



St Mark's Church, Reigate

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Letter from the Vicar, Father Martin Colton

Dear Friends

We are all familiar with the Lord's Prayer. As we think about the prayer that Jesus taught us, we come to the words "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Sometimes, especially with enormous issues, it can be hard to find the right words, or to know exactly how to pray. A few years ago a new hymn was written by Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan and Graham Hunter, to the tune of "Abide with me". I offer it this month as a way to sing and pray for God's kingdom to come in all these practical ways, especially praying for our new Prime Minister and government to embody these values, as we pray and work to transform, revive and heal society.

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere.
We long for heaven's demonstration here.
Jesus, your light shines bright for all to see.
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Before all things, in him were all things made.
Inspiring culture, media, and trade.
May all our work serve your economy,
transform, revive, and heal society.

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere.
With us be present in our public square.
Fill all who lead with your integrity.
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Forgive us, Lord, when we have not engaged.
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page.
Make us again what we were made to be.
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Faithful to govern ever may we be
selfless in service, loving constantly.
In everything may your authority
transform, revive, and heal society.

With my best wishes