



# THY KINGDOM COME

**Join the global wave of prayer from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby**

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer...*

*When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 1,2*

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

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 Spirit that we would be effective in our witness***

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, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three and a half years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of **5 friends** who have not responded to God's call.

Within our benefice we are putting together services to help you pray for your 5 people and for yourselves and your communities.

Due to the current lockdown they will be online and I will be sending out a link in order for you to join in. Margaret S.T. also has copies of the booklet – please let her know if you would like one. If you are unable to join in online – please do think of 5 people (during this period and of course longer if you wish) to pray for.

Resources to help you – "Thy Kingdom Come booklet and app are available online to download or use your normal pattern of morning and evening prayer and have a time to concentrate on your chosen 5 people.

**May there be a fresh outpouring of the spirit in this nation.**

**Rev Lynn**