

# Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Points

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, inspiring Christians around the world to intercede for the world and people around them. Based on the Lord's prayer, the focus of the time is on seeking God, being attentive to what He's doing and seeking His will for His creation.

Thy Kingdom Come gives a specific encouragement to be identifying 5 people to pray for, praying specifically that they will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The time can also be a good opportunity for Isca Church to join in those prayers of faith and intercession but also seek God for some specific circumstances in our church and the world around us.

## Isca Church prayer points

### People and Communities

We are not just a Sunday gathering kind of church as we all know. We do lots of things to express our faith and we also belonging to smaller communities which have their own sense of family and mission. Those communities are:

1. **ConnEx** – A city-wide community focusing on seeing God's kingdom growing in the "Green Spaces" where we carry influence in work, neighbourhood, volunteering, or other settings.
2. **Beacon Heath** – A community focused on relationships and mission in Beacon Heath, particularly around the schools, children and youth outreach clubs and The Beacon.
3. **Pinhoe-Monkerton** – A community focused on relationships and activity around Pinhoe, Monkerton and West Clyst with activities often serving older people.

### Please Pray:

- Our communities would grow as important groupings for belonging, new relationships, evangelism, Kingdom influence and service.
- God's blessing on the leaders of each community and that they may have the right team around them to further their community.
- Our discipleship groups would grow in effectiveness as a way for people to relate to others, find mutual care and encouragement in their walk with the Lord.
- New people to join our communities and catch the missional passion they carry.

### Finance

We are thankful to God for the generous church that we are the and provision God's made for all sorts of activity and life that we invest in. We have made a significant investment in staffing now as well as several projects in the community that means this year, we are seeking God afresh for funding for all these people and activities. We have carried capital following the sale of the "Cornerstone" building that we want to invest well.

### Please pray:

- We will know the right investment for the Cornerstone Funds.
- God will provide the financial resources to ensure we maintain and grow present levels of investment in staff and activities.
- We continue to be a generous church, supporting and building relationships with churches and activities across the UK and beyond.

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## Isca Community Enterprises and The Beacon

Isca Community Enterprises is a charity, created by the church, to serve the city in community projects. Its first and largest activity is management of The Beacon. The Beacon is 8 years old now and continues to be an amazing resource for the people of Beacon Heath as well as a base for much church life and activity.

Please pray:

- God's blessing on the trustees of Isca Community Enterprises, that they will make wise decisions for the charity and use their skills well.
- Blessing on Kate and the staff and volunteers at the centre, that God will sustain them for all they do for the community and quip them for his service.
- The Beacon will remain a place of service and care for the hundreds of people who access all kinds of support and activity in the centre.
- Spirit-led life and relationships in the centre that ensure the fullness of God's kingdom is revealed in word and deed.

## Leadership and Governance in the church

We are blessed with a wonderful set of people who serve us in our Senior Leadership Team, Finance Team and Trustees. Val Hudson will be stepping down as Chair of our Trustees from August after guiding us through much change with great care and diligence.

Please pray:

- The leaders and trustees will identify the right people to join as trustees and identify a new Chair of Trustees. That God will guide people to know His call to serve.
- The Senior Leaders will have wisdom and love as they seek to steward the resources we have and guide the church into the future.

## Gatherings and Growth

We are trying to instil a health 'diet' and pattern of gatherings which meet a variety of needs. Logistics and practicalities need care and attention, and much effort has been made by the Creative team, led by Julian, to make these gatherings fruitful times.

Please pray:

- For good teams and leaders to make all our gatherings run smoothly and clear vision for them from the Creative Team that oversee our gatherings.
- That we get the practicalities right as we try and keep at least a monthly 'celebration' at St. James' School.
- That our gatherings will be spaces for a sense of family and encounter with God.

## Big Picture and Vision

Our vision is to be a church that is family to all, seeing lives transformed by Jesus... a church that is a driving force for good in our city and local communities... a church where every member and our friends on the fringes, is encouraged towards flourishing, using their gifts and calling to love and serve God and each other.

Please Pray:

- We are listening to God, pursuing His call for our church and responding obediently.
- We will grow as a church that helps people know their calling and gifting and express it in our collective mission.
- For faith-filled ambition for God and His Kingdom with a courage and peace to pursue His call.