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CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN CHESHIRE



Welcome!

Welcome to this, the latest of the newsletters from Churches Together in Cheshire.

This newsletter is solely focused on the forthcoming period of Thy Kingdom Come, and includes as much information as I have been able to gather together of the events and activities for this time that are happening around Cheshire

Normal newsletters will resume in the autumn and you will find my contact details at the end of this Newsletter, and if you wish any future edition to include reports of what has been happening in your neck of the woods, or to advertise any forthcoming event I would be pleased to hear from you

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Thy Kingdom Come

This global call to prayer, now in its fourth year, is a growing phenomenon and is held during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost, which this year falls between 30th May and 9th June. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.



The national organisers of Thy Kingdom Come write:

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world.

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer... When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added."

Acts 1, 2



Plans have been made in relation to events across the county and Diocese, and the Thy Kingdom Come website has available the resources that have been prepared for 2019. These include materials relevant for individual prayer, for churches and other larger gatherings, for families and for schools. Much of the information and ideas are free to download. Those which are to be purchased are likely to have discounts for bulk orders. Therefore please visit: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

I am grateful for the notice I have been given of activities and events which are being planned around Cheshire. These include prayer walks in a number of Deaneries, walks and prayer times in Chester, ecumenical prayer events in Macclesfield, Latchford, Ellesmere Port and Audlem, as well as activities across Churches Together groups and in individual churches, who are then offering open invitations to their neighbours. The Chester Diocesan Website lists a number of these, and you will see in the following pages a day-by-day schedule of events. The following are those of which I am aware.

Thursday, 30th May: Ascension Day

8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

8.50 – 9.20 am Morning prayer at Kingsway café, Newton, Chester

9.30 am – 11.30 am Prayer walk in Nantwich, starting Nantwich Methodist Church, Hospital Street

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester

5.30 pm Ascension Day service at Chester Cathedral with Link Up participants

6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

Friday, 31st May

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street)

8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester

5.00 pm 24 hours of prayer begins at St. Mark's, Saltney, Chester

6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

7.00 pm at Salvation Army Hall, Roe Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6UT. An ecumenical time of prayer and praise for North East Cheshire

7.30 pm Evening Prayer, Kingsway Chapel, Newton, Chester

Saturday, 1st June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street)

St. Mark's, Saltney – 24 hours of prayer continues until 5.00 pm

8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

8.00 am – 8.00 pm Day of Prayer at St. John's, Sandiway

8.30 am Prayer meeting, Waverton Evangelical Fellowship

11.00 am Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester – Church open with Prayer Stations during summer Fair

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity, Blacon

6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

Sunday, 2nd June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street)

10.00am The Family Service at St Chad's, Over, Winsford, will follow the 'Thy Kingdom Come' theme – all welcome.

10.15 am Waverton Christian Fellowship – 'Shake Up Sunday': café space and children's activities

4.00 pm Messy Church – Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester

6.30 pm 'Dwelling Place' Service of prayer and worship – St. Michael's, Newton, Chester

6.30 pm Prayer meeting – Kingsway Chapel, Newton, Chester

Monday, 3rd June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street)

7.00 am Prayer walk of City Walls, Chester, meeting at New Gate

8.50 – 9.20 am Morning prayer – Room 6
St. Michael's, Newton, Chester
9.00 am Prayer Meeting – Hoole
Lighthouse Centre, Chester
10.00 am Unity at the Cross, Chester. City
Church Leaders pray for Chester
12.00 Chester Vineyard 53 Prayer Chain –
24 hours of prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity,
Blacon, Chester
7.30 pm Prayer meeting – Kingsway
Chapel, Newton, Chester
7.30 pm Prayer time at Baddiley and
Ravensmoor Methodist Church,
Ravensmoor, Nantwich

Tuesday, 4th June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in
South Transept Chapel (access from St.
Werburgh's Street
Chester Vineyard 53 Prayer Chain – 24
hours of prayer continues until midday
7.00 am Prayer walk of City Walls, Chester,
meeting at New Gate
8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over,
Winsford
8.50 – 9.20 am Morning prayer – Room 6
St. Michael's, Newton, Chester
6.00 pm 100 Hour Burn at Melbourne
Centre, Melbourne Road Blacon, Chester
CH1 5JQ. 100 hours of continuous
worship and prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over,
Winsford
7.00 pm – 10.00 pm Worship and
intercession with HBC at The Melbourne
Centre, Blacon, Chester
7.30 pm at Audlem Methodist Church,
Shropshire Street, Audlem CW3 0AE. An
ecumenical time of prayer and praise for
South Cheshire

7.30 pm Prayer meeting – Kingsway
Chapel, Newton, Chester

Wednesday, 5th June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in
South Transept Chapel (access from St.
Werburgh's Street
100 Hour Burn continues at Melbourne
Centre
7.00 am Prayer walk of City Walls, Chester,
meeting at New Gate
8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over,
Winsford
10.00am The Communion Service at St
Chad's, Over, will be dedicated to Thy
Kingdom Come and will be followed by a
Prayer Walk afterwards within the
community (please bring a packed lunch
and suitable clothing).
11.00 am Prayer time at St. Andrew's
Methodist Church, Aston, Nantwich
5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity,
Blacon, Chester
6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over,
Winsford
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm Worship and
intercession with Freedom Church at The
Melbourne Centre, Blacon, Chester
8.00 pm Church at Prayer Meeting, Rooms
2/3, St. Michael's, Newton, Chester

Thursday, 6th June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in
South Transept Chapel (access from St.
Werburgh's Street
100 Hour Burn continues at Melbourne
Centre
7.00 am Prayer walk of City Walls, Chester,
meeting at New Gate
8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over,
Winsford

8.50 – 9.20 am Morning prayer at Kingsway café, Newton, Chester

12.00 – 4.00 pm Church open with Prayer Spaces at Festival Church, Queen Street, Chester.

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester

6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

7.00 pm Prayer time at Lightwood Green Methodist Church

7.30 pm – 9.30. pm Worship and intercession with Northgate Church at The Melbourne Centre, Blacon, Chester

7.30 pm at Latchford Baptist Church, Loushers Lane, Latchford, Warrington, WA4 2RP. An ecumenical time of prayer and praise for Warrington and North Cheshire

Friday 7th June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street

100 Hour Burn continues at Melbourne Centre

7.00 am Prayer walk of City Walls, Chester, meeting at New Gate

8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

10.00 am – 2.00 pm Church open with Prayer Spaces at Festival Church, Queen Street, Chester.

12.00 24 hours of prayer begins at St. Michael's, Newton, Chester

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester

6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm Church open with Prayer Spaces at Festival Church, Queen Street, Chester.

7.00 pm – 12.00 midnight Burn 24/7 at The Melbourne Centre, Blacon, Chester

7.30 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AE.

An ecumenical time of prayer and praise for Ellesmere Port and West Cheshire

Saturday, 8th June

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street

100 Hour Burn continues at Melbourne Centre until 10.00 pm

24 hours of prayer continues at St.

Michael's, Newton, Chester until midday

7.00 am Prayer walk of City Walls, Chester, meeting at New Gate

8.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Chad's Over, followed by breakfast at The Old Star

8.30 am Prayer Meeting at Waverton Christian Fellowship

10.00 am – 2.00 pm Church open with Prayer Spaces at Festival Church, Queen Street, Chester.

5.00 pm Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity, Blacon, Chester

6.30 pm Evening Prayer at St. Chad's Over, Winsford

8.00 pm – 10.00 pm 100 hour Burn finishes with Vineyard 53 leading worship at The Melbourne Centre, Blacon, Chester

Sunday, 9th June: Pentecost

Chester Cathedral – Prayer Space open in South Transept Chapel (access from St. Werburgh's Street

7.00 am Prayer walks of City Walls,
Chester, meeting at New Gate
11.00 am Christchurch baptisms in the
River Dee, Chester
12.00 – 3.00 pm ‘Love Lache’ at Sycamore
Fields, Lache, Chester
2.30 – 4.30 pm Big Pentecost Party at
Foxhill
3.00 pm United Worship Service for
Blacon churches at Holy Trinity, Chester
5.00 pm Chester Beacon event: “at the
Cross, Chester City Centre”. Gathering to
express our visible unity as we worship and
pray for the city/region of Chester

Next Edition

The issue will be in September. If you have any items you would like to be included, not least reports of services and Acts of Witness from Easter and Pentecost please send them in by 31st August, 2019.

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