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Hundreds of thousands expected to pray Thy Kingdom Come

Christians across the world are beginning a wave of prayer as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. Backed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the campaign encourages people to pray for other to find Jesus. Last year over 100,000 joined in during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year it's set to go even bigger.

Justin Welby joins Obama and Merkel for message to Manchester

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been joined by former US President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel for a message of solidarity to the people of Manchester. The trio met in Berlin where the Germany's Protestant Church Assembly is taking place. Thousands have gathered for Kirchentag where a series of events are marking the 500th anniversary of the reformation.

Obama and Merkel attend Reformation 500th anniversary event

Barack Obama is due to attend a major event in Germany marking the 500th anniversary of the reformation alongside Chancellor Angela Merkel, who's father was a clergyman. Security has been heightened in the wake of recent terror attacks and as a result of the former US President's presence. 80,000 people are expected to attend an open air event organised by the Obama Foundation.

PCI opens first 'dementia-friendly garden'

Corkey House, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's (PCI) residential care home for older people in north Belfast has become the first of its six care homes to have its own purpose built dementia-friendly garden, has been officially

opened. Run in partnership with Choice Housing Association, Corkey House is home to 35 older people. While many of the residents do not have dementia, the garden has been specially designed to provide a relaxing and safe place for those who do. The garden incorporates many features, including highly fragrant and colourful plants that provide sensory stimulation, safe pathways that will mitigate injuries from potential falls and raised bedding areas for residents to garden themselves. (Full report in tomorrow's CNI Bulletin)

Honouring the crucifix that survived Daesh (ISIS)

Westminster's Cardinal Vincent Nichols and a bishop from Iraq came together in central London to bless a crucifix found in the rubble left behind by Daesh (ISIS) in the ancient Nineveh Plains. At the meeting, in Archbishop's House, Westminster, Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil described how the crucifix had been discovered intact by Stephen Rasche, his chief counsel and projects' coordinator. Mr Rasche spotted it half-buried outside St George's Church, in Baqofah village, near the Iraqi town of Alqosh

Muslim scholar shares his fears with Church of Scotland Assembly

Prince Ghazi is the Personal Envoy and Special Advisor on Religious and Cultural Affairs to King Abdullah II. A leader in interfaith relations, he has chaired committees for publications including the Amman Document, a statement calling for tolerance and unity in the Muslim world, and A Common Word, an open letter to the global Christian community which encouraged peace, justice, and understanding between the two religious traditions. He holds PhDs from the universities of both Cambridge and Al-Azar, Cairo, written and contributed to a number of books and articles on Islam and the Muslim community. Prince Ghazi opened his address with the traditional invocation or blessing known as the Bismillah, which translates as “In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the most Merciful, Praise be to God, and may peace and blessings be on His Messenger.” He spoke movingly of his dismay and anger at the recent bombing in Manchester, and condemned that attack and those like it “in the strongest possible terms.” He warned the Assembly of the “Islamisation of lone wolves,” particularly via the Internet, and said that education is vital to prevent the radicalisation of “gullible people.”

