



Thameshead Benefice

Thy Kingdom Come

This year, Thameshead Benefice is marking the time between the celebration of Jesus' Ascension into heaven (9th May) and the Birthday of the Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (19th May) with a series of events focused on prayer. We will be praying for our communities and for the future of our Benefice as we begin the process of seeking our next Priest.

The events are for anyone to join in, and we've tried to make sure that the whole Benefice is included, especially churches that are used less often.

Dates in May	Event & Location	Time
Thursday 9 th	Ascension Compline – Sapperton	9pm
Friday 10 th	Prayer Labyrinth – Frampton Mansell	10.30am
Saturday 11 th	Kemble Fete	2pm
Sunday 12 th	Services across Benefice	
Monday 13 th	Prayer walk – Rodmarton	2pm
Tuesday 14 th	Compline – Shorncote	9pm
Wednesday 15 th	Prayer walk – Coates	7pm
Thursday 16 th	Prayer walk – Kemble	7pm
Friday 17 th	Prayer walk – Poole Keynes	7pm
Friday 17 th	24 hrs of prayer – Kemble	
Saturday 18 th	Prayer walk – Somerford Keynes	2pm
Sunday 19 th	Services across Benefice Source Picnic	

Compline is a short said service of prayer at the end of the day. The prayer walks which will be gentle, starting at the village church and aiming to be back within an hour.

The 24-hour prayer event in Kemble will be in the new prayer room kindly hosted by Jill & Martin Kingston next door to the church, with people invited to sign up to 1-hour timeslots.

Whether or not you can make it to one of these events, we would also encourage you to take a minute at 9am and 9pm each day to say the Lord's prayer wherever you happen to be, knowing that others across our Benefice will be doing the same.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

There will also be a **children's poster competition** with the subject being '*Our Church and Village Community*'. The deadline will be the end of the day on 31st May. Please scan or take a picture of entries and submit them by email to the address below. We hope to be able to declare winners for each village and for the Benefice as a whole.

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