

THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD

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Dear Friends,

Thy Kingdom Come 2017 - Pentecost Sunday, 4 June

I am writing to encourage you to travel to Hereford for the afternoon of Sunday 4 June, Pentecost Sunday, and to bring others with you. I am excited about the potential of a large group of people of all ages and from all over the Diocese gathering in the Cathedral. This is part of our Diocesan response to the Archbishops' call for a wave of prayer. I fully appreciate that for some joining in means a long journey, but there is a real reason for being together in one place at Pentecost – and to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit as we pray, "Thy Kingdom come".

I am sending an information sheet with this letter that gives more detail about the event. Our prayer, picnic and praise will be based on the phrases of the Lord's Prayer and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join in the whole event. I have asked Kay Garlick to shape the prayer and praise and she has drawn together a group of musicians to lead the singing.

It will greatly help the vergers and others preparing the afternoon to have a rough idea of numbers. Please send an email to my Secretary, Gail James, <u>g.james@hereford.anglican.org</u>, to let us know approximately how many adults and children are coming from your parish.

I look forward to welcoming you on 4th June. Do find something red to wear and don't forget to bring your picnic.

With all good wishes,

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PS - Kay Garlick is organising a number of singing workshops to prepare the music. If you are interested please email Kay, and let her know which date and venue you would like to attend. Email: kaygarlick@hotmail.com

Tuesday 30th May 3.30 – 4.30pm in College Hall, Hereford Cathedral

6.30 - 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye

Wednesday 31st May 3.30 – 4.30pm at The Priory Church, Leominster

6.30 – 7.30pm at St Lawrence's Church, Ludlow.