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The Rt Revd David Williams

To All Curates in IME 3-6  
Winchester Diocese.

Friday 26 February 2016

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Archbishops Evangelism Task Group has encouraged us to a renewed focus on prayer and evangelism. Our Archbishops have sent a letter to all clergy that should arrive over the course of the next few days. In any event I have attached an email copy of the letter. There is also a link to a film clip I made at Lambeth.

Winchester Cathedral has agreed to be one of six “beacon” events on Pentecost Sunday night. In the lead up to Pentecost we are also being encouraged to have a prayer focus in every church, parish and deanery. In this Diocese we are asking all those curates who are in IME 3-6 to enable a response to this call in their deanery.

This will form part of the IME programme for Winchester Diocese - but also offers us a chance to engage creatively in the national call that the Archbishops have made.

I am convening the group that is responding to the “Thy Kingdom Come” initiative. At short notice we are attempting to organise both a diocesan-wide response and a major event in the Cathedral.

### **Briefing and Planning Event Priors Hall Tuesday 8 March 9:30-10:45am**

Members of the national 24-7 team, are coming down every Tuesday to work with us on this initiative and it would be a huge help if you could come to a meeting in the Priors Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Priors Hall is next to the Deanery inside the Close at Winchester Cathedral. It might make sense to park at Wolvesey and to walk.

Mark Collinson and I will be running the briefing session on 8 March. Please could you make it a priority to be there? In any event could you let me know if you can come or not? I look forward to seeing you at the Lent Lecture this coming Tuesday. Do grab me to talk further on this or any other aspect of our shared life and ministry.

Every Blessing

*x David Basingstoke*

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