



**A call to prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost
8th-15th May 2016**



Message from the Archbishops of Canterbury & York



As we travel around the country, we are continuously encouraged by the faithfulness, commitment and courage of all our Partners in the Gospel. Your ministry in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, often in testing circumstances, is an inspiring testimony to the transforming work of our Lord. We thank God for our partnership in the Gospel.

Like us, you will know that ministry is empty and barren without prayer. That is why we are t.... inviting you to join us in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation. In the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8th - 15th, 2016) we long to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches.

Our hope is

- ❖ for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ❖ for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel
- ❖ for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God's Kingdom from day to day

At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us - 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.

How can we take part?

In the Tas Valley, we are encouraging everyone to use a resource called "trypraying" for that week. Try praying has produced a booklet as a resource for people who are not regular prayers or churchgoers to try praying for a week. It is also available as an app. Christians are invited to use the booklet for themselves during the week of prayer 8th-15th May and also pray about who might like to have the book passed on to them at the end of the week so they can try praying too. You can get hold of a copy of the book by putting your name on a list at the back of church (they are £1 each) OR single copies can be ordered for free at www.trypraying.co.uk/try-it/booklet/

In addition, there will be special times of prayer each day of the week for you to join in (see overleaf)



PRAYER EVENTS FOR THE TAS VALLEY

Sun 8th - 7pm - Praise Service at St Mary's Newton Flotman

Mon 9th - 9am - Morning Prayer at Newton Flotman church.

7.30 An hour of prayer at St Mary's Shotesham, led by John Torbitt

7pm JAM Youth cells focus on the "trypraying" initiative & Lord's Prayer. Contact Chris Gaze 470762

Tue 10th - 9am Morning Prayer at Saxlingham Church, led by Dawn Davidson

7.30 An hour of prayer in Tasburgh church led by Freedom Cafe Cell

Wed 11th -9am Morning Prayer in Tasburgh Church Room.

1pm Prayer walking round Tasburgh beginning at Village Sign. Contact Andrea 471529

7.30pm - An hour of prayer in Saxlingham Rectory with Saxlingham Cell.

Thur 12th - 9am - Morning Prayer, Swainsthorpe Church with Sally

7.30pm - An hour of prayer in Newton Flotman Church, led by Newton Flotman Cell

Fri 13th - 9am - Morning Prayer, Tharston Church with Sally and Dawn

10am Prayer time in Tasburgh Church led by the Emmanuel Group

Sat 14th - 09:45 - 11:45 Norwich Cathedral

Bishop Alan with Canons Sally Gaze and Andy Bryant will lead prayer and reflection in this event, exploring the Lord's Prayer as a call to mission

Sun 15th - Pentecost Services in each church in the Tas Valley