

# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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A special edition of Communications Update for you (in addition to the usual monthly update later in May) as we embark together on 10 days of prayer for Thy Kingdom Come (May 10-20).

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## Thy Kingdom Come special edition

### Beacon launch service

The Lancashire Beacon launch service for the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative took place this week at Blackburn Cathedral. Around 400 people from across the Diocese came to the ecumenical service.

- Read about the service [on the Diocesan website](#). A report is also on page 1 of the June edition of The See magazine which will be distributed later in May.
- Watch the [official highlights video](#) on our YouTube channel. (Why not share it with family and friends and play it in your church if you have the facility to do so).
- And talking of videos ... from now until May 20 a short video will be posted daily to the YouTube channel featuring clergy and laity from the Diocese talking about the importance of prayer. You can watch the first two – featuring [Bishop Julian](#) and [Bishop Philip](#) – right now and why not subscribe to the channel!
- There is also [Flickr album of pictures](#) from the service – see if you can spot yourself or someone you know!

### More information and resources

- The official [Thy Kingdom Come website](#) contains more videos – including some featuring the Archbishops of Canterbury and York – plus a [whole host of resources](#) and ideas to engage people in prayer. There are [additional resources available](#) on our own website.
- Holding an event for Thy Kingdom Come? Make sure you add it to [the official event world map](#) (where you can also view what else is happening near you). You may attract more people than you expected! The map is being heavily promoted in all national coverage as well as in this Diocese.
- Got a smartphone? Want to engage further with Thy Kingdom Come? Well, there is now an app for that too! It can be downloaded from your usual app store depending on your type of phone.
- You can also [#Pledge2Pray](#) as an individual or group via the Thy Kingdom Come website.
- If you haven't already read [Bishop Julian's article on how and why to pray](#), which was published last year on our website and in the local media, what better time to take the opportunity to do so?
- And finally, if you are holding an event for Thy Kingdom Come, after it has taken place you can email pictures and video to the national communications officer for Thy Kingdom Come and (no promises!) it may feature in post-event coverage! Her email is [kemi.bamgbose@lambethpalace.org.uk](mailto:kemi.bamgbose@lambethpalace.org.uk) and please also cc the communicate@ email at the top of the page.

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