



COMMUNITY PRAYER SPACES

Ideas and Resources for churches for the Festival of Suffolk and the Queen's Jubilee



Prayer Space Help and Support

The Diocesan Children's and families team has produced a comprehensive Platinum Jubilee resource, for churches and schools, focussing on three words, "Remember, Celebrate and Anticipate" which you can find at

www.suffolkinprayer.uk/prayerspaces

Sign up to let us know you intend to make a prayer space at and we will keep you in touch with new resources as they become available. If you would like further help with your prayer spaces, please email suffolkinprayer@gmail.com or the Diocesan Children's and Families' Enabler



This prayer below has been composed with input from ecumenical leaders across Suffolk. Please use it especially around the time of the jubilee in your churches. It would be great to have copies to give away at your community prayer spaces.

**Gracious God,
We give you heartfelt thanks for our Queen
as we celebrate this year of her platinum jubilee.
We thank you for her life of faithful service to you, to
the people of this nation, and to the Commonwealth.
Help us, the people of Suffolk, to live lives of faithful
service.**

**Bless all who live and work in our beautiful county
Bless our communities, our villages and towns
Bless our land, our rivers and our coast
Bless our Queen, and all who call upon your
name, and help us to be a blessing to others.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray**

Amen





SUFFOLK IN PRAYER

This leaflet has been produced by Suffolk in Prayer. Suffolk in Prayer is a movement which supports Christians of all denominations and streams to pray for our beautiful county. We particularly resource prayer-walking around the county and prayer shared across different churches for the annual season of prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" which falls on the 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost each year. On Monday mornings there is a time called "Simply Pray" which anyone can join on Zoom. For more information on how you can get involved please go to www.suffolkinprayer.uk or join the Facebook Group "Suffolk in Prayer" where you can also share your prayers and insights

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In 2022, Thy Kingdom Come (26 May-5 June) falls at the same time as the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

The vision is to create hundreds of opportunities for simple prayer in community spaces such as churches, schools, workplaces, pubs and at jubilee celebrations across the county. The prayer spaces will invite people to reflect on issues such as celebration, justice and blessing.

A prayer space could be any accessible area, such as a corner of a church, a small room or part of a community hall that is transformed for a few days or a week. Prayer spaces could also be outside near a particular tree in the church grounds, boundary railings, parks, bus shelters or front gardens.

The space would prompt passers-by to reflect or to engage with activities that encourage personal prayer for our world – from local Jubilee celebrations to climate change to the Ukraine.

How to create a Prayer Space

Once a suitable and accessible place has been identified, a space can be created by decorating it with resources that prompt people explore your chosen topics. For example by hanging laminated questions to branches of a tree e.g. 'Who would you like to bless today?' 'Who or what are you thankful for today?' 'What can we pray for you this week?' It might be possible to include simple activities such as writing on a post-it or post card, placing a pebble on a stack, posting a prayer request or offering something to take away.

In particular, we would like to encourage you to get involved with your local school or care home and support them by creating a prayer space with them. Church schools have already been invited to take part in the Community Prayer Spaces initiatives and may love to hear from you. You could also work with Parish Councils and other community groups to find out what plans they have for the jubilee and whether a Prayer Space could be included.

If you already have contacts in the school/care home, you might offer to build it for them (ask them what DBS checks are required) or you could offer to create, donate or provide the resources they need to equip the space.

