

eleven days of PRAYER and MISSION

30 May to 09 June 2019



'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

I am a little excited. I hope you pick it up through what is written below. I wholeheartedly believe in a Jesus that builds His church and I love it when I see His fingerprints all over something. A whole host of opportunities have sprung up to propel us forward into Christ's Commission, and the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative beautiful weaves them together in what I believe will be some significant days for us as Highworth Community Church.

— *Matt Ford*

A PRAYER MOVEMENT

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. We want to bathe these days in prayer—to lift up a constant plea for the salvation of our family, friends, neighbours and nation.

To help facilitate this, we want to fill the Upper Room with dedicated *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer hours. Commit those eleven days to prayer and be willing to live differently for a bit. *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer hours will be available and you can use the online calendar (via the website) or the app (available on iOS and Android) to find out when you can pray. You can also check out the *Thy Kingdom Come* website directly for more information and resources (www.thykingdomcome.global).

If you are a Prayer Host, WE NEED YOU. Can you please sign up for at least one hour over these eleven days? This serves the whole church. Pick an available hour and put in 'Thy Kingdom Come' and your name. If you don't know how to do it, it's a great opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the system. Please speak to Jim or Liz Thring, Matt Ford or Mike Willson for help.

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A MISSIONS MOVEMENT

We have an amazing opportunity over these days to couple the power of prayer with the grace of mission. Two different teams will be joining us over the eleven days. Over the first weekend the **UK Moldova House Build Team** will be here and joining us for a special gathering on the Sunday Morning. From the **06 to 09 June** we will be hosting a team of ten from **Harvest School** (the same school Hannah and Lucy are on). They will be helping us to reach out big time with the love and kindness of Jesus.

So, what's happening alongside eleven days of Upper Room Prayer?

30 May: 7pm, Prayer for the Nation, Podium in Highworth

02 June: Sunday Gathering with the Moldova Team

06 June : River Night, 8pm, The Bridge Centre with Harvest School Team

07 June: Marlborough Outreach, 7pm, St. Peter's Church (Worship, prayer and blessing.)

08 June: Highworth Outreach, 10am-1pm (Worship, prayer walking, blessings and ministry.)

08 June: Car Treasure Hunt for CAP, 2-7pm (Contact Val 07999 755712 to book.)

09 June: Pentecost Sunday Gathering and Gift Day

What a way to complete these eleven days: remembering and waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit; enjoying testimony, and empowering mission through our financial giving.

And finally, we could do with a little help! We need some specific help to enable this to be a brilliant few days.

Meals (all to be hosted at The Bridge Centre):

- 01 June, 6pm, hot dinner for sixteen people
- 01 June, 1pm, four cakes
- 06 June, 6pm, hot dinner for twenty
- 07 June, 1pm, lunch for twenty
- 09 June, after Church, lunch for ten

Lifts

We need three cars to get the Harvest School team back to Bristol Airport after Church on Sunday 09 June, leaving Highworth at 1pm.

If you can help with any of the above please let Matt know.

Please get involved in as much as you can and wish to. We're believing for a fantastic, life-changing eleven days where we actually see more of His Kingdom come!

GIFT DAY 2019

SUNDAY 09 JUNE

This year our Gift Day is for mission. It's about blessing people who have yet to know Jesus.

Moldova House Build

This summer, a team of seven from HCC are heading to Moldova to build a house for someone who doesn't have one! What an incredible image of the love of Jesus into the poverty and darkness Moldova grapples with. They are joining a team from across the UK and will be reaching out in many other ways over the eight days they are there. Alongside their own costs they need to raise £3500 for the build, so we want to make this our initial target.

Over and above this threshold we want to support :

World Mission

Hopefully you are aware of our links with Ghana, and that the first person to give their life to Jesus in our Upper Room was Habib (from Northern Ghana.) Through our links with John Kpi Kpi in City of God Church Accra, we are prayerfully looking at how we can support what God has started. Any course of action will of course be shared first with you all, as whatever we do needs to come from a united place of faith.

Local Mission

The Stowe Church is a Baptist Mission in nearby Wichelstowe (South Swindon) that we have connected with recently. In this new community, they are letting go of traditional ways of doing church to be relevant to those who have yet to know Jesus. We heard more about their vision on the 05 May when they joined us for worship. We want to bless them with a gift to practically cheer them on in their calling and encourage them.

Our Mission

Every week and nearly every day HCC expresses love and care to our community and beyond through The Bridge Centre. We love what God is doing there and believe the work needs to keep growing. This May, we are trialling a missions day in The Bridge Centre on Thursdays. The idea is to further develop the practical ways of reaching people we already have and look at starting some new ones (clothes is one of them).

So all in all, we want to aim for at least £6000. As always you don't have to give—it's about worship, not duty. Please pray as well for all the above, and more information will be communicated nearer the time.