

# Thy Kingdom Come 2020

Thursday 21st to Sunday 31st May

Ascension to Pentecost

Join a global  
wave of prayer.



## What is Thy Kingdom Come?

A global prayer movement inviting Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Started in 2016 with an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England it has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer that in 2019 included Christians in 65 denominations in 178 countries joined together to pray “Come, Holy Spirit” so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, we too need to rely on the gift of the Holy Spirit – on our own we can do nothing. Christians have always gathered at this time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit to equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with their friends and family .

During these days of prayer, we’re all encouraged to:

- Deepen our own relationship with Jesus
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us, and give us power and faith to share the gospel with others.



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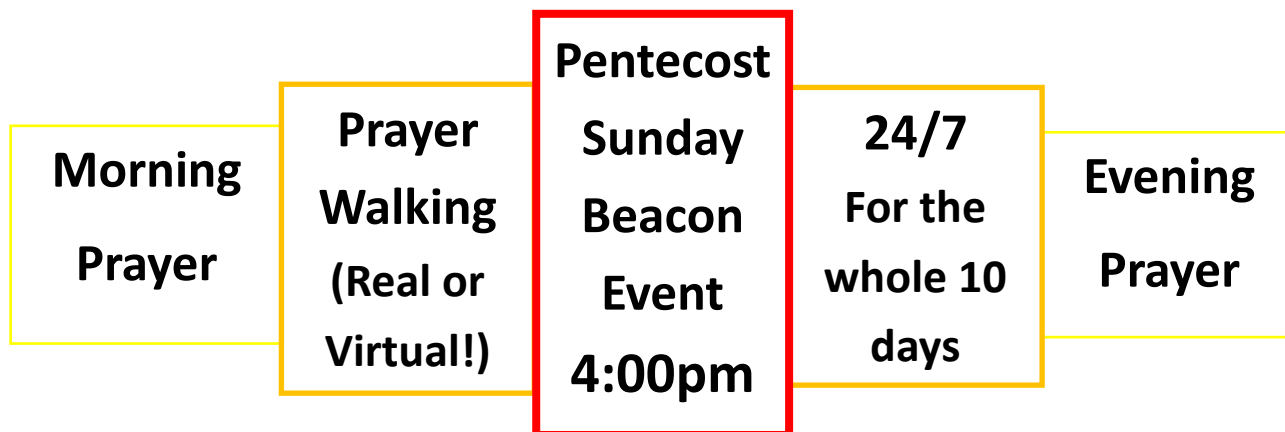
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## Events across the Diocese



Although we can't meet together, there are a huge variety of different ways to join in. There are daily events online, and resources for you to use both online and off. Even if you can't access events online, you can join in and pray with others at these times.



### Morning Prayer

Thurs 21st	8:00am Ascension Day Service w Bishop Pete or Canon Sophie
Fri 22nd	7:30am 2025 Prayer
Sat 23rd	8:00am 2025 Prayer
Sun 24th	7:30am 2025 Prayer
Mon 25th	7:30am 2025 Prayer
Tue 26th	7:30am 2025 Prayer
Wed 27th	7:30am 2025 Prayer
Thu 28th	8:00am With Bishop Pete or Canon Sophie
Fri 29th	7:30am 2025 Prayer
Sat 30th	8:00am 2025 Prayer
Sun 31st	10:00am Pentecost Communion With Bishop Pete or Canon Sophie

### Prayer Walking

(real or virtual)

If you are going out for daily exercise, then you could prayer walk in these ten days. If you can't go out, then put a map in front of you. Pray for each street—its residents, businesses, carers, and those who work there.

In Adwick, you can use the monthly cycle of prayer we already have. Jacquie is hoping to put one together for Owston and Skellow too.



## 4:00pm Pentecost Sunday Beacon Event

Each year, the 10 days of Thy Kingdom Come ends with a big service of worship. This year it was supposed to be at Rotherham Minster. This will instead be a live event on Facebook Live., and we could have more people than ever before—even those who wouldn't normally be able to travel.



To enable as many people as possible to join in , for those who can't go online, Jacquie and Stephen will make use of their Telephone Church numbers so you can (hopefully) hear and join in. We are also being encourage to book online—this is not about tickets, but about knowing how many people took part, across the whole Diocese. Please book here (<https://sheffdio.org/tkc20> ), or contact Jacquie so she can book you on.) This could be the biggest Diocesan event of the Lockdown so far—all worshipping and praying in our own homes, together as a Diocese.

### Praying 24/7

24 hours a day,  
7 days a week!

If you wish to, and have online access, you can join The 2025 Prayer Community by signing up to the 24/7 prayer rota.

Could you pray for an hour at midday , every day for those ten days? Or 4:00pm?

IF praying for a whole hour is new to you, there are some suggestions in this leaflet!



### 7.30pm Evening Prayer



#### Thurs 21st Renewed

(to build a prayer community of 2025 people)

A video reflection by John Hibberd,  
and a service based on TKC Night Prayer

#### Fri 22nd

A Service in the Anglo Catholic Tradition  
prepared by the clergy of the Hickleton Chapter

#### Sat 23rd - Fri 29th

Thy Kingdom Come Night Prayer

#### Sat 30th Released

(Lights for Christ, reflecting the Light.)

On Pentecost Eve, a video reflection  
from Mark Cockayne talking about our witness.

## Renewed!

### The 2025 Prayer Community

Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/357616758158828/about/>

When setting out the Diocesan Strategy to 2025, Bishop Pete asked for a community of 2025 people who would commit to praying for the diocese every day. This is the Renewed part— trying to make relying on the Holy Spirit a growing priority in individually and together as communities.

#### Daily Commitment

- A) Say the Lord's Prayer daily.
- B) Read at least one Bible verse.
- C) Pray the Diocesan Vision Prayer.
- D) Pray at 8.25pm (20:25h)

Pray for:

- 1. The Holy Spirit to renew our Diocese.
- 2. For 2.5% of the population to come to know Jesus, and become part of the worshipping community in our churches.
- 3. For other Christian denominations to grow too.

## Diocesan Vision Prayer

### Living God

Jesus calls his followers to

**Seek first your Kingdom.**

**Renew** us as we make  
your love known;

**Release** us to share  
freely together in mission;  
and **Rejuvenate** us to be  
fruitful in your service.

Give us

**courage,**

**wisdom &**

**compassion,**

that **strengthened** with

the **grace** of the

**Holy Spirit,**

we may,

as the Diocese of Sheffield,

both **flourish**

and **grow**

through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**





## **Thy Kingdom Come**

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Diocese of Sheffield TKC

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/tkc>

Pentecost Sunday Beacon Event Tickets

<https://sheffdio.org/tkc20>

24/7 Prayer Sign Up

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/e903f9>

Resources for 24/7 Prayer

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/24-7-prayer-for-thy-kingdom-come>

Daily Prayer Events

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/daily-prayer-events-tkc-2020>

Diocese of Sheffield Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsheffield>

## **The 2025 Prayer Community**

Information and sign up to join

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/renewed>

Morning Prayer link

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/357616758158828/?source\\_id=177202768990662](https://www.facebook.com/groups/357616758158828/?source_id=177202768990662)

You need to be a member of this group to participate; but, if you want to join, just click "Join" and someone will make sure you are admitted. Someone will start with a comment for prayer, and others will join in with their comments. It is easy to join with the prayer of others by posting 'Amen' or even simply clicking 'like' to indicate the same response.

## **Telephone Church**

Using a telephone conference system, Stephen set this up at the start of lockdown. Jacquie has now been using this for a few weeks too. It allows a group of people to either listen in to something, or to share and speak and talk together. Anyone is welcome to join in with any of these events.

*Important: This costs no more than an 01 or 02 number—but please double check what calls are included in your landline or mobile calls!*

### **Jacquie:**

Sunday 11:00am Morning Worship;  
Thursday 11:00am Virtual Coffee Morning

### **Stephen:**

Sunday 11:15am  
Interactive Morning Prayer;  
Sunday to Friday 12:00pm & 6:00pm  
Midday and Evening prayer.  
(Listen only)

### **How do I join in?**

**Step 1.** Dial 03 331 133 651  
wait for the announcement.

**Step 2.** For Stephen,  
Dial 53 39 68 21#,  
then the PIN 14 46#

**Step 3** For Jacquie:  
Dial 80 28 33 52#,  
then the PIN 32 59#

Don't forget the # each time—  
it won't work without it!!!





**What can I pray about?**

**Who can I pray for?**

**What am I asking God to do**



**How?** Gather together things that you find help you to pray:

Your Bible, Morning and Night prayer leaflet, a candle & matches, a cross, notebook and pen. If you want a cup of tea or glass of water, get them too. Anything to reduce the risk of being distracted from praying.

**Where?** Find somewhere comfortable, with as few distractions as possible—but not too comfortable if you want to avoid falling asleep!)

**What?** **Light your candle**, and be still for a moment.

**Praise:** Read a psalm that helps you praise God for who he is.

**Give Thanks:** Spend time thanking God—for anything and everything. Remind yourself of all that is good.

**Pray for:**

**The Diocesan vision Prayer.** Pray it phrase by phrase; think about what we're asking for in this prayer.

**For Bishop Pete, Canon Sophie, Archdeacons**, all the senior staff, all those who work at Church House, all the clergy. Ask God to protect them, give them wisdom, help them in their responsibilities, bless their families.

**For the 5 people** you have chosen to pray for over these ten days.

**For all those with responsibilities** in dealing with this pandemic—from the government down—pray for wisdom, integrity, protection, encouragement.

**Pray for your community:**

**For different streets by name**, and pray for each street in turn—a few each day. Pray that our communities will discover God's love, forgiveness and salvation.

**For those who live there**—families, those living alone, or worried about money, or staying safe, or about their jobs.

**The businesses**—for employers worried about keeping going, pray for peace, and the help they need.

**The schools.** Teachers are still working, and worrying and caring for children. Pray for wisdom about the schools going back on June 1st.

**Those who are ill.** For peace, for the help they need. For comfort, especially are frightened; for healing.

**The nursing homes**—for the staff as they try to stay safe and keep their residents safe, and as they worry about taking the virus home, or bringing it into work.

**The volunteers,** working across our communities, making sure people have food and medication, and other things they need. Pray that they will stay safe, and will have the resources they need to help others.

**Also pray for:**

**The Food Banks**—Askern, Woodlands, Bentley, town centre. Pray for the food to keep coming in, and for patience for the volunteers as they sort and distribute food. Pray that those who need the food get it when they need it.

**The NHS. Medical and nursing staff**—and cleaning staff, porters, administrators, for GPs— for the whole NHS. Pray for safety for those on the frontline. Pray for wisdom for all those supporting them. Pray that everyone who needs PPE will get it.

**For all keyworkers:** dustmen, postmen, water board, gas and electric companies, emergency services, food producers, lorry drivers, shop staff.

**Aid Agencies, Refugee Camps,** and the poorer countries as Covid-19 spreads. Pray for peace not conflict. Pray for courage and protection for those making decisions and caring for the sick. Pray for healing, and for the virus to stop spreading.

**For yourself**

Spend time telling God how you're feeling, If today is a good day, be thankful. If it is a day of worry, anxiety, fear, sadness, or loneliness, tell Him about it. Ask for His peace; ask for comfort, ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Ask Him what he wants to say to you today.

**Pray the Lord's Prayer**

**End by giving thanks.** Thank God that He hears our prayers. Thank Him for answered prayer, for lives changed, for comfort and peace where it's needed.

# Thy Kingdom Come - for Children and Families.

Thy Kingdom Come isn't just for the adults!

There are resources for children too.

(<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map> )

Thy Kingdom Come gives us an exciting opportunity to join with others across the world in prayer and to ask God to be at work in the lives of people who don't yet know Him. This year there are brand new digital activities designed to engage children easily accessed through a smartphone.

## Prayer Map and App

There's an interactive prayer map, with an app—hopefully we'll have printed one for everybody who wants one.

**The Family Prayer Adventure podcasts** are a fun and engaging way to help families pray together.



Each day, the podcast follows that day's theme of Thy Kingdom Come, and they are about 10-12 minutes long. They feature a game, an interactive Bible story (written and performed by folks like Bob Hartman), a chance to pray and great music. Do share them with families and other mixed-age groups, and use them alongside the Prayer Adventure Map and Journal.

Have a look and see what you'd like to do



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