

Thy Kingdom Come 2021 communications updates

PART 1:

Thy Kingdom Come 2021 overarching promo video – ‘Resources for all ages’

We have produced a short promotional video outlining our key resources for this year’s Thy Kingdom Come.

From age 3 to 103, we have resources for all ages:

- [The Cheeky Pandas](#), an 11-part series & accompanying resources – for children aged 3 and over
- 11 video youth reflections produced in partnership with the Archbishop of York’s Youth Trust and an Escape Room
- [The Prayer Journal](#), written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell
- [The Novena](#), Praying the Psalms from Ascension to Pentecost (A large print version is also available)

[Here](#) is the link to the promo video. Please feel free to share in your networks/ on your social media platforms.

Cheeky Pandas

This year, our flagship family resource is the Cheeky Pandas. Our hope and prayer is that this resource would be a real blessing to churches, schools and families, inspiring children on their faith journey.

[Here](#) is the first FULL episode and [accompanying resources](#) including the accompanying church service outline, activity pack and prayer booklets.

We are encouraging churches to consider sharing this episode with their congregation.

We will also be sharing an exclusive episode of the Cheeky Pandas every Sunday at 4.00pm on our YouTube and Facebook pages until Thy Kingdom Come begins. More details to follow.

Free Resources giveaway for Churches

We are giving away 100,000 copies of this year’s [Prayer Journal](#), written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and the printed Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map for children. You only need to pay for p&p. For more information, visit www.cpo.org.uk/ThyKingdomCome.

PART 2:

Inspiration for Churches

If you know any churches in need of inspiration for TKC 2021, throughout this week on social media, we’ll be sharing 5 ways churches can be involved. This includes the [virtual ‘Upper Room’ resource](#) – inspired by the book of Acts, [Outdoor Pentecost Service outline](#), prayer walking, hosting a Cheeky Pandas family service or using any one of the [range of digital resources](#) we have produced.

This year, we have produced a 3 x video series for children, youth and adults for TKC. Please see an update below on the relevant content:

For young children - Cheeky Pandas - update:

- For episode there will be an accompanying activity packs, family service sheets and catechist/ catholic versions. [See here.](#)
- This Sunday [25th April], we will be sharing the episode of CP with Bear Grylls, postponed due to HRH Duke of Edinburgh's death. It will air at 4.00pm BST on Thy Kingdom Come's YouTube and Facebook channels.
- Cheeky Pandas will feature in BBC Songs of Praise on Pentecost Sunday! Will send more of an update shortly.
- We are still running the Cheeky [Pandas Bake off competition](#) until 26th April for young amateur bakers and creatives. 5 runners ups to win prizes and will be judged by former Bake Off contestant – Martha Collinson.
- The children's app will be available in the next 2 weeks.

For Young people - Youth reflections- update:

We have produced a series [of 11 video reflections, in partnership with the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust](#), from young influencers including Guvna B, Pippa Baker, Joshua Luke Smith, Elle Limebear and more for this year's Thy Kingdom Come. Each video is based on one of the daily themes of TKC and has an accompanying discussion plan suitable for use in schools, colleges, youth groups and at home.

A few people have enquired about the Escape Room and this will be available in the next 2 weeks – in time for Thy Kingdom Come.

For all (Adults) - 11 main videos - update:

Includes a range of voices from Archbishop Angaelos to Bishop Rose Hudson Wilkin, hidden heroes and front-line workers of the pandemic to the Methodist Youth president and climate activist, Phoebe Parkin.

These will be featured on the award-winning TKC app which will be available early May (also available in 8 different languages.)

These videos will also air on TBN UK and God TV UK in the coming months.

- 1. Commitment to inclusion and accessibility** – Thy Kingdom Come are supremely committed to being accessible for all. Some of the steps taken include: teaming up with the Torch Trust to produce key resources in Braille & large print versions available too; The Cheeky Pandas and main 11 videos will be in BSL; we have Cheeky Pandas activity packs for children with learning disabilities and there are a number of other things in the pipeline. Please let us know if you have any requirements.
- 2. Press release going out early next week providing a snapshot of what is happening nationally and internationally for TKC.** Do you know of any churches planning interesting or exciting things for TKC 2021? We have been so encouraged by the various ways churches are planning to be involved – including churches translating resources into

Finnish, Korean and Maori. Or hearing about churches planning to host events such as a digital 'I Bow Down', by Vineyard churches for example.

We would love to hear your plans this year so please do let us know or tag us in on social media and we will be sure to reshare.

3. **Free resources giveaway** - we are still giving away free printed resources –the Prayer Journal by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and the printed Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map – all you have to do is pay for Postage and Packaging. Order [here](#).
4. We have a range of **social media graphics you can use to promote Thy Kingdom Come 2021**. [Here they are](#).