



THY KINGDOM COME

# 2019 Impact Report

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## Headlines

Thy Kingdom Come is a global, ecumenical prayer movement which takes place each year from Ascension to Pentecost. Christians are encouraged to pray for more people to come to faith during these 11 days of prayer.

From Bangladesh to Brazil, Australia to Austria and South Africa to the Solomon Islands, more than 2 million Christians, across 65 different denominations and traditions, in 90% of countries worldwide have participated.

In 2019 Thy Kingdom Come was endorsed by a range of high-profile leaders, including His Holiness Pope Francis. Her Majesty The Queen also commended Thy Kingdom Come in a speech!

This year our app was downloaded thousands of times in almost 100 countries worldwide – more than twice as many as in 2018.

In our annual feedback survey, we found that:

- 92% of those taking part were praying for friends and family members to come to know Jesus – with nearly two thirds (62%) of this group planning to follow up or talk to the people they were praying for;
- 70% of those who took part felt more encouraged to share their faith;
- 40% of respondents took part for the first time this year – which shows this is still very much a growing movement;
- 99% want to be involved again next year, the same figure as last year – demonstrating growth and value.

***“And to you my brothers and sisters, with my brother Justin Welby, we want to tell you that we walk alongside you in this prayer – Thy Kingdom Come.”***

-His Holiness, Pope Francis

(\*172 out of 195 countries.)

**From prayer stations to prayer walking, special joint services to 24-7 prayer, here's a snapshot of what happened this year across the UK and the world.**

**SOUTH-WEST:**

**Exeter**

600 people attended from all over Devon for their special Beacon event in the Cathedral. There was a range of activities, including prayer spaces hosted by street pastors. Anglo-Catholics, Methodists, Salvation Army, non-denominational churches and Church of England schools all took part. Worship was led by Sound of Wales.

Leading up to the event, churches in the region hosted a range of prayer activities including 'Say One for Me', an outdoor prayer initiative organised by churches in Sidmouth. According to one touching story, *"We had a prayer bench in the parish churchyard with cards and pens for people to write prayers. On the way into her wedding, a bride stopped, sat on the prayer bench and wrote a prayer."*



**Salisbury**

On Sunday 9th June, young people from churches across Wiltshire and Dorset gathered together at Bishop Wordsworth's School to worship and pray before joining a packed Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event at Salisbury Cathedral.



**Somerset**

A number of Churches Together/Christians Together groups organised Pray on the Hills gatherings around the country. In Somerset, Bath, Glastonbury, Minehead and Wellington, churches took part and held ecumenical events.

Alan Dixon of Churches Together in Somerset said: *"The idea was to identify a number of hills which would allow the group to pray for/ over/ bless their own community, and then be able to turn 180° and by looking over into a neighbouring county remind themselves they are part of something bigger and are as interconnected as the family of God."*

**Across England**

Individuals and churches from across the denominations, networks and churches have participated in Thy Kingdom Come since 2016.

A wide range of organisations encouraged their networks to join in prayer throughout Thy Kingdom Come, including Mothers' Union, the Evangelical Alliance, Christians Against Poverty, and the Christian Police Association, to name just a few! From sharing daily videos on social media to distributing

Prayer Journals, each organisation took part in their own distinct way. For example, On Ascension Day, the Armed Forces of Great Britain, gathered their chaplains to worship and pray together on Ascension Day. Each chaplain returned to their Garrison church with a candle to be lit during times of prayer during Thy Kingdom Come.

Across the UK, primary and secondary schools took part with some hosting a special day of activity to a whole week!

A special resource was also produced for children this year; 380,000 copies of the Family Prayer Adventure Map were distributed to Church of England & Methodist schools and other networks.

**LONDON:**

On Pentecost Sunday, Trafalgar Square was transformed into Trafalgar Prayer! Thousands took part in the day-long, family-focused celebrations with a prayer and worship service in the late afternoon. All the Presidents of Churches Together in England were present. The event was co-organised by the Diocese of London. Worship was led by Matt Redman and the Kingdom Choir who sang at last year's Royal Wedding.



His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London and a President of Churches Together in England said: *"Sunday was a genuinely joyful day in which the breadth of the Church across England came together to celebrate publicly and openly and to present a very positive and hopeful witness in London and to the world."*

**SOUTH-EAST:**

**Portsmouth**

The climax to the region's involvement in Thy Kingdom Come was a Big Prayer Picnic at the historic Portchester Castle. Thousands of Christians from all denominations



across south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight gathered together to share food, enjoy family activities, worship God and engage in creative prayer on Pentecost Sunday.

**Kent**

Over 400 events were registered by churches for the 11 days in the Diocese of Rochester alone. Someone has been appointed to a newly created role focused on organising and promoting Thy Kingdom Come activities and events within the Diocese.

**Eastbourne**

Christians across Eastbourne came together at the ecumenical Thy Kingdom Come prayer and worship service, held on 2nd June at the iconic bandstand. Every church in town was represented at the event, which was attended by over 1,500 people.



## WEST MIDLANDS:

### Lichfield and the surrounding areas

Lots of prayer events – big and small – took place across Staffordshire, Shropshire and the Black Country during Thy Kingdom Come. These included the second ‘St Chad’s Pilgrimage,’ in which almost 100 people walked the 19 miles from Repton (Derbyshire) to Lichfield Cathedral on Pentecost Saturday, 8th June.



The pilgrims included representatives from the Diocese of Lichfield, Methodist Church, URC, Baptist Association and the Roman Catholic church. Despite – or maybe because of – the incessant rain on the day, the camaraderie was excellent throughout.

Mgr Tim Menezes, Vicar General in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, said: *"The conversations between sometimes strangers of different Christian traditions, based on reasonable curiosity of how we do things differently, made for an engaging distraction from the steady rainfall throughout most of the walk! We walked and prayed and we were very happy to be part this developing tradition of local pilgrimage. It was moving to ask God's Blessing on places, people, on industry and on God's creation which is entrusted to our care and to future generations."*

Revd Rachel Parkinson, Chair of the Wolverhampton/Shrewsbury Methodist District, led a five-day pilgrimage through Shropshire immediately prior to Ascension Day.

### Hereford

Christians in Hereford prayed and celebrated together as part of Thy Kingdom Come last month. A 24/7 prayer room in the city was so successful (with over 175 people signing up to pray in the hour-long slots), that the Upper Room prayer room is to remain open for prayer for the city and the county. Nearly 200 people gathered from churches all over the city on Pentecost evening in St Peter's Church. To capitalise on this movement, a plan was made to meet daily between 7-8am in the prayer room with the specific mandate of praying for revival – ‘Hereford Revival Hour’, from 1st July.

### Worcester

Christians from across Worcestershire gathered at Worcester Arena on Pentecost to praise God and pray for more people to come to faith. 1,000 people took part in the service which included guest speaker, evangelist Canon J John and aeroplane prayers!

## EAST MIDLANDS:

### Nottingham

On 5th June, Christians from churches across Nottingham gathered in the Market Square to ‘Bow Down’ and pray for the City. The event attracted the attention of the local media with the headline: *This is why hundreds of people were praying in Nottingham's Old Market Square last night.* Attendance doubled from last year and churches from across the city took part. Other Vineyard churches across England and Wales host their own Bow Down, events this year.

The Nottingham City Prayer group also organised a night of prayer and worship at the Trent Vineyard Church on 7th June with people from hundreds of churches across the region. The event was attended by more than 1,000 people including nuns who told organisers they rarely leave the convent but made the journey for this special gathering.

*"It was a catalyst to bring many of the churches in our town and local area to worship and pray together. It helped build unity amongst us."*



## EAST OF ENGLAND:

### Norwich

Churches in Great Yarmouth and Gorleston ran prayer activities throughout the 11 days.

On Ascension Day, Thursday 30th May, there were three services held to mark the beginning of the 11 days of prayer. They were at Great Yarmouth Minster, where the Archdeacon of Norfolk gave the address, a Beacon event at Norwich Cathedral and another event at Kings Lynn Minster.

Churches from across Norfolk celebrated Pentecost with worship at the Cathedral on the Sunday. Afterwards they prayed outside for the city at 8:30pm.

*"Inspiring and encouraging to share with others. A great way to motivate the church into regular prayer activity."*

## NORTH EAST:

### Newcastle

In Newcastle, a number of things happened for Thy Kingdom Come including:

- A Beacon event took place at St Thomas the Martyr, The Haymarket, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- The city is also the hub for the Disability and Jesus Ordinary Office project that provides a simple daily office for everyone in clear print, in Makaton, on audio and video. People of all abilities from across the globe pray online together three times a day. Organiser David Lucas reported that 1,500 a day joined during Thy Kingdom Come.
- Members of Junction 42, a charity which works in prisons and communities across north east England and central Scotland supporting people throughout the journey of custody and rehabilitation, prayed alongside chaplaincy teams in several women's and men's prisons during Thy Kingdom Come.

*"The Disability and Jesus Ordinary Office enabled me to add this to my daily prayers in a way that was completely organic."*

## YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER:

### York

Churches across York attended a Pentecost Beacon celebration 9th June at York Minster. There were prayers, Bible readings and worship attracting 1,000 people from across the city of York. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu took part in this. Dean of York Dr Jonathan Frost was the main speaker.

*"Our Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event in York Minster was awe-inspiring and uplifting! I rejoice and give thanks that one of my five people I have been praying for to give their life to Jesus Christ has done so. Please Lord gather in the other four! Amen."*

-Archbishop Dr John Sentamu



## NORTH WEST:

### Blackburn

Lots of prayer events took place across the region during the 11 days. The BBC televised one event at St Cuthbert's in Preston. The 11 days started with an ecumenical launch service and concluded with a 'Beacon Service' on 9th June, Pentecost Sunday, at 7.30pm at Blackburn Cathedral.



### Chester

The 100 hours of continuous praise and worship was led by Chester Burn 24/7 in partnership with Thy Kingdom Come and Link Up at the Melbourne Centre. Each evening a worship team from six different local churches were involved as well as individuals from other Burn UK centres who came to help and support. People from all over the city gathered to worship together with visitors from all corners of the UK, from different streams and denominations, young and old – united in our pursuit and adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*"The most important thing among our local churches was unity and sharing a prayer room across denominations for 24/7 prayer... A truly inspiring multi denominational Pentecost service and the desire on all sides to continue together in 24/7 prayer and unity as we outreach in our county together."*



## Across the Nations

Beyond England, other nations in the British Isles participated.

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND

In a beautiful show of unity, the two Archbishops of Armagh (Anglican/Protestant) and (Roman Catholic) signed a joint statement in support of this year's Thy Kingdom Come.

Events took place in both nations including Belfast (St Anne's Cathedral) and Londonderry, Northern Ireland and in Dublin and Cork in the Republic of Ireland.

City on a Hill (Foyle Vineyard Church), Londonderry also took part:

*"We are a Vineyard church (Foyle Vineyard) and we had seen what Trent Vineyard has done in Nottingham and thought we could do that here.*

*"We ran two events. One Beacon prayer event on Friday night where we met on one side of the river to pray for our city, walked onto the peace bridge to pray for the health of the people, both mental and physical, (we have one of the highest rates in Europe of suicide in our river) and then on to the other side of the river where we met in our town square to pray for unity in our churches. We did a light vigil there and ended up getting to pray for some people on the streets. We had about 30 people at this event, from seven different faith communities and people from as far as America who had come to pray for our city that weekend and joined with our event.*

*"Then on Sunday night we held a city worship event where we teamed up with another church and led worship and then prayed for the Holy Spirit to come afresh. There were about 100 people at that which is a real first for us in our city.*

*"It was such an incredible weekend and we just feel like it was a significant one for our city. The first of many!"*

Mr Gregory Campbell, Democratic Unionist Party MP for East Londonderry submitted a written question to Parliament on Thy Kingdom Come. Caroline Spelman responded.



### SCOTLAND

The Church of Scotland and The Scottish Episcopal Church are both officially involved with Thy Kingdom Come.

Thy Kingdom Come resources were translated into Gaelic and were distributed widely. The Queen praised Thy Kingdom Come in a recent speech as an example of the close working together of the Church of England and Church of Scotland.

*"The participation of the Church of Scotland in Thy Kingdom Come 2019 has enabled local congregations to share in a global Kingdom-focussed initiative. We are already anticipating the possibilities that 2020 will bring as we pray together for the renewal of the Church."*

John McPake, Ecumenical Officer, Church of Scotland

Events happened across the country from Edinburgh to Inverness and beyond.

### WALES

The Church in Wales are also officially committed. Resources were translated into Welsh and distributed widely. A number of churches took part, from Cardiff to Bangor.

In the diocese of St David's, there was particularly strong engagement – Bishop Joanna Penberthy recorded a series of short talks for the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come.

Similarly, a Bow Down prayer event also took place in Cardiff city centre – in a similar vein to others across England and Wales, inspired by Trent Vineyard church.

Welsh versions of the Methodist Novena were distributed throughout Wales.

*"It's been great to have everyone praying together in our services, through prayer stations and in groups. The variety of people engaging with the different resources has been wonderful to see."*



## Across the World

More than 2 million Christians, across 65 different denominations and traditions, in 90% of countries worldwide\* have taken part in Thy Kingdom Come. Services were held in countries from Bangladesh to Brazil, Australia to Austria, South Africa to the Solomon Islands. Resources have been translated into many languages including Maori, Arabic, Malagasy, Japanese, French, Finnish, Spanish and Swahili.

*“Wonderful to take part in global prayer to see God’s kingdom come on earth.”*

## AFRICA

### Egypt

The Bishop of Egypt voiced, in Arabic, a specially-created video supporting Thy Kingdom Come. (This is the first time this has happened.) It was distributed across several North African and Middle Eastern nations. Next year a Beacon event in the Cathedral in Cairo is planned.

### Madagascar

Building on from last year, the Diocese of Toliara took part in the 11 days of prayer with Christians across several villages holding outdoor prayer meetings which has now evolved into a long-term prayer & discipleship group. The Bishop translated a Thy Kingdom Come resource into local language Malagasy which was distributed locally.



### Burundi

The Anglican Bishop of Rutana diocese hosted a special Thy Kingdom Come service in which he invited the congregation to spend time together as a church praying to God that *“His Kingdom would come and shed light wherever there is darkness.”*

### Southern Africa

Anglican churches / dioceses were involved – including a church in Pretoria that combined days of prayer with external outreach to the homeless, including two prayer walks where they offered food and prayers. Another diocese saw about 1,000 people involved in praying at their cathedral during the 11 days. There was also strong Methodist engagement – including the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Cape of Good Hope District who witnessed more people join in prayer, families pray together and that they were also more motivated to talk to people about Jesus as a result. The Methodist church of Southern Africa, Limpopo Synod – including parts of Botswana – also participated.

\* (172 out of 195 countries)

## ASIA

### Bangladesh

St John’s Church and other churches in the diocese of Barisal, took part in Thy Kingdom Come pledging to “light up Bangladesh in prayer.”

*“In many places, they were so encouraged that they are continuing their prayer twice in a week or once in a week. Some of our priests said that the church has got a new life and now more are attending services. Children, youth and women were encouraged to pray, and they received blessings.”*

-Rt. Rev. Shourabh Pholia, Bishop of Barisal Diocese, Church of Bangladesh



### Sri Lanka

The Anglican Diocese of Colombo took part in Thy Kingdom Come. Shamel Rajapakse, Coordinator for the Sports Movement and Prayer ministry, said:

*“30,000 people prayed for five people each, since we printed prayer cards for Pray for 5 and gave to our members in the 124 churches of the Diocese. For our Beacon Event we had 120 people from the Anglican church and a few other denominations. It was a wonderful time of worship, Pray for Five and sharing of testimonies. The Bishop of Colombo also sent a letter to 1,000 independent Churches to tell them about Thy Kingdom Come. We have requested people to continue to pray for five and in two months’ time we will send reminders. By September we hope to start work on Thy Kingdom Come 2020, but this time we will get the Youth Movement, Sports Movement, Mothers’ Union and Sunday Schools’ networks to take Thy Kingdom Come forward. We will also have meetings with the Regional Pastors Fellowships where all Pentecostal Churches pastors gather and introduce Thy Kingdom Come. We will also work with the Roman Catholic Church and the Free Churches’ governing body for 2020. We translated the material into our local languages Sinhalese and Tamil from your website and distributed them.”*

-Shamel Rajapakse, Coordinator – Sports Movement and Prayer Ministry

# EUROPE

## Netherlands

*"We started a small missional community in the southeast of Amsterdam. We shared about Thy Kingdom Come on social media and with other church leaders and used the resources intensively in Bible readings in the morning via WhatsApp, evening prayers in our community room and made a special landing page on the website. We held a special Thy Kingdom Come Sunday service and also did a prayer walk. For our little community of 10 core-members it was intense. We ended the eleven days with our children and teenagers on Pentecost, praying on the rooftop followed by a BBQ. So now we are collecting impressions of what God is saying and doing. We prayed as individuals for other people and together for the neighbourhood and for vision in what we can do here with our community for this area. We were very impressed by the simple and quiet moments and the impact for us, in bonding us together with new people around us. We believe in the importance of this theme: the Kingdom of God."*

-Hemelsbreed Amsterdam

## Tenerife (Canary Islands)

*"At the church I attend, we had special events for our Spanish children, and they have been sharing with their families who don't usually come to church."*

*"We also opened up our church for two hours a day during this time and between 80-90 came into pray – we also had people on hand to offer prayer and talk. All our congregations took a red ribbon as a reminder to pray for five throughout the time – 120 ribbons were made, and all went. I adapted the material for the Spanish children who have just started coming to church."*

*"I hope it spread to the other denominations in town, we talked and prayed out Thy Kingdom Come – we loved it."*

-Church of Sweden, Rural Dean in Vadsbo Deanery, Skara Diocese.

*"This was a first for both churches. We kept it simple, encouraging people to light a candle every day and pray at home."*

-Christ Church, Lausanne, Switzerland Diocese in Europe. Old Catholic Parish of Lausanne, Switzerland.

*"At our Chaplaincy, approximately 50 people in total attended prayer services. Others took Novena booklets home."*

-Riga, Latvia. Church of England Diocese in Europe.

*"I am deeply grateful in participating in this worldwide movement. This strengthened my feeling of being connected to many people through faith."*

-Sarepta Schwesternschaft Bielefeld-Bethel, Germany.

# AUSTRALASIA

## Australia

St Paul's Cathedral and City on a Hill Church partnered to host a special multi-lingual Pentecost celebration. This included Bible readings and sung worship including Amazing Grace sung in the language of the Yorta Yorta people of Northern Victoria and a song sung by the Anglican Indonesian Congregation. 400 people attended. They also had a 24/7 prayer roster and met every morning for prayer in Federation Square. They are hoping to do quarterly prayer and praise nights in the cathedral to pray for Melbourne.

Another church in Melbourne, St James & St Peter Anglican Church, Kilsyth, Victoria, Australia, also took part. A representative from the church said:

*"There are several who have chosen to continue praying for their 5 throughout the year ahead and one who has had one of her five from last year come to faith who is now praying for five. We are a small church in a suburban setting which has been undergoing a missional transformation over the past couple of years. We have come to realise that we haven't looked out to the community for some time and we've turned that around and are still working on it. Each year we have done Thy Kingdom Come we have had some more interest grow within the congregations and it's sparking movement in how we pray and when we pray and in recognition of the power of prayer for the everyday Christian. It's a small start, but a vital one which is building momentum."*

## New Zealand

*"We are a small rural parish – eight of us joined in a 12-hour prayer vigil. 60 people received information and resources at church. We will hold another prayer vigil later this year. We will keep focussing on the list of people being prayed for by parishioners."*

-Waikato (Anglican) Diocese

Another church said:

*"Thy Kingdom Come was incredibly timely for us this year. During the ten days of prayer, a 15-year-old girl who is part of the church and youth group was diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of cancer. We had organised daily prayer gatherings each evening as part of Thy Kingdom Come. As well as being a great opportunity to pray for our five people, we were able to uphold the girl and her family in prayer each night."*

At Kenilworth and Claremont Methodists, the congregation committed to pray for five people they knew to come to know Jesus and raised all the names in prayer on the Sunday before Pentecost. They also joined in an ecumenical Ascension Day service and prayed for their neighbourhood from the roof of a shopping centre.



# NORTH AMERICA

## Canada

An Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto, Ontario –  
*“More people prayed, and families prayed together more during this time. As a church, we walked around the neighbourhood praying for our community. The prayer group is now a weekly gathering.”*

A church in Montreal –  
*“The children made prayer bead bracelets to remind them to continue to pray for their five friends. We are now starting a Sunday morning prayer time as a result of Thy Kingdom Come.”*

## United States of America

An Episcopal church in Chicago –  
*“This is the third year we’ve taken part and this year participants from three other Episcopal churches joined the movement. Friends in the US, India and Malaysia prayed. A small group (20) from one church did a prayer walk in the church neighbourhood. A Lutheran pastor joined the prayer walk (the two churches share a building). This seems small in comparison to what’s happening elsewhere, but it is miraculous to see this participation. God is working!”*

Saint Gilbert Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Chicago –  
*“We’re starting Alpha in a few weeks. Thy Kingdom Come has helped prepare us spirituality to launch Alpha.”*

Mothers’ Union, Church of the Resurrection, Tampa, FL –  
*“We prayed together across the nation, joined by conference call, every day. A local branch member offered her business conference room for us to gather, using video and communication access to join members from other MU branches across the nation. Individually, we listened to the podcasts.”*

An Episcopal church in West Texas –  
*“We had a BBQ on the Saturday before, with special teaching on evangelism and prayer. This was the first time our church did something like this. It was very faith-lifting, and helpful to use the liturgical season to promote prayer and evangelism. Some people have shared stories in the service about answers to prayer. It was also lovely and powerful to pray and commission people in the Sunday service, laying hands on them.”*

The Episcopal Church, The Diocese of Virginia, St Peter’s Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA –  
*“Each year that I’ve participated in Thy Kingdom Come I’ve found that my own life of prayer deepens, I long for more prayer, and that I use the resources of Thy Kingdom Come in my preaching. I’ve included information from this year’s videos in two recent sermons. I believe that the congregation is willing to meet to pray together, having seen them gather to pray at our hour of prayer event.”*

The Very Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

## Bermuda

Bermuda Cathedral held Pentecost celebrations – their diocesan choir sang ‘Your Kingdom Come’ by Pete James for the special service.



# CARIBBEAN

## Guyana

Several Anglican Churches in Guyana took part including St Mark’s Parish, on the East Coast of Demerara, located just outside the capital Georgetown.

## Trinidad

*“The Family Podcasts proved to be a great way to get my children excited about worship time. I started nightly worship this Lent with my kids. They tended to be quite unmoved about worship until I used the Family Podcast. The use of the technology that they’re used to, is a great inclusion to worship time.”*

- A participant from Trinidad

# SOUTH AMERICA

## Brazil

*“We are excited to take part in this global call to prayer for more people to come to faith in Jesus.*

*We encouraged congregation members to consider praying for five people the Holy Spirit lays on their hearts to come to faith in Christ. We didn’t make this a big corporate thing but an individual decision for people to make.*

*On the Saturday before Pentecost we had an evening of prayer and praise. We started with individual prayers – focusing on the five people. Then, we broadened the scope and prayed for God’s Kingdom to come here in Brazil and then also prayed for the nations as we have a big expat community here with people from all over the world including including representatives from Jamaica, South Africa, Malaysia, New Zealand and the UK.*

*The very next day, on Pentecost Sunday, one of the young people was baptised – a beautiful end to the 11 days of prayer.”*

Church worker, Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

*“We are in continuous prayer for Lambeth 2020 and for our partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Amazonia (Bishop Marinez dos Santos Bassotto). This was the first year of Thy Kingdom Come when the Diocese was involved corporately. We feel the importance to have a common focus of prayer. I hope that next year we will be much more involved.”*

Right Revd. Humberto Maiztegui Gonçalves, Diocese Meridional - Porto Alegre (Southern Diocese) Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

## Resources and Reach

Thy Kingdom Come consists of working with more than 65 denominations and traditions across the world. In the UK, we work with a range of partners to produce resources for their audiences. Here's a little snippet of what happened this year.

### Church of England:

Church House Publishing and the Church of England's Digital team produced a selection of resources for this year's Thy Kingdom Come. This included the printing and distribution of a full colour book of Common Worship Daily Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come; a brand-new app with beautifully produced audio recordings of morning, daytime, evening and night prayer services; and a campaign video featuring Archbishop Justin Welby. The materials were seen nearly one million times, there were 28,000 sessions on the app and 92% of people surveyed found the content helpful, very helpful or extremely helping in bringing them closer to God.

**'Heavenly.' 'Like having a cathedral in your pocket.'**

Family Prayer Adventure Map – **380,000 of copies were distributed to children aged 7-11** in Church of England and Methodist schools and through the Thy Kingdom Come networks

*"We used the map to pray as a family at bedtime. Our daughter loved being able to journey along and pray through the stickers. Every night, since praying through the map, my daughter wants to pause before thanking God. It was utterly brilliant – just a shame it finished on Pentecost!"*

### Methodist Church of Great Britain:

For the last 3 years, the Methodist Church of Great Britain has partnered with Thy Kingdom Come to encourage churches, individuals and families to participate. This year hundreds gathered together for special prayer events across the UK including Aberystwyth (Wales), Paisley (Scotland) and throughout England ranging from Cornwall to Newcastle. More than 160,000 copies of the Methodist Novena were distributed, offering daily reflections, prayers and readings. Welsh language versions of the Novenas were also produced and disseminated in Wales. One of this year's flagship videos featured the Youth President of the Methodist Church, Jasmine Yeboah, who shared about the power of praise. Three other short films featured Methodist Ministers and offered thought-provoking reflections on prayer. Stories from churches and individuals across the Methodist Church tell of how Thy Kingdom Come has enabled them to come together in prayer and be empowered to share their faith with others.

**"People were motivated to pray and worship, and on several occasions, visitors came into church and asked for prayer for their situations."**

### The Catholic Church of England and Wales:

*"For the last three years, I've had the pleasure of being the Catholic promoter to this wave of prayer and it is great to see it go from strength to strength. This year, there were two particular highlights:*

*The Trafalgar Square Beacon event enabled us to draw on a number of dioceses, agencies and shrines so as to contribute to the prayerful presence in the heart of London on Pentecost Sunday including the Shrine of our Lady Walsingham. The radical nature of this step of faith, moving beyond sacred spaces in to the 'public square', was highlighted by a priest who came to visit - curious to see what it would be like to have Adoration in Trafalgar Square.*

*It was also encouraging to witness during the prayer service, Archbishop Justin Welby and Cardinal Vincent Nichols pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, alongside other Church leaders from different denominations.*

*For many Catholics across the UK and beyond, it was a delight was to see the video message of His Holiness, Pope Francis urging us (the global Catholic church) to join in this wave of prayer.*

*Moving forward, a number of our dioceses have now embedded the time from Ascension to Pentecost as a dedicated time of prayer for Evangelisation. We will continue in our efforts to support the Catholic Church to make the joy of the Gospel a reality throughout England and Wales; In early 2020 I will be visiting Catholic Dioceses to help them establish Thy Kingdom Come locally."*

Teresa Carvalho, Home Mission Development Officer, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

## Did you know...

- Thy Kingdom Come videos have been viewed millions of times!
- Thy Kingdom Come Podcasts – World-renowned theologian, Tom Wright recorded this year's daily podcasts and were listened to more than **60,000 times** during the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come.

*"The Thy Kingdom Come App has been brilliant. I have used it daily and have really valued all the video content and the Tom Wright podcasts. Thank you to all who worked on it. It has really helped bring Thy Kingdom Come prayer to life for me."*

*"This video from Tom Wright is the best 3 minute teaching on Jesus I've ever heard. Definitely worth watching!"*

- This year, the app was downloaded **thousands of times in almost 100 countries** worldwide!

*"I really liked the fact that the prayer journal had the same ideas of how to pray as the app - so people across the generations could use the same structure to pray for their friends, and we could use it in services too."*

- This year Thy Kingdom Come received regional, national and international media coverage including the Times, BBC Radio 4 who produced a special Sunday worship service for Pentecost Sunday broadcast to millions of listeners and the Trafalgar Square event which will be featured in a BBC Songs of Praise programme.
- **90% of countries** worldwide have taken part in Thy Kingdom Come!



This year, His Holiness Pope Francis's video endorsement reached almost **1 million** people on Facebook alone.

Afghanistan	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Mali	Romania	Tunisia
Albania	Croatia	Guinea	Malta	Russia	Turkey
Algeria	Cyprus	Guyana	Mauritius	Rwanda	Turkmenistan
Andorra	Czech Republic	Haiti	Mexico	Samoa	Uganda
Angola	Democratic Republic of Congo	Hong Kong*	Moldova	Saudi Arabia	Ukraine
Antigua and Barbuda	Denmark (including Greenland and Faroe Islands)	Honduras	Monaco	Senegal	United Arab Emirates
Argentina	Djibouti	Hungary	Mongolia	Serbia	United Kingdom including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. This includes the Channel Islands (i.e. Jersey & Guernsey). Also includes British Overseas Territories i.e. Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Cayman Islands, Bermuda and Turks & Caicos islands. Also includes the Falklands and Gibraltar.
Armenia	Dominica	Iceland	Montenegro	Seychelles	
Australia	Dominican Republic	India	Morocco	Sierra Leone	
Austria	Ecuador	Indonesia	Mozambique	Singapore	
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Iran	Myanmar (Burma)	Slovakia	
Bahamas	El Salvador	Iraq	Namibia	Slovenia	
Bahrain	Estonia	Ireland	Nepal	Solomon Islands	
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	Israel	The Kingdom of the Netherlands (including the Caribbean islands of St Maarten & Curaçao)	Somalia	
Barbados	Fiji	Italy	New Zealand (including Cook Islands)	South Africa	
Belarus	Finland	Ivory Coast	Nicaragua	South Korea	
Belgium	France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique islands, St Barthelemy, Reunion and French Guiana all new for 2019)	Jamaica	Niger	Spain (including the Canary Islands)	
Belize	Gabon	Jordan	Nigeria	Sri Lanka	
Benin	Gambia	Kazakhstan	North Macedonia	St Lucia	
Bolivia	Georgia	Kenya	Oman	St Kitts and Nevis	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Germany	Korea	Pakistan	St Vincent and the Grenadines	
Botswana	Ghana	Kosovo*	Palestine	South Sudan	
Brazil	Greece	Kuwait	Panama	Sudan	
Brunei	Grenada	Lao people's democratic republic (Laos)	Papa New Guinea	Swaziland	
Bulgaria	Guam* - this is part of Micronesia	Latvia	Paraguay	Sweden	
Burkina Faso		Lebanon	Peru	Switzerland	
Burundi		Lesotho	Philippines	Tanzania	
Cambodia		Liberia	Poland	Thailand	
Cameroon		Libya	Portugal	Timor-Leste (known as East Timor)	
Canada		Lithuania	Qatar	Togo	
Chile		Luxembourg		Tonga	
China (including Macao and Taiwan)		Madagascar		Trinidad and Tobago	
Colombia		Malawi			
Comoros		Malaysia			



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\*\*engagement in Thy Kingdom Come means participation in events and prayers, app downloads, podcast listens, social media shares as well as website and video views.