

Creative Prayer Ecumenical Workshop

Wednesday 15th February 9.30am - 4.30pm.
Wessex Learning Centre, Winchester Cathedral.

9.30am: Opening Prayer – Dean Catherine (Dean, Winchester Cathedral)

9.35-45: Welcome & Introduction to TKC Prayer - Bishop David & Mark Collinson
(Bishop of Basingstoke; Canon Principal, Winchester Diocese)

9.45: Novena Prayer & Prayer Stations - Christopher Simon-Evans

(Portsmouth Catholic Diocese, Spiritual Formation Team Leader) *Introducing the origin and historical tradition of Novenas (what they are and aren't); contemporary use of Novenas and Stations (recent example of stations used for end of Year of Mercy); example of a Novena; thinking differently and creatively about using Novenas; brief discussion and comments.*

10.15: Exploring Prayer in our Older Years - Erica Roberts

(Southampton City Chaplain for Older People) *Reflecting on how our own prayer life has changed over the years will provide the backdrop for exploring prayer in later life. Listening to the voice of those who are older will inform some practical suggestions for helping us to not only resource prayer in our older years but to also understand how to draw on the deep well of prophetic and pastoral prayer that emerges from this community,*

10.45: Creative Prayer - Gill Sakakini (Basingstoke Deanery, Artist and Retreat Leader)

*Introducing activities that help engage the whole congregation and visitors in prayer across all ages/abilities. Both are participatory: The **Wall of Prayer** encourages people to draw aside to the "secret place" of prayer, and yet be part of building up a corporate image which speaks of praying in community. Making a prayer **Breviary** enables participants to enter the rhythms of daily fixed-hour prayer as an experiment in praying from the psalms during the nine days. During the workshop session we will attempt the second activity and during the day there will be opportunities to join in the first. Plus mention of Basingstoke Novena's 'Illuminating the Word'.*

11.20 -11.40am - coffee

11.40: Global Partners in Prayer – Brian Wakelin (World Mission Group, Winchester Diocese)

An overview of deanery and diocese global partnerships currently in place, and some thoughts on how to creatively link in prayer across cultures and across the world together during the TKC ecumenical global novena as church/community/school partners. Particularly considering how any existing partnerships might connect.

11.50: Prayer & Children, Families, Young People - Sarah Long, Andy Saunders & Sheila Hopkins

(Youth, Children & Families Advisors, Winchester Diocese & Milford-on-Sea Primary)
Does Creative prayer work with children and even young people? We say yes! Looking at some really practical ways for you to factor children, families and young people into your creative prayer plans for the TKC Novena, with ideas for you to use in church, in your community and in your local schools.

12.30: Contemplative Prayer & Getting Outside - Brian Draper (Writer, Speaker, Retreat Leader)

We've two challenges when it comes to connecting soulfully & contemplatively through prayer: the first is to make the space in a busy schedule, and the second is to enter that space meaningfully - without the stillness messing with our heads! I'll ask how we can connect with the space around us (especially the outdoors) creatively and purposefully, simply and sustainably, so that we become present to God even as we stay present to what's in front of us.

1.15 – 1.50pm - lunch

1.50: Thy Kingdom Come 2017: Winchester Diocese overview – Mark Collinson, David Grant, Emma Miles, & Danny Stupple (Canon Principal; Leader Life Church Hook & *Who Cares*; Prayer Leader Buckskin Church & *Who Cares*; Chair CTIE Eastleigh & *Hope Eastleigh*). *Summary of the four parts of TKC Winchester Diocese together with a vision of where it is leading: 1. TKC Novena of Prayer, 2. Tents on the Green, 3. Pentecost Beacon Event Cathedral, 4. Period of Mission Action. David Grant & Emma Miles introducing Who Cares and prayer together in TKC (eg Basingstoke); Danny Stupple introduce Hope Eastleigh and TKC prayer (eg Eastleigh)*

2.00: Hands-on Prayer - Sally Dakin (Spirituality Advisor, Winchester Diocese)
Offering a snapshot of spiritual styles and some very practical suggestions. Plus a brief overview of Tents on the Green and Diocese Rule of Life.

2.25: 24/7 Prayer and Community Prayer – Brian Heasley, Pete Hay & Andy Wright
(Director 24/7 Prayer GB, and Prayer Leaders, Basingstoke Community Churches)
Providing an overview of the vision for 24/7 prayer and encourage everyone that it is easier than you might think to see it happen in your church. It will equip you with ideas and access to resources that will help motivate and encourage continuous prayer in your church, in homes and in the community. Plus Brian's overview of the Beacon Cathedral events nationally and 24/7 prayer's TKC resources, and Pete on Basingstoke Novena's community prayer requests for TKC.

3.15: Centering Prayer - Jenny Ellis
(Methodist Minister former Co-ordinator Evangelism, Spirituality & Discipleship)
Introducing Centering Prayer, a method of silent prayer to practise intentionally lowering our resistance to consciously experiencing God's presence with us here and now. A presence within us, outwardly sustaining us, loving us into the present moment and deeply connecting us to the whole of creation. A presence closer than our breathing, ideas, and the reactive emotional chatter inside our heads. It is a transformative practice whose lasting effects are felt in everyday life.

3.50pm: quick tea

3.55: Multi-sensory Prayer - Sue Wallace (Canon Precentor, Winchester Cathedral)
I'll be bringing lots of props (eg feathers, a gift box, a map, some tinfoil a hat, an alabaster jar etc) and see what people make of them to show the process and also the variety of things that can be done. Final part I'll show lots of images of things we have done in the past and what they looked like. Plus Katie Lawrence on TKC Cathedral Prayer Pilgrimage.

4.25 - 4.30: Comments, Questions & Closing Prayer – chaired by Mark Collinson.

4.30 – 5pm: Thy Kingdom Come Extra..... all are welcome to linger with a cup of tea for smaller group discussion of your plans/ideas for TKC 2017 – particularly for anybody potentially encouraging TKC prayer in their churches, deanery areas, school, care home or other communities.

Our Shared Winchester Diocese TKC Ecumenical Novena Website

www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk

Please email your plans, ideas, resources, photos, comments, prayers etc along the way (and from last year), to be shared via this website with others - mutually encouraging across denominations, across parishes, deaneries and diocese, and with global partners across the world. Please email contributions to upload to: sarah@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk Thank you