

Read the joint declaration signed at Lambeth Palace today by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and the Rt Revd Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.



In the Columba Declaration of 2016 our churches made a commitment to strengthen our partnership in mission and to pray for and with one another.

With great joy we reaffirm our personal commitment to partnership in prayer.

We give thanks also for our partnership with our sister churches in England and Scotland with which we enjoy close relationships, especially the Scottish Episcopal Church and the United Reformed Church.

Since its launch in 2016 Thy Kingdom Come has grown into a worldwide movement of prayer in which, between Ascension Day and Pentecost, Christians everywhere have been encouraged to pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that we can be effective in our witness and for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The Church of Scotland now commits to encouraging all its parishes and people to join in Thy Kingdom Come in 2019 and beyond.

We rejoice in this opportunity to build on the commitment of our churches to pray together.

We join our prayers with those of the Church throughout the world as we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Right Reverend Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly