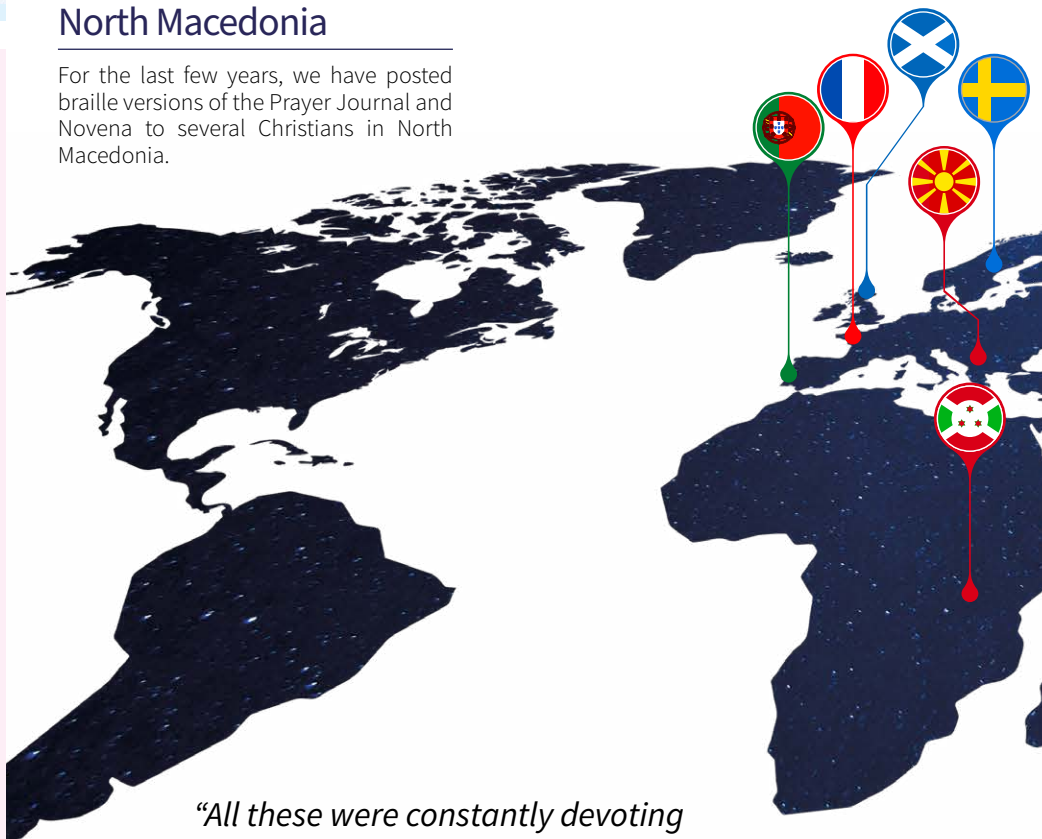
For several years, Mothers Union have held annual Thy Kingdom Come Beacon events (in-person and online), bringing together different voices from across the world, from Rwanda to Wales, Madagascar to Guyana and beyond.

This year's annual online global moment included contributions from Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, Sheran Harper and Central Chaplain, Bishop Emma Ineson amongst many others.

Mothers' Union is one of the world's first women-led organisations, which today, comprises hundreds of individual Mothers' Union charities across 84 countries.



(top left) Rev Annonciata Kabega, Provincial Community Development Coordinator for MU Rwanda. (top right) Central Chaplain Mothers Union (MU), Bishop Emma Ineson. (bottom left) Jocelyne Razafiarivony, Provincial Community Development Coordinator for MU Madagascar. (bottom right) Worldwide president of MU Sheran Harper



“All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.”

Acts 1:14



Burundi

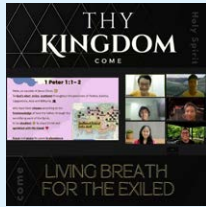
'It is a privilege to us as a church to join other nations and other churches in the world to pray that God may pour His Holy Spirit upon the world, and especially upon people who are still in darkness, so they may know and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.'

Bishop Pontien of Rutana Diocese



Singapore

The Anglo-Chinese School Christian Fellowship participated in Thy Kingdom Come, creating their own versions of daily reflections, prayers and graphics to journey on the 11 days of prayer.



Bangladesh

'In Barishal Diocese, Bangladesh, in every church, we organised prayer for nine days. We were happy to see children, youth, women, and whole congregations come down to pray for one another and also to receive the Holy Spirit. Many were encouraged to pray and many were happy to have the fellowship to pray together. There were many who joined in the last two years of TKC prayer movement as they liked it. It has encouraged people to come to church regularly and to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in them.'

Spokesperson from Barishal Diocese



Sweden

'I live in Sweden and attend a Lutheran Church. I passed on the TKC materials to our youth pastor to encourage the young people to pray.'



Hong Kong

Several churches, such as St Matthias, have participated in Thy Kingdom Come for the last few years. This included translating and adapting this year's Prayer Journal into Cantonese.



Indonesia

'I loved the Novena devotional. It was such a great resource and appreciated being able to download the PDF to use. The images are beautiful, and I would like to incorporate something like this into our prayer room for next year's Thy Kingdom Come.'



Australia

'We have found Thy Kingdom Come to be a wonderful transformational opportunity for all people of all ages and many nations to come together and pray that five friends of theirs might come to know Jesus Christ.' **The Dean of Melbourne in Australia, The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe.**

Churches and dioceses across the nation supported Thy Kingdom Come including the Diocese of Perth.



Sri Lanka

'It has been an amazing journey to partner with the Archbishop of Canterbury in this global wave of prayer... we experience the awesome power of the Holy Spirit.'

The Revd Devsiri Peiris, Prayer Coordinator Church of Ceylon in Sri Lanka.



Malaysia

The Diocese of West Malaysia organised a number of events, bringing together churches across the local area.

Over the 10 days, they organised daily morning services and nightly prayer services.

On the eve of Pentecost they organised two events – a seminar on healing and deliverance and a Healing Rally with more than 100 people in attendance.



CASE STUDY

Praying for the City – Nottingham, England

More than a 1000 people from 100 different churches gathered to worship and pray together for their city – Nottingham.

The event was organised by Nottingham City Prayer (NCP), an ecumenical movement of Christians across the city who regularly commit to prayer to Christ's church united, God's power released and city blessed.

They have organised large city-wide prayer and worship gatherings for Thy Kingdom Come since 2017.

This year's focus was about looking outwards as to what the attendees could 'give away' and take out into their communities.

To keep the prayer momentum going, NCP now gather at 7 am every second Thursday of the month in different church locations across the city, with each one bringing their own unique welcome and worship.

'I always find it so amazing – the unity, the joy that fills the whole place when we praise God together. A foretaste of heaven for me,' said Mother Damian from the Poor Clares (Roman Catholic).

'Every time we hold this event, there seems to be a prophetic moment which captures the essence of the gathering,' said one of the organisers, Mark Hopkins, from the King's Church, Arnold, which is a member of the Ground Level Network. *'This year we had six people on stage leading prayers – each in their own native language. They were praying in Farsi, Spanish, Cantonese, Chichewa, Hausa, and English.'*

Revd Lynda Blakeley, St Stephen's, Sneinton (Church of England) agreed: *'Hearing people pray in their own language was deeply moving and a stark reminder that this is God's Church, not ours; and that His Church is global and so much bigger than our little patch.'*

'When we join together as Christians from different denominations, cultures, and backgrounds, we discover, and also reflect, a more holistic image of God. When we prayed in different languages with one accord at the Thy Kingdom Come prayer meeting, it felt like Pentecost is the Tower of Babel redeemed!' said Rev Yanyan Case (Methodist Minister).



Nottingham City Prayer Event
for Thy Kingdom Come



Resources

We produced resources for all ages – 3 to 103 – and they were also available in different languages; some of which were translated in-country, reflecting stronger commitment and ownership of TKC. Resources were available in both digital and print versions, such as the Prayer Journal and Novena – both written by Archbishop Justin Welby.

Children and families

This year we collaborated with the Cheeky Pandas once again to produce a cartoon TV series and a suite of resources for children aged 3-11, designed to combine young children's love of high energy songs, quality animation, and engaging characters with biblical content. Cheeky Pandas engages children at a critical age for faith formation. We produced a range of Bible-based resources including a brand new cartoon series based on the Fruit of the Spirit, new songs, activity packs, and assembly plans. Our special Platinum Jubilee resources included a special cartoon episode and free story book that was distributed through schools and churches across the UK. BSL and Widget versions of our cartoons and activity packs made them among the few Christian resources to be accessible to children and parents with additional needs.

We built new partnerships to extend the ministry's reach, partnering with 'Raise Up Faith' to provide Sunday School resources, and Wonderborn Studios, an award-winning mainstream TV production company of children's content. Live praise parties featuring giant panda costumes took place at the UK's major Christian festivals including Spring Harvest and Big Church Day Out. The resources have been used in schools, churches and homes to nurture children's faith in the UK and beyond – with increased engagement in different parts of the world.



'I gave out the free Cheeky Pandas books to the local parent and toddler group, children at church, neighbours' children on our road, and also my young grandchildren. They are amazing! The children immediately started reading and looking at the pictures as soon as they grabbed hold of them!'



'Thy Kingdom Come somehow accomplishes the living out of Kingdom life more than any other resource I have seen developed for similar teaching purposes. Be encouraged, the Lord's favour is with you.'

Did you know?

...we gave away nearly 500,000 free Cheeky Pandas books in honour of Her Majesty, the Queen, to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee.

Resources

Youth

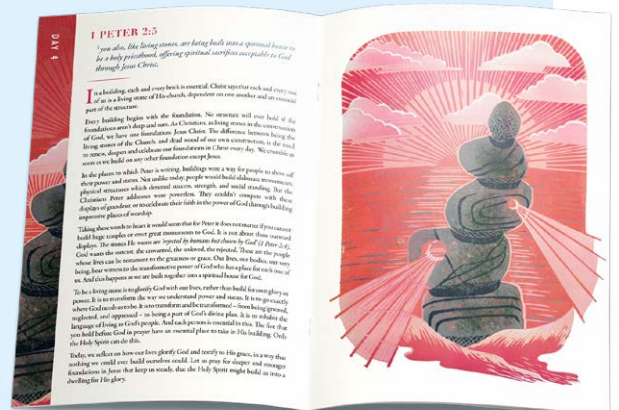
This year we teamed up with leading UK Youth ministry, The Way and the Church of England to produce a selection of videos made by young people for young people on praying for others, sharing their faith, and their personal testimonies on prayer. The videos were well-received, amassing hundreds of thousands of views online and being used as resources for growing faith at home and in church youth work contexts.



'I so appreciated having some resources to use with my teenage daughter – the app with the video content was fantastic.'

Adults

This year's Prayer journal and Novena were written by Archbishop Justin Welby. Beautiful artwork for the Novena was used in different ways to inspire prayer. Eleven new videos were produced from different denominations and traditions including Archbishop Justin Welby, Methodist Youth president Daud Irfan, paralympian Stef Reid MBE, three new CofE Bishops, Monks of Mirfield Community of the Resurrection, Archbishop Angaelos, and the James Family. These resources provided insights into different traditions and denominations and also interesting personal stories, highlighting broader issues such as faith and family life, persecuted church etc, as well as different prayer traditions such as silent prayer.



'I was inspired by the prayer journal in particular to write my own prayers, a collection of which I used in leading the intercessions in church on Pentecost Sunday. The reflections were thought-provoking.'

Response from a Church Leader

Accessible Resources

All the videos were available in BSL and the Prayer Journal was available in braille, made possible by the Torch Trust. Widget versions of the Cheeky Pandas activity packs were also created for children with additional needs.

Our heart's desire is to continue our range of accessible resources so that all people are able to fully participate in TKC in a way that is suitable for them, so there are no barriers to participation.



'I really like the TKC resources and will continue to use the videos and resources at appropriate services throughout the year.'

Response from a Church Leader

Resources in different languages

The Novena written by Archbishop Justin Welby was also available as short video reflections and was translated into several different languages – French, Spanish, Portuguese, Kiswahili, Japanese, Finnish, Arabic, Welsh, Bangla, and Korean.

For the first time this year, the Prayer Journal, also written by Archbishop Justin, was translated into Dutch.

The TKC app and website were also available in a similar selection of languages.



'I feel very blessed to have been part of Thy Kingdom Come over the years. It was helpful being able to download the Novena prayers. I really have no suggestions for improvement. I am looking forward to next year's Thy Kingdom Come.'

'I used the Cheeky Pandas video presentation with my three grandchildren. (8,6,4). They totally loved everything about the segment. They listened intently to all the presentations on Cheeky Pandas at church. They watched a couple of Cheeky Panda episodes in the car to and from school when I was on the school run. By the end of the 10 days even Miss 4 year-old was having a good crack at saying the Lord's Prayer with the presenters at the end of each episode. On Sunday Morning the three of them told their mum they were going to have a meeting. They piled into Mr 6's bedroom and closed the door. After a bit of time my daughter thought she had better check up on them. As she neared the room she could hear the three of them saying, "For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever – Amen". They had been having a secret church meeting! How wonderful!'

Collaboration

Collaboration is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come - working not only with churches but also parachurch organisations to create resources and to encourage prayer across different networks throughout the 11 days.

24-7 Prayer GB & International:



We have worked with global 24-7 Prayer movement, since the inception, and in the last few years partnered with them on the brilliant Lectio 365 App – providing daily audio reflections which this year included contributions from Archbishop Justin Welby and the Upper Room- online virtual 24/7 prayer inspired by the book of Acts – created in response to the Pandemic.



Thy Kingdom Come in the workplace - collaboration with Transform Work UK

For the last 2 years, Transform Work have taken part in Thy Kingdom Come, providing resources to help Christians to pray together during the 11 days such as a prayer diary and prayer ideas for your workplace.

This year, they organised live daily prayer calls from across workplace sectors from Education to Healthcare, Arts to Law, Government to Media along with pre-recorded audio prayers from different sector representatives.

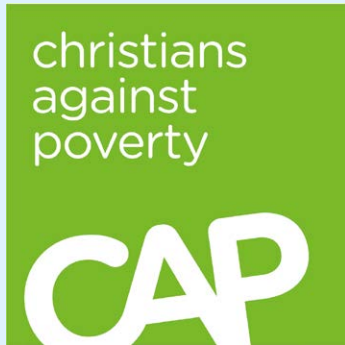
The daily meetings brought together hundreds of Christians from different denominations and traditions across the UK in prayer for God's Kingdom to come in each of these sectors - for Christians to be courageous in sharing their faith, and to bring about truth and righteous ways of working.

Mal Shaw, Trustee and Director at Transform Work UK reflects: "One of the key aspects for me personally is the way that praying together for our work brings together people from different denominations in unity, including Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Catholic, Orthodox. This was one of the last prayers of Jesus before He went to the cross and it has been great to see this in action as we have worked with Thy Kingdom Come."



Media Collaboration:

We have worked with a number of Christian TV and radio broadcasters to extend the reach of Thy Kingdom Come, airing the video and audio content to millions worldwide including GOD TV and TBN UK.



Christians Against Poverty:

Over the course of Lent, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) created a space for their employees to worship and pray specifically into seeing more people come to Jesus, using the resources provided by the Thy Kingdom Come website. This was primarily done through creating an online hub for staff to visit during their working day, enabling them to use the content in their team time and individually throughout the week.

‘Thy Kingdom Come was so helpful for us as a charity to not just lift up the people we serve at CAP, but to pray for and remember those who are closest to us, interceding for them to come to know Jesus.’

Defence Christian Network:

For the past three years, the Defence Christian Network (DCN)- has supported the Armed Forces’ Chaplaincies with an Ascension Day service, followed by daily prayers leading up to Pentecost including videos from the Novena and additional content written by military personnel.

This year, Armed Forces’ Chaplains, military personnel and MOD civil servants joined in the 11 days of prayer in homes, barracks and operational bases around the world.



Defence Christian Network

“As a global, ecumenical initiative, TKC is equally accessible to all our members, regardless of denomination or culture,” said the DCN’s Chair, Lt Col Simon Maggs. “Defence Christians come from a wide range of denominations, plus a significant percentage have ethnic minority heritage, so TKC provides a great opportunity for us to pray together. It’s a model that works well for us as Christians serving in Defence, as our frequent postings mean we can’t be choosy about where or with whom we fellowship!”

Biblica:

This year’s Novena was produced with support from Biblica- International Bible Society. It was translated into several languages including Arabic, Bangla (Bangladesh), Finnish (Finland) and Welsh (Wales). The artwork featured beautiful lino prints created by artist Anna Heslop.



Pray for 5

This continues to be an enduring message that resonates beyond denominational differences and across international borders.

'One of the people I prayed for in the past two years during #ThyKingdomCome began to ask me to pray for her and for her family members. Just recently she told me she has begun to pray herself! This has amazed and thrilled me. I am thankful that TKC gave me the incentive, and the courage to begin praying for others who do not pray or consider themselves religious. I will continue to do so!'

'My godson A, one of the five I prayed for during TKC, has just committed his life to the Lord! Things are not too easy in his life, so please pray for him.'

'It's easy to be overloaded with so many people to pray for. This resource helped me to focus my prayers on just five individuals who are yet to know Jesus or who have a distorted view of who he is. I didn't have to feel guilty that I wasn't praying for absolutely everyone I know in that position.'

'Over the past five years I've been praying for my husband, two of our sons, a cousin, and niece to come back into a relationship with the Lord. My eldest son has been working in a bar for the past four years while deciding what he wants as a career: he started university last September to become an RE teacher. He's been asking questions and talking about faith and last week he sent an email to his work to say that he can work full-time until university begins again but not on a Sunday as he will be going to church. This is so massive: when I told my dad he did that fist pump and "YES". God is so good!'

'Two of my five who never talk about religion ended up sitting in the sun together talking about God and heaven, and now one of them has really been talking about heaven and "being saved". I nearly dropped when I heard them talk!'

'The power of the Holy Spirit truly moved in two of the very troubled five I felt led to pray for, bringing a protective strength, stillness, and peace. This year's resources brought both comfort and reassurance.'

For many churches, Pray for 5 was a stimulus to encourage people to pray but was also going to be used and adapted beyond the 11 days – with many churches committed to praying for five as a regular part of church life.

'We are a rural Presbyterian church in N Ireland. We organised a special Pray for 5 Sunday service. We encouraged our people (of all ages) to keep on praying for their five beyond TKC. And one of the ways we will do this, will be by having occasional two-minute slots in our Sunday service.'

'We were definitely hearing from God that we are to be salt and light within our families, friendship groups, and communities. To be different. Next time I lead a service I will be focusing on #ThyKingdomCome and how praying for five doesn't stop after the event.'

Uniting the Global Church

At its heart, Thy Kingdom Come aims to unite the whole church (John 17). Thy Kingdom Come is a unifying force – with support from a number of senior Church leaders in the UK and beyond – including all the presidents of Churches Together in England, His Holiness the Pope, and many Archbishops and Bishops across the world.

Our hope and prayer is that Thy Kingdom Come will continue its mission to inspire prayer for evangelisation; for Christians to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to become effective witnesses of Christ's love; and to see many people who do not yet know Jesus become his disciples.

**We pray and hope that God's Kingdom will come on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Will you join us on this mission?**

'I cannot remember in my life anything that I've ever been involved in where I sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit.'

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby



'And to you my brothers and sisters, with my brother Justin Welby, we want to tell you that we walk alongside you in this prayer – Thy Kingdom Come.'

His Holiness Pope Francis



'Thy Kingdom Come is a fantastic opportunity for Christians across the world and from different denominations and traditions to unite in prayer for friends and family to come to faith in Christ. With resources to suit everyone, It is a time of encouragement, joy, and celebration as we broaden our vision and see Jesus is loved, known, worshipped, and followed by people throughout the world.'

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell



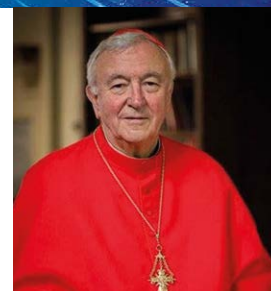
'Thy Kingdom Come' has become a time of the year when we gather around a yearning for God's presence upon us and His Spirit within us. It is a time for the Church to shine in its diversity and to proclaim God's love, and reflect His light into every corner of the world. I am looking forward to my involvement this year and to seeing the wonders that the Church can perform, with God's grace, when it works as one.'

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox of London, Papal Legate to the United Kingdom



'In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. During the days of prayer of "Thy Kingdom Come", we pray as a Christian family that others might share in the consolation and joy that come from knowing and loving our Blessed Lord. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and "renew the face of the Earth".'

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference



'We need God to empower His Church so we can effectively witness to those who don't know Jesus. Together, from Ascension to Pentecost, we invite the Spirit to fill us afresh, and ask God to help us turn our prayers into mission.'

Carla Harding, Director of 24-7 Prayer Great Britain



'I am excited to not only be a part of this mission – Thy Kingdom Come – but to see the abundant grace of God work powerfully and be a blessing for many through this global movement.'

Daud Irfan, Methodist Church of Great Britain Youth President 2021-2022





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