

Easter and the follow up to it.

Please give thanks for answered prayer as

- many of the church family found the Lent book 'Forgiven' so helpful.
- Many enjoyed and learnt from the Isaiah series before Easter.
- we had three amazing services with Hampton where the gospel was proclaimed and invitations to Bay Ignite and Check it out given out.
- we had good assemblies with Herne Bay Juniors.
- God so clearly guided the planning of all the services.
- many of our congregation have said how much they engaged with God through our Easter services.
- we had visitors on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday including those for whom coming to church was a new experience or one they had not taken up for a long while.
- so many came to and enjoyed the Easter tea and praise.
- Bay Ignite and Check it Out congregations have engaged so well with the Easter message.

Please pray that

- people who came over Easter will be willing and able to return again to explore what they believe.
- those who took the book we offered will find it a real encouragement.
- we would be able to set up another Christianity Explained group soon.
- we would be able to follow up those who have recently come to faith and establish them in that faith.
- that those who have recently joined the church as they have moved into the area or just found that we are the right church for them will settle in well and soon feel at home.
- the joy of Easter will continue to fill our hearts as individuals and as a church family.

May Events

Please pray for our church life this month

- that God would bless our homegroups as they meet this month.
- that God would continue to bless all our services speaking to His people as they gather together whether on a Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday.
- for the celebration of Lesley Barwick's life and faith on May 11th to be a witness to all who come and especially for the family as they grieve with hope.
- that the church family will be able to ask people who do not yet know God to one of our restaurant nights on either 11th May or 18th May at the Coconut Tree. That the short Christian talk will be much used by God.
- that God would speak to the women as they gather on Saturday May 14th at 9am for a ladies breakfast. For Margaret Edwards as she speaks about being a Parish Nurse
- for our service and APCM on Sunday May 15th. That God would help us to celebrate all He has done and is doing and that the people of His choosing will be elected. Pray that as we gather together over a simple lunch, we will be able to enjoy each other's company.
- that God would use the men's breakfast on Saturday May 21st to deepen our relationships with one another and that those who do not yet know God would come into relationship with Him.
- that as we celebrate people standing for what they believe on Tuesday May 24th at 7.30p at the Deanery Confirmation Service in Christ Church, we would all be encouraged in our faith. Please pray especially for our candidates and all those who will come who do not know You, to be challenged to engage with the gospel.
- That God would help us rejoice that the way to heaven is open as we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday May 26th at 6pm

Thy Kingdom Come 2022
International prayer event – May 26th to June 4th

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. We use the opportunity to also pray for our town.

Please give thanks that God that

- throughout the world many Christians will join together to ask God to grow His kingdom.
- that we can play our part in these ten days of prayer(Ascension to Pentecost)

Please pray that

- the 7am prayer time will be a place where we engage with God and that all those who attend will be encouraged.
- the 6pm Ascension Day service would be a good launch of the week.
- the 'Say One for Me' prayer event in the town on Saturday 28th May would be possible to set up and that the use of the United Church organised easily.
- the 'Say One for Me' prayer event would mean that we go out into the community and make good contact with a number of people who otherwise would not engage with any church.
- there might be opportunity to build links with other churches in the town during TKC
- the opportunity to prayer walk the town would be well supported and that the areas we pray for would be blessed by God.
- Denise Parrett and John Currie would be given wisdom as they plan and lead the week.
- Our church family would be passionate about prayer, want to get involved in 'praying for their 5' and see God transform lives
- the free Novena 2022 booklets might be helpful in aiding individuals to pray