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Dear Friends,

I hope that you are enjoying our virtual services. I am writing to you now because I need your help in producing our service for next Sunday, which will be on the theme of 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global prayer initiative which runs from Ascension Day (21st May) to Pentecost (31st May).

Firstly, we would like as many people as possible to do a video of themselves saying the Lord's Prayer, ideally made using an iphone/smartphone, although Zoom will also work. These videos will be incorporated into the service this Sunday, or if we receive numerous videos (which would be great!) will be used for future Sundays. When making your video, please speak slowly and clearly and ensure that there is a slight pause at the end of each line. Please send your video to me by **close of play on Friday 22nd May**. We will use the following version of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Secondly, a special Hymn has been written for this event which is set to the well-known and popular tune 'Woodlands', usually sung to 'Tell Out My Soul' amongst others. Obviously we are unable to meet together to sing in our respective churches in the usual way. However, that doesn't mean that we cannot all raise our voices in song individually and by the magic of modern technology, these can be combined to produce the sound of a virtual congregation singing.

I am therefore asking as many of you as possible to participate in this project by singing this hymn along to a backing track (with singers already on to give you a lead) and recording yourself and sending it to me by **close of play on Friday 22nd May**. To do the recording you will need some headphones, a device upon which to play the backing track and a device to record your singing (either video or audio).

I must stress that this project is not about the quality of singing. It is about joining and working together, as a church, to be part of our virtual Sunday worship. You may feel self-conscious singing alone to a backing track, but the final version will be edited into a much larger group of singers, so no-one will stand out. The words to the Hymn are below and [HERE](#) on the KnaresboroughAnglicans website and the backing track is [HERE](#). **

To recap, the process is:

1. Download the backing track and words.
2. Listen to the track and familiarise yourself with the tune and the words.
3. Set up your equipment so that you can listen to the track on headphones on one device, whilst recording your singing (audio or video) on another device.
4. Make the recording. You can have a few goes at it if you would like, but don't forget, this isn't about quality. Just sing heartily as you normally would on a Sunday morning in church and enjoy it.
5. Send the recording to me by Friday evening at the latest, via email at: mark.hunter83@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope to hear from you soon. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Take care, stay safe.

Best wishes.

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** <http://www.knaresboroughanglicans.org.uk/worship-teaching/thy-kingdom-come.php>

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come – Lord teach us how to pray
For all to know your joy, your peace and love
And know your friendship each and every day
The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove

Thy Kingdom Come – Christ's prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: 'thy will be done'

Thy Kingdom Come – we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise

Thy Kingdom Come – transform our human ways
Our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care
Nations renewed, in giving thanks and praise
To see God's Kingdom come: this is our prayer

Thy Kingdom Come – we praise your Holy name
Your sacrifice and rising sets us free
That by our words and lives we may proclaim
By Jesus' risen life, God's victory!