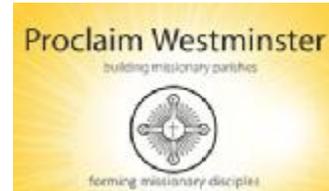




Diocese of Westminster

AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION



'THY KINGDOM COME' – GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER 10TH – 20TH MAY 2018

The Agency for Evangelisation is again supporting 'Thy Kingdom Come', the global prayer movement for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost, which has had a tremendous impact during 2017. (*See impact report below*).

For 2018, with a renewed focus on the Solemnity of the Ascension as it returns to a Thursday celebration, and a range of new resources, 'Thy Kingdom Come' promises to be an even greater opportunity to help individuals and parishes in prayerful devotions towards the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so that many more people can come to know Jesus Christ.

Pentecost Novena Booklet

You may already have groups in your parish who already practise the Pentecost Novena; for those who are less familiar with a novena, the enclosed novena booklet may be of particular interest. The booklet, which has been produced by the CBCEW Home Mission Team in conjunction with the 'Thy Kingdom Come' office, can be ordered from the suppliers (at 50p each for orders over 250): www.cpo.org.uk

To accompany the booklet, there are also daily podcasts from CBCEW:
www.catholicnews.org.uk/pentecost-novena

Other 'Thy Kingdom Come' Resources

You may also like to explore the range of quality resources for individuals, families and parish groups available on the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Website, and encourage people to respond to an invitation to 'Pledge to Pray': www.thykingdomcome.global

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'Thy Kingdom Come' – 2017 Impact Report

- In 2016 and estimated 100,000 people took part with Christians from every denomination.
- In 2017 more than 500,000 resources were delivered, with many more downloaded from the TKC website.
- There were more than 2 million views of the videos created.
- There were more than 1.65 million website page views.
- Thousands of events were registered on the TKC website and many more not recorded.
- There was a world-wide response from more than 85 countries.
- The live BBC broadcast from Folkestone on Pentecost Sunday attracted 700,000 viewers.
- In surveys of participants: 25 percent said TKC had made their church feel closer to God as a group; 60 percent said they were motivated to pray more than they had previously done; 40 percent said they felt more motivated to talk about Jesus.

There were also many comments on how TKC had been a positive influence on family and community prayer life. Those participating in TKC were encouraged in taking part through a mixture of church contacts, e-mail and social media – with 2.35 million interactive tweets and 3.7 million interactive Facebook contacts. Over half of participants valued the free, on-line resources.

I hope that you will find the enclosed booklet of interest, and that an exploration of the 'Thy Kingdom Website' will be fruitful. Above all, I hope that the prayers of your parishioners and the work of the Agency for Evangelisation will continue to help many more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

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