



**St Oswald's
Norbury**

**Thy Kingdom Come
Ascension to Pentecost
30th May – 9th June 2019**

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"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

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

During Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know*
- *Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer*

Everyone at St Oswald's is encouraged to join in by coming to the prayer events in the church, and / or praying at home or at work.

Pocket sized prayer booklets are available to support prayer for day to day life and postcards are offered, inviting you to pray for 5 people who need to discover, or re-discover, God in their lives and for the mission priorities at St Oswald's.

- *Building on the initial welcome and drawing people into the St Oswald's community*
- *Developing consistency in pastoral care*
- *Developing our presence in the local community: Visibility, events and use of the outside space;*
- *Developing our presence in the local community: Community engagement and social justice*
- *Developing and strengthening the life and faith of the St Oswald's community*

Prayer and Worship at St Oswald's during Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 30th May, Ascension Day

8pm, Eucharist beginning outside if the weather is fine

Sunday and the midweek communion services
continue at the usual times.

Sunday 2nd June the All-Age Eucharist will be a celebration of confirmation, baptism and godparents.

Sunday 9th June we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost

Other Times for Prayer

The church will be open for corporate and personal prayer at the times indicated below. Prayer stations will be available to support individual prayer.

Each Weekday (from 31st May)

9am – 10:15 am and 5:45pm – 7pm.

Church open for prayer and prayer stations available

Morning Prayer will be said at **9am** and **Evening Prayer** at **6pm**

We may also be open at other times if we have pairs of volunteers willing to commit to being present.

Saturday 1st June

10am – 1pm

Church open for prayer with prayer stations available

Morning Prayer will be said at **10am**

9:30am – 11:30am

Prayer breakfast at Downsvew Methodist Church

Rev'd Alison Brunt will speak on the theme of 'Prayers for the Journey'

Saturday 8th June

A Day of Prayer 10am – 4:30pm

Everyone is invited to drop in and out during the day or to set aside the whole time as a personal 'Quiet Day'.

More details and the programme for the day can be found overleaf.

Day of Prayer Programme

Saturday 8th June, 10am – 4:30pm

The prayer stations, church and grounds will be available all day.

There will be opportunities to take part in corporate prayer and in half hour 'Spotlight' sessions where experiences of prayer will be shared.

Participants may choose to spend the day in silence – we can issue badges to those who wish to identify themselves as being silent

Light refreshments will be available and space will be available for those who would like to bring a packed lunch.

Timings are approximate

Time	Activity
10–10:25am	Morning Prayer <i>Drawing together the personal prayers of the last 8 days.</i>
10:40am	First Spotlight <i>A slow reading and reflection on the Lord's Prayer.</i>
12 noon	Prayer during the day.
12:45	Tables available for those who have brought a packed lunch.
1:30pm	Second Spotlight <i>Helpful prayers or aids to prayer.</i> <i>Reflections from members of the congregation.</i>
3pm	Third Spotlight <i>Praying for the renewal of the church, in the world and in our local areas..</i>
4pm	Evening Prayer <i>Praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit.</i>