

### Thy Kingdom Come

Jesus taught us to pray for God’s Kingdom to Come and His will to be done; and Thy Kingdom Come is a season where the Church globally presses into this call to prayer. Across Coventry and Warwickshire, churches have been encouraged to take up this call in one of four ways;

- + *With a Prayer Space,*
- + *With a Prayer Walk,*
- + *With a Worship Gathering*
- + *With a Prayer Trail.*

Below you will find descriptions of each event along with links to some resources.

**A Prayer Space** could be a dedicated room in your building, some Prayer Stations throughout your Worship space, or (if you can find it) a suitable space in the community. If you have a good relationship with a local school, you may be able to arrange a prayer space there. There are some useful resources on Prayer Spaces here: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/how-to-pray/help-us/>; <https://prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces/planning-your-prayer-space/>

**A Prayer Walk** is a great thing to do with others in your community. All that’s needed is to pick a start point and an end point, then plan a route that takes in some places that are significant or important to local life. If you are doing this in collaboration with another local Church, you may want to use your building and there’s as the start and end points. You will find an introduction to Prayer Walking here: [https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer\\_guide/prayer-walking/](https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer_guide/prayer-walking/) **24-7**

Prayer have also created a [document explaining the W.A.L.K method](#)

**A Worship Event** is an opportunity to gather together in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Whatever style of music you prefer, whether you use fairy lights or candles – create an atmosphere where the people of God can come and meet with Him.

**A Prayer Trail** Inspired by the **11-Day Prayer Journal** that has been produced for Thy Kingdom Come this year, the Diocese has created **11 reflective prayer sheets** that you can use either individually, or as part of a trail. Other than sheet one (Ascension) and sheet eleven (Pentecost) the order the other sheets are read in shouldn’t matter. The sheets have been made with crop marks so that you can trim them and laminate them if you want to display them outdoors (top tip, if you are hole punching a laminated sheet, try to put the hole in just the plastic, and avoid the paper – they will stay water resistant for longer that way!).

[TKC2023 Prayer Trail Coventry Diocese.pdf - Google Drive](#)

### The Coronation of King Charles III

From the Church of England website ... **“The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are and look to our future. At its centre is a Christian service in which His Majesty will be anointed as King. It will be rooted in longstanding tradition and Christian symbolism. We offer our prayers for King Charles III and the Royal Family for this important occasion. We hope that this might be a moment for the nation and many around the world to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, the servant King, and hear His call to each of us to serve others. The Coronation weekend presents a unique missional opportunity for the Church to reach out, gather together with those we know, and establish new links and relationships. There are many ways for churches and Christians to be involved, from church services, to volunteering initiatives and community events. A wide range of resources have been created to help people pray, create, encounter, and mark the event in their own setting. As we prepare for The King’s Coronation, may we seek to serve others, connect with our neighbours, and give thanks to God for the wonderful unity we find in the great diversity of our nation.”**

[The Coronation of King Charles III | The Church of England](#)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Bank Holiday 1 <b>Rugby Deanery</b> AD – Steve Gold	2 Harris CofE Academy H – Roberta Harrison	3 Draycote & Leam C – Phil Price	4 Leamington Hastings Ac H – Suzanne Marson	5 <b>Thy Kingdom Come</b>	CORONATION 6 Rugby East C – Philip Morton
<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, EASTER 7</b> St Matthew Bloxham Academy PS H – Anita Timson	Bank Holiday 8 <b>Dunchurch &amp; Thurlaston</b> c – Pat Townshend Clergy Wellbeing Group	9 Dunchurch Schools Boughton Junior & Infant E – Joss Andrews Co-heads, Danielle Read, Tracy Miller	10 <b>Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, Newton &amp; Brownsover</b> C – Peter Bone	11 Clifton-u-Dunsmore PS H – Lisa Bernard	12 <b>Thy Kingdom Come</b>	13 Hillmorton C – Steve Gold
<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, EASTER 14</b> St Gabriel’s Academy, Hillmorton H – Andrew Taylor	15 Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton-on-Dunsmore C – interregnum	16 Provost Williams Primary EH – Leah Baddeley H Sherrise Lampe Cullen	17 <b>Bilton</b> C – Tim Cockell	<b>ASCENSION DAY 18</b> Bishop’s Core Staff - Bilton Junior School E - Ed Newton H - K Webb	19 <b>Thy Kingdom Come</b>	20 St Andrew’s, Rugby c- Edmund Newey
<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, EASTER 21</b> St Andrew’s Benn PS H – Abi Huggins	Bishop’s Council 22 <b>Wolston, Church Lawford C - interregnum</b>	23 Wolston St Margaret PS H – Michelle Clemons	24 <b>Rugby West</b> C – Alan Hulme	25 St Oswald’s Prim Academy E – Michelle Cuskelly H – Jayne Geran	26 <b>Thy Kingdom Come</b>	27 The Revel Group C – Martin Faulkner
<b>PENTECOST 28</b> The Revel Primary H - Mr A Edwards; HMP Ryehill Ch Rosemary Lowden	Bank Holiday 29 <b>Newbold-on-Avon with Long Lawford</b> C – Paul Wilkinson	30 Knightlow Primary H – Jill Vavasour Cathedral Chapter	31 Alive 23 Launch of Rugby Mission Hub (4 June)			AD area dean; C clergy; Ch chaplain; Ac Academy H headteacher; E - Exec

# PRAYER DIARY

### Prayer for King Charles III

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Coming up – the Themes for the next 3 months are, Growing Leaders (June), Healthy Communities (July) and New Worshipping Communities (August).** Do consider sending me your prayer suggestions, and any other jottings.

### BEING HEALTHY CHURCH

The ‘pond’ has a vital part to play in the wild garden. It attracts specific plants and creatures like damson flies and dragonflies. **Think of the praying communities through Thy Kingdom Come as a network of ponds, providing an attractive resource for the communities we serve.**

## SPECIFIC DAYS IN MAY 2023

### 1 – Rugby Deanery

2 - Harris Academy (secondary) – chaplain, Helen Bryant

3 - Draycote and Leam Benefice C – Barbara Clutton R – Karen Hatch

5 – Thy Kingdom Come – *pray today for those you would love to come to faith*

6 - The Coronation of King Charles III. Gracious God, in company with our King, we rededicate ourselves to your service. Take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you and your kingdom; that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6 - Rugby East – R- Carol Davies (PTO), John Martin-Jones,

8 –St Peter’s, Dunchurch with St Edmund’s Thurlaston - Give thanks for increasing numbers attending and the many baptisms we have had this year. We pray for the year ahead so we may move forward in increasing commitment.

10 – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, Newton & Brownover – C – Ian Sweeney R Catherine Hammond (PTO),

12- Thy Kingdom Come – *pray for your own church’s outreach efforts*

13 – Hillmorton C – Ann-Marie Marsh R – Helen Merrigan

15 – Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton-on-Dunsmore [In interregnum] C – Penny Hughes R – Rosemary King (PTO) David Wintle retired on 30 April – for David and the churches.

17 – Bilton C- Glenn Lowde

18 – Ascension Day

19 - Thy Kingdom Come – *read Acts 2.17-21; pray for the Holy Spirit to come afresh*

20 – St Andrew’s, Rugby C – Sharon Crofts R – Sue Goddard (PTO), Sue Minton (PTO), Gwyneth Hickman We give thanks for those recently baptised and confirmed and look forward to the appointment of The Revd Alison Baxter as Mission Hub Associate Minister on 30<sup>th</sup> April and the launch of the Rugby Mission Hub on Trinity Sunday.

21 – Rugby Town Centre – prayer walk starting from St Andrew’s Rugby at 6pm

22 – Wolston & Church Lawford [In interregnum] –C Paul Simmonds (Associate Minister) R David Gadsby (PTO), Helen Simmonds, Jayne Hayward. Church: continuing to grow during the interregnum is the main thing - and writing two irresistible parish profiles. For wisdom for PCCs and Church Wardens in both

parishes. School: We have replaced Jayne Flanagan as school Chaplain with several people with differing gifts who form a Chaplaincy team. Prayer for School / Church joint projects would be good.

24 – The Revel Group of Churches, Brinklow, Churchover, Harborough Magna, Monks Kirby, Pailton and Willey. - C Rosemary Lowden Rev Peter Beresford and Rev Liz Cowley (PTO). We thank God for the 6 churches in the Revel and for all the church officers and volunteers; especially our Lay Ministers, who keep these small churches as beacons of faith in the rural area stretching from Rugby to Coventry. We ask for prayers for our Messy Gazebo Project and for our Cafe Churches in Brinklow and Harborough Magna.

26 – Thy Kingdom Come – *give thanks for every aspect of prayer during Thy Kingdom Come*

27 - Rugby West C – Jane Hulme, Gordon Banks (PTO), Margaret Simmons (PTO) R – Mervyn Hill, David Long, Mairi Mowbray. Thanks for a fruitful Alpha Course and that all ages and parts of the church have engaged with a Lent project raising funds for an orphanage in Mozambique. Please pray for those who have recently been trained in how to create New Worshipping Communities, that the Holy Spirit would give them creativity and courage.

28 - Pentecost

29 - Newbold-on-Avon with Long Lawford C – Diane Bussey R - Jonathan Broom

C = Clergy R = Reader H = Headteacher

2023 from the website ... Through prayer and discernment, as **Thy Kingdom Come** goes into its 8th year, we are introducing several significant changes, to bring new life and in response to the current context we live in. The need across the world for the transforming power and mercy of God is more stark than ever. How can we partner with God, in prayer and mission, to see more people encounter the love of Christ this year? Firstly, we have introduced new daily themes for our resources. These themes focus on the character of God - 'Our Father in Heaven' - the One to whom we are petitioning and inviting people to know, to love and to serve. Secondly, this year we're introducing a new sub-theme 'Living the Kingdom'. Whilst Thy Kingdom Come will always have its focus as a call to prayer for evangelisation we want to invite participants to go one step further. Mission always comes from the place of prayer, so how can we in this time go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need? This is about living the Kingdom - individually and corporately - in our context. Finally, returning to the early days of TKC, we are sensing a call for Christians to gather together (in-person where possible) and collaborate ecumenically locally, regionally and nationally - being a truly united witness to the world.

**Alive 2023 is coming up on 15 & 16 June – please continue to pray ...**

[ALIVE 2023 - Coventry Diocese Board of Education \(coventrydbe.org\)](https://www.coventrydiocese.org.uk/alive2023)

[https://youtu.be/Q2B4lofl\\_WE](https://youtu.be/Q2B4lofl_WE)

## PRAYER JOTTINGS – MAY 2023

“It is not with a show of majestic judgement that Jesus revealed the Kingship of God. Rather it was with servant-hearted tenderness toward us, his wayward subjects. His sacrificial love brought the ultimate victory of the Kingdom over our enemies of sin, death and hell.... In almost every expression of earthly kingdom, the monarch benefits most from its existence. With the Kingdom of heaven, however, the Kingdom is for the subjects.” Mike Breen, *Covenant and Kingdom*

**Thy Kingdom Come** is all about praying for people to come to know the amazing, life-transforming love of Jesus. We encourage everyone to choose 5 people they know, and pray for them throughout the 11 days and beyond! There are so many ways you can pray for your 5. You can use a [band](#) and tie 5 knots, each one representing one of your 5. Or maybe each time you drink a [cup](#) of tea or coffee, you could remember to pray? [Here's a lovely example](#). You could write their names on your bathroom mirror, or in this [little card](#), to help remind you to pray throughout the day. Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking. Why not watch [this video](#) from The Rt Revd Dr John Sentamu as he encourages us to pray for 5.

From Tyler Staton's *'Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools – an invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer'* (Hodder & Stoughton, 2022) Chapter 8 Labouring in Prayer (Praying for the Lost) on pages 145 onwards Staton recounts how the travelling preacher D.L. Moody's 'entire evangelistic strategy was prayer .... He famously carried a list on 100 names in his pocket every day of his adult life – one hundred friends who had no relationship with Jesus.' His labour of love was secret, hidden prayer on their behalf.... When he died 96 of the names on that list had become answered prayers .... But it gets better. 'At Moody's funeral, the 4 remaining people were in attendance. Those four friends were, independently, so moved by the memorial service that they all came to faith – at his funeral.' He is realistic to say that this is a remarkable 'act to follow, so he urges us to see life from God's perspective, jotting down names (remember TKC suggest five people), carrying reminders with you to pray for them daily, and 'asking for new life to be the result of this laboring prayer'. **Make your prayer specific and regular.**

Resources - [Thy Kingdom Come 2023](#) | [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

Global - [Thy Kingdom Come](#) | [Thy Kingdom Come](#) [Global]

[23 Ideas for 2023](#) | [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

- From Eleanor Jeans at St Paul's Church, Leamington, for Thy Kingdom Come: *"We are celebrating the 150th anniversary of our foundation stone being laid on Ascension Day itself (next year on Ascension Day we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first service!). So we are having an evening of prayer and praise (which we call 'The Source') on Ascension Day followed by 24 hours of prayer. We are also having a church fun day on the Saturday afternoon at St Paul's School and then on the Sunday we have between 25 and 30 people being baptised or renewing their baptism promises (with a gospel choir leading worship in the evening). All of this is called 'Firm Foundations'."*
- Edmund Newey, Rector of St Andrew's, Rugby says – *"Over the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost, we'll be hosting a series of activities as part of the ecumenical initiative, **Thy Kingdom Come: 1) A Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Station** in St Andrew's: a tabernacle prayer tent in which visitors are invited to imagine and share what the kingdom is like for them; 2) A **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Trail** around the town centre. This can be walked at any time, but we will be praying it publicly together at: 3) A **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Walk** around Rugby town centre, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, starting at St Andrew's on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm.**"*
- St Laurence's, Foleshill, are hosting a **Prayer Room in Riley Square**, with the enthusiastic support of the Methodist and Pentecostal Churches in the area. It will run for the duration, open each day for prayer with spaces and resources for people to explore. Interspersed with some gathered events, including a Youth focussed evening on Thursday 25 May. [The once iconic Coventry shopping precinct locals hope can still have a bright future - CoventryLive \(coventrytelegraph.net\)](#)
- Each month we focus on a different Deanery; this month it is **Rugby**. In June we will be praying for Kenilworth Deanery, in July Alcester, then for those being ordained across the Diocese in August. I look forward to receiving updates from area deans and clergy, and anyone else with specific prayer requests.

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