

St James News: Thought for the Day – Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Friends,

Today, in the church calendar, we begin Ascension tide- the period between when Jesus left his disciples and ascended to heaven, and Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit came upon them, which we will celebrate on the 31st May. The Church of England marks these 10 days with Thy Kingdom Come prayer, which I have sent information about previously. They have also produced a daily prayer guide, encouraging us to pray and reflect, to make a space for silence and to focus each day.

We will use these prayer guides as our Thoughts for the Day for the next 10 days.

Quick Notices:

Tonight at 7.30pm

Ascension Day Eucharist from All Saint's West Dulwich –

link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCheMvTJkgQ71yM3CyMkmwjA>

Night Prayer tonight at 9.30pm.

Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88125752555?pwd=QVJiRVVZdW53MHVZKy9iVWZydUQ2QT09>

Meeting ID: 881 2575 2555

Password: 533652

Morning Prayer: Friday 22nd May at 9am

Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88660942611?pwd=WmRUNUhTc2xjeVhtWTlwbnNZMDVZUT09>

Meeting ID: 886 6094 2611

Password: 540413

God bless and love,

Kit.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Day 1: Thursday 21st May 2020

Creation



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Look... How many flowers? What does it suggest about God at work in our world?

Wait in silence for a moment... with prayerful expectation. Pray “Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come”

Read... Allow the bible verse to enliven your heart, stir your soul and spark your imagination.

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.” - Jeremiah 32:17

Listen... Let the bible verse above speak about the state of the planet. Take time for God to give you a new idea, or something or someone to pray for. Make a note in the space at the end.

Respond... with prayer:

Creator God,

the heavens declare your glory,

and the earth your generosity.

Forgive our exploitation of your gracious provision.

Through your bountiful goodness guide our efforts to be better stewards of your creation.

Amen.

Something to think about... Look out of the window. Are you aware of things in the natural world which are different during these exceptional months? What is there to learn, and what are you being prompted to change?

Additional Bible Reading: Acts 1:1-11 -

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+1%3A1-11&version=NIV>

A Song to end... Thy Kingdom Come Song for 2020 – You can listen to it here –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=95&v=3b06J_8amBQ&feature=emb_logo

Thy Kingdom Come – Lord teach us how to pray
For all to know your joy, your peace and love
And know your friendship each and every day
The breath of Christ, the Father’s gentle dove

Thy Kingdom Come – Christ’s prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: ‘thy will be done’

Thy Kingdom Come – we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise

Thy Kingdom Come – transform our human ways
Our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care
Nations renewed, in giving thanks and praise
To see God’s Kingdom come: this is our prayer

Thy Kingdom Come – we praise your Holy name
Your sacrifice and rising sets us free
That by our words and lives we may proclaim
By Jesus' risen life, God's victory!