

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus name, it is so encouraging to hear of the acts of service and blessing people in the church are doing for one another - thankyou! 3 things in this email, of which the first is the most significant: 'The hinge of history is the bended knee'.

1. Thy Kingdom Come: 10 Days of Prayer 21-31 May.

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global wave of prayer, for 10 days up to Pentecost, which 1000s of churches around the world join in with. The focus of our prayers is that more people will come to know Jesus, and his life-changing love.

TKC all kicks off on Ascension Day (Thurs 21st) with a service at 7:30pm on Youtube (*<https://tinyurl.com/wgkrpq>*), please do join us for that, with a sermon from John Hanson. After that, there will be the following for you all to dip into as and when you would like to. The important thing is that you pray, and have some fun! *_*

* *Daily Prayer*online at 8am, 12noon, 4pm, 8pm, we'll tell you where to find these next week.

* *St James Churchyard*will have a *Prayer Wall* - a washing line round the outside of the church room for you to 'peg a prayer', as well as answers to prayer, scriptures etc.

* Also in the churchyard will be *10 prayer stations* to find and use - all outside the building, and none requiring anything other than some creative praying! The same stations will be available to do from your own homes.

* There is a *pack of prayers* available for download, or we can deliver to you if you wish, but please let us know. We will deliver this to all households who aren't on email/Whatsapp/Facebook.

* We'd love people to *commit to praying for 1 hour* during the 240 hours of TKC. You can sign up to do that here: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/86cbcf>, for as many hours as you would like. Rather than praying in church, this time you can do it from home, or as a prayer walk, rather than from the church building.

* There's a special private *Facebook *group for TKC in our parish, which is a good place to stay in touch with everything that's going on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871550123255996/>

We close our 10 days of prayer with a celebration Holy Communion service on Pentecost Sunday, which we would be delighted if you could join us for.

Happy Praying, and feel free to put your prayers up on both Facebook pages so we can be encouragers to each other in our prayer times. And if you're inspired to set up a little prayer zone at home for the 10 days, please post photos of those as well. *

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*2. Great resources for Families: *

* <https://faithinkids.org/>: A podcast and series of daily live family worship videos. They also have a fun dance video later on in the day.

* <https://michaeljtinker.com/>: Michael J Tinker, kids christian musician. Everyday at 11am does a live kids show on facebook which is then posted later on youtube. He answers questions about the bible and reads out jokes the children send in.

* Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map>

. 'Augmented reality' map created for Thy Kingdom Come, great fun for kids, download the app from the linked page. We'll deliver copies of the map to all the families in church next week, and have a few spare if you know anyone who would like them. If you'd like to help with deliveries please let me know!

3. Technology - Help Needed!

Many of us are learning thing about online technology we hoped we'd never have to. For others, all this is second nature. We'd like to get a small group together of people who'd like to learn together about webcasting and streaming. If we can get a team across the parish this will really help us both with the online church we're doing now, and any streaming or online worship/prayer we do after the lockdown. If you're interested in exploring this, please let David or Ruth know by Sunday.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

PS if you're a regular user of email, you can add a 'signature' to the bottom of every email you send (see below). Why not create one with a link to our Youtube channel, or with a simple bible verse in it, for the people you're in touch with?

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