**Thy Kingdom Come**

**Alresford Deanery and**

**Churches Together in Alresford**

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Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray during the Thy Kingdom Come Novena of prayer for 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ and for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

* people will commit to pray with God’s world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
* churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;
* people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

‘I cannot remember in my life anything that I’ve been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit.’ (Archbishop Justin Welby)

**We are all invited to take part in the 9 days of prayer from 25th May to 2nd June 2017 plus the weekend leading up to Pentecost on Sunday June 4th.**

There will be a variety of events to take part in and share from corporate to individual prayer opportunities.

**Ideas are on the Alresford Deanery webpage of**

**Winchester Diocese’s TKC Novena website -**[**www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk**](http://www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk)

We have all been asked by Archbishop Justin to **Pledge2Pray** for the world and when you click on the global website above you can see lights on a world map of where everyone ecumenically is taking part and praying.

In Winchester during the Pentecost weekend there will be a festival of Tents on the Green, with 48 hours of worship music, involving a worship vigil through the Friday & Saturday nights inside the Cathedral. There will be a youth tent, and a families tent for those with children – along with the Bouncy Cathedral and extra activities on the Saturday after Bouncy Cathedral.

The ‘*wave of prayer*’ will culminate with celebration events around the country on the evening of Pentecost Sunday, 4th June and Winchester Cathedral will be hosting a Beacon Event to celebrate the end of this period of prayer.

This event will be an opportunity to gather together with others at all stages of life and faith to worship Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and pray that others will come to know Him. Bishop David Williams and Carla Harding (24-7 Prayer) will be hosting the event with worship led by Neil Bennetts and band and Archbishop Justin as guest speaker.

This is an amazing event and suitable for all ages.

To book free tickets at the Beacon Event at Winchester Cathedral – inside and outside – go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-beacon-event-winchester-tickets-33109353969>

Tickets went incredibly quickly last year so book early.

Inside tickets are standing only.

Outside you can take chairs/rugs.

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| **Date / Time** | | **Event** | **Church** | |
| **Mon May 8th**  11.30am | | Prayer Walk followed by lunch | AVINGTON, St Mary | |
| **Mon May 15th**  11.30am | | Prayer Walk followed by lunch | EASTON, St Mary | |
| **Sat May 20th**  4.00 – 6.00pm | | Messy Church | NEW ALRESFORD,  St John the Baptist | |
| **Mon May 22nd** 11.30am | | Prayer Walk followed by lunch | MARTYR WORTHY,  St Swithun | |
| **Thurs May 25th**  12 noon | | Ascension Day service | EASTON, St Mary | |
| Thurs May 25th 9.00 – 9.30am | | Prayer session | WIELD, St James | |
| Thurs May 25th  7.00 - 7.30pm | | Prayer session | CLIDDESDEN,  St Leonard | |
| Thurs May 25th  7.30pm | | Ascension Day Service | BISHOP'S SUTTON, St Nicholas | |
| **Fri May 26th**  9.00 - 9.30am | | Prayer session | PRESTON CANDOVER  St Mary the Virgin | |
| **Sat May 27th**  8.30 - 9.30am | | Prayer session | DUMMER, All Saints | |
| Sat May 27th  6.00 – 6.45pm | | Part of Holy Communion | CLIDDESDEN,  St Leonard | |
| **Sun May 28th**  9.30am | | Service | BROWN CANDOVER, St Peter | |
| **Date / Time** | | **Event** | **Church** | |
| **Sun May 28th**  9.30am | | Service | NEW ALRESFORD, St John the Baptist | |
| Sun May 28th  9.45am | | Service | DUMMER, All Saints | |
| Sun May 28th  10.00am | | Service | OVINGTON, St Peter | |
| Sun May 28th  11.00am | | Service | PRESTON CANDOVER  St Mary the Virgin | |
| Sun May 28th  11.00am | | Service | OLD ALRESFORD, St Mary | |
| Sun May 28th  11.00am | | Service | BIGHTON, All Saints | |
| Sun May 28th  11.15am | | Service | ELLISFIELD,  St Martin | |
| Sun May 28th  4.30 – 6.30pm | | Part of the prayers during Messy Church | CLIDDESDEN,  Village Hall | |
| **Mon May 29th**  9.00am | | Morning Prayer | TICHBORNE,  St Andrew | |
| Mon May 29th  6.00pm | | Evening Prayer | TICHBORNE,  St Andrew | |
| Mon May 29th  6.00 – 6.30pm | | Prayer session | BRADLEY,  All Saints | |
| **Tues May 30th**  9.00am | | Morning Prayer | BEAUWORTH, St James | |
| **Date / Time** | | **Event** | | **Church** |
| **Tues May 30th**  10.00am | | Recitation of the Rosary | | NEW ALRESFORD,  St Gregory’s Catholic Church |
| Tues May 30th  11.30am | | Prayer Walk followed by lunch | | ITCHEN ABBAS,  St John the Baptist |
| Tues May 30th  12.30 – 1.00pm | | Prayer session | | BROWN CANDOVER,  St Peter |
| Tues May 30th  6.00pm | | Evening Prayer | | BEAUWORTH,  St James |
| Tues May 30th  7.00pm | | Prayer session | | NEW ALRESFORD,  St John the Baptist |
| Tues May 30th  7.45 – 8.30pm | | Prayer session | | ELLISFIELD,  St Martin |
| **Wed May 31st**  9.00am | | Morning Prayer | | CHERITON, |
| Wed May 31st  12.30 – 1.00pm | | Prayer session | | CLIDDESDEN,  Village Hall |
| Wed May 31st  6.00pm | | Evening Prayer | | CHERITON, |
| Wed May 31st  7.00 – 8.00pm | | Bible Study Group | | ELLISFIELD,  Rectory |
| **Thurs June 1st**  9.00am | | Morning Prayer | | KILMESTON,  St Andrew |
| Thurs June 1st  9.00 – 9.30am | | Prayer session | | DUMMER, All Saints |
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| **Thur June 1st**  12.30–1.00pm | Prayer session | | | WIELD, St James |
| Thurs June 1st  6.00pm | Evening Prayer | | | KILMESTON,  St Andrew |
| **Fri June 2nd**  9.00am | Morning Prayer | | | HINTON AMPNER, All Saints |
| Fri June 2nd  12.30–1.00pm | Prayer session | | | BRADLEY,  All Saints |
| Fri June 2nd  3.00pm | Novena Meditation of the Stations of the Cross | | | NEW ALRESFORD,  St Gregory’s Catholic Church |
| Fri June 2nd  6.00pm | Evening Prayer | | | HINTON AMPNER, All Saints |
| **Sat June 3rd**  8.30 – 9.00am | Prayer session | | | PRESTON CANDOVER  St Mary the Virgin |
| Sat June 3rd  9.00am | Morning Prayer | | | BRAMDEAN,  St Simon & St Jude |
| Sat June 3rd  4.00 – 4.45pm | Prayer session | | | FARLEIGH WALLOP, St Andrew |
| Sat June 3rd  4.00 - 6.00pm | Pop-In Prayer – Activities with cakes | | | NEW ALRESFORD, Methodist Church |
| Sat June 3rd  6.00pm | Evening Prayer | | | BRAMDEAN,  St Simon & St Jude |
| **Date / Time** | **Event** | | | **Church** |
| **JUNE 4th PENTECOST SUNDAY** | | | | |
| **Sun June 4th**  8.00am | Service | | | ELLISFIELD,  St Martin |
| Sun June 4th  8.30am | Service | | | BRADLEY,  All Saints |
| Sun June 4th  9.30am | Service | | | OLD ALRESFORD, St Mary |
| Sun June 4th  9.30am | Service | | | PRESTON CANDOVER  St Mary the Virgin |
| Sun June 4th  9.30am | Service | | | NEW ALRESFORD,  St John the Baptist |
| Sun June 4th  9.45am | Service | | | CLIDDESDEN,  St Leonard |
| Sun June 4th  10.00am | Service | | | OVINGTON,  St Peter |
| Sun June 4th  11.00am | Service | | | NORTHINGTON,  N’ton Village Hall |
| Sun June 4th  11.00am | Service | | | BIGHTON,  All Saints |
| Sun June 4th  11.15am | Service | | | DUMMER,  All Saints |
| Sun June 4th | CTIA Lunch | | | St John’s Alresford |
| **BEACON EVENT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL**  **7.00 – 8.30pm** | | | | |

During the 8 days following Ascension Day, the following churches will be having Prayer Walks. Details and sign up in their church or village hall.

WEST TISTED, St Mary Magdalene

ROPLEY, Village Hall

BISHOP'S SUTTON, St Nicholas

There will be Prayer Stations set up in NEW ALRESFORD,

St John the Baptist Church for the 9 days of Novena based on The Lord’s Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come.

OLD ALRESFORD, St Mary Church will have a Prayer Tree set up in church from Sunday may 28th to Sunday June 4th for prayer requests to be hung on.

There are activities for all ages – do drop and spend some time walking round the different Prayer Stations.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit any of the churches listed above so that we can create a ‘*wave of prayer’* for the world.

If you’re on [social media](http://www.winchester.anglican.org/resources/communications-resources/enewsandnewsletter/thy-kingdom-come-2017-social-media/" \t "_self), you can find out more about Thy Kingdom Come on the Diocesan [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CofEWinchester) stream or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CofEWinchester/) page (both called @CofEWinchester). Please help to spread the word, and find out how other people are joining in, using the hashtags #thykingdomcome and #pledge2pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit***

***Our Father in Heaven***

Forget the problems which are concerning you at the moment.

Relax with God - as His child. Talk to Him freely and naturally about things He has done for you recently, and thank Him for them.

***Hallowed be Your Name***

Choose a hymn, psalm, or worship song, and read or sing it.

Ask God to bring to your mind one of His names:

God is Omnipresent (Infinite); God is our Healer; God is our Peace; God is our Righteousness; God is our Sanctifier (Purify); God is our Shepherd God is Lord of the armies of heaven; God is our Banner; God is our Provider. God is most high.

*Pause* to allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of people, countries or circumstances into which He would like you to pray using one of the above names (God is our…)

***Your Kingdom come***

Ask God to bring about His kingdom in: (choose from the following)

*Yourself:* Your personal situation

*Home:* You and your family

*Church:* Priest. Leaders, members

*Involvement:* School, college. job. club, neighbourhood

*Special:* Friends needing help, a particular meeting, etc.

*Local and National:* Political and spiritual leaders

*World:* A particular country, or a catastrophe

***Your will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven***

Take time to reflect on and pray about the overall direction of your life.

Pinpoint and pray through various issues in which you are seeking God's will to be done.

Pray that God will reveal any areas where you are resisting His will. Act on what He says.

Commit these areas to Him and do as He asks vou.

***Give us today our daily bread***

Put aside any false beliefs i.e. God does not want to give you good things and that you are unworthy.

Ask Him to provide for:

your physical needs (food health, warmth, strength, sufficient finance)

your emotional needs (peace of mind, joy, security in God's love),

and your spiritual needs (your relationship with God, greater sensitivity to the Spirit)

***Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin***

***against us***

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you anything about you which may have offended the Father. Ask God to forgive you. *and receive that forgiveness.*

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if you are holding anything against anyone. Forgive anyone who comes to mind If necessary, put right by action the wrong you have committed - today.

***Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil***

Pray for guidance to resist from the temptation to conform to unhealthy worldly standards, and to be side-tracked into unhelpful actions or discussions.

Put on the whole armour of God:

The belt of truth: the breastplate of righteousness: the sandals of the readiness of the gospel of peace: the shield of faith: the helmet of salvation: the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Pray always in the Spirit. *Eph 6:10-18*

Pray for protection for yourself, your family, your home.

***For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are yours now and for ever. AMEN***

Remind yourself that God reigns over everything. Live each day with boldness and expectancy - you are the son or daughter of the King!