



The call for Christians across England to prayer for our nation to know Jesus Christ has "touched a chord", the Archbishop of Canterbury has told Premier Radio.

With tens of thousands of Christians taking part across throughout England and beyond this week, Archbishop Justin Welby said people are "motivated and excited" about praying together for those they love to know Jesus.

The week of prayer ahead of Pentecost was called for by Archbishop Justin Welby and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, in November last year.

This week cathedrals and churches across England - and across the traditions - are hosting 24-7 prayer rooms, putting on special services, running prayer meetings, doing prayer walks, and many other activities. Churches overseas have also spontaneously responded to the call, with congregations in Belgium, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel and other countries joining the wave of prayer.

In the interview, the Archbishop said: "This week of prayer seems to have touched a chord that none of us really expected to the degree it has happened. Port Stanley Cathedral in the Falkland Islands has joined in Thy Kingdom Come. There's people in Israel and all across the UK. People find they're motivated and excited about praying with others for those who they long to find the love of Jesus Christ."

The week of prayer will culminate this weekend with special "Beacon" worship events in numerous cathedrals around the country, led by bishops and contemporary worship leaders. The event at Canterbury Cathedral, led by Archbishop Justin Welby, Pete Hughes and Hannah Heather, with worship led by Seth Pennock and Tim Hughes, will be broadcast live on Facebook.

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