



Churches Together in Alresford

July 2019 Newsletter

Picnic, Annual Meeting and Songs of Praise – 21st July at St. Mary's, Old Alresford

Join us at 4.00 p.m. for a picnic in the churchyard. Although fine dry weather has been arranged the church will be available just in case....

At 5.00 p.m. CTIA's brief but informative and engaging Annual Meeting will take place providing an overview of the various events of 2018/19 including CTIA's continuing support of Christians Against Poverty and Winchester Youth Counselling.

To conclude our ecumenical "get together" there will be a "Songs of Praise" service at 5.30 p.m. Please let Chair Gary Carter (or any CTIA rep) know your choice of hymn/song (ideally by 14th July) and we will squeeze in as many as time allows. (Car Parking and Toilets will be available at Old Alresford Place)

It is the Arle Valley Benefice (not just St. Mary's and St John's) that is the Anglican member of CTIA. If you worship at St Peter's or All Saints and would like to be involved with CTIA we would love to hear from you!

Thy Kingdom Come 2019

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.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

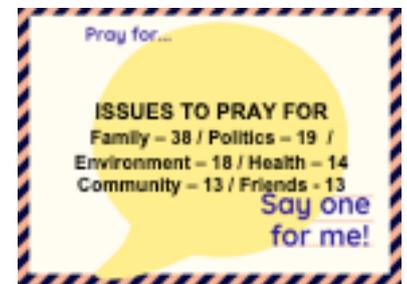
- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

This year there was a new initiative in Alresford as a group of people from Churches Together in Alresford, took some prayer opportunities out into the top of West Street.



A table was set up with 6 areas that we thought people would be concerned about and asked them if they would like to put a token into a glass jar of their greatest concern. We also asked if they wanted to write a prayer or ask for some prayer about their concern. It was a great privilege to be able to share with people and chat about issues in their lives and the world in general and 5 Gideon New Testaments were given out to members of the public.

The 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come culminated in a wonderful CTIA service in St John's celebrating Pentecost attended by over 80 adults and 20 young people.



And Finally

CTIA is again this year supporting Rotary Wessex's Christmas shoebox scheme for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. More details to follow in September but if you don't want to wait until the summer is over, the scheme leaflets giving all details and "do's and don'ts" are available [now](#) from James Pinniger (wjrp@hotmail.co.uk / 01962 738788 (evenings and weekends).

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