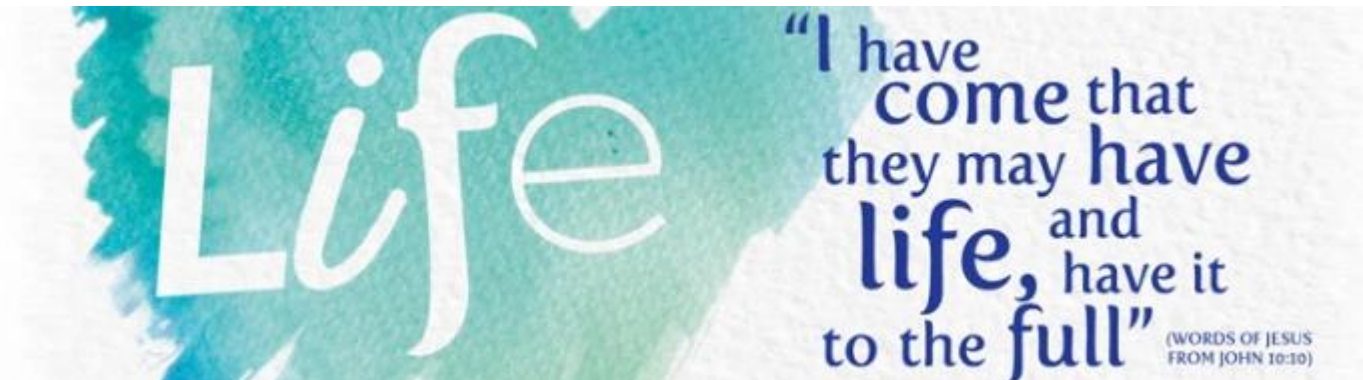




Thy Kingdom Come in the Workplace

Confident disciples at work

- As part of our LIFE strategy, Gloucester Diocese aim to *“nurture confident Christians to live out their faith seven days a week”*.
- For many Christians, the hardest place for them to live out their Christian faith is in their secular workplaces.
- Secular workplaces also provide one of the greatest opportunities for evangelism through close relationship.



Thy Kingdom Come 2019

- As part of Thy Kingdom Come 2019, we are proposing to encourage Christians to engage with their workplace in kingdom prayer.
- We can suggest a variety of activities they could carry out in their workplaces.
- Some activities may be more appropriate to individual Christian business owners, some for individuals in large companies who may subsequently form lasting Christian Workplace Groups.
- To provide focus, we propose that one day in the week should be publicised **Bless the Workplace, Wednesday 5th June 2019.**



Creative prayer activities

- There are many ways in which Christians could engage in Thy Kingdom Come in their workplace.
- Running **more creative activities** can increase engagement, including sometimes those without faith, and can be a more visible witness.
- Most of these activities need some level of preparation but are fairly easy to run.
- Christians in larger organisations will need to check that Human Resources are comfortable with the activity.



Lasting prayer groups

- One of the key opportunities we have is to help with the development of Christian Workplace Groups in large companies.
- We are already supporting the work of Transform Work UK and LICC, and we can partner with them to take hold of these opportunities.

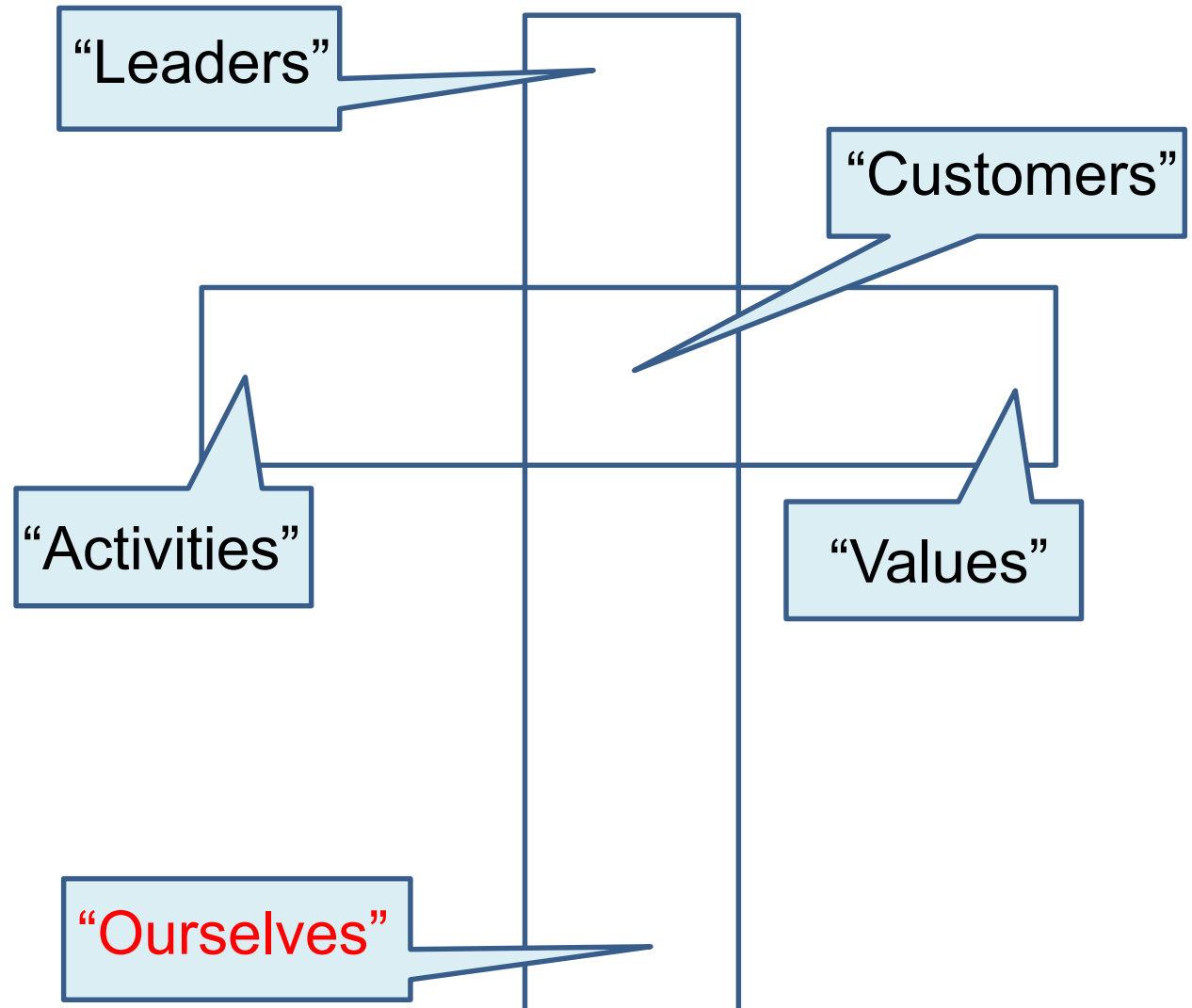


Activity 1 - Bring to the cross

Purpose: prayer for God's kingdom to come in all aspects of the organisation.

What to do:

- take a large piece of paper and draw a cross outline on it.
- write the words on the cross as indicated in the blue boxes.
- pray that God's kingdom would come in each of these areas, with specific prayers for that organisation.



Activity 2 – Prayer map

Purpose: prayer for God’s kingdom to come in the company as part of the organisation.

What to do:

- take a large map of the UK or territory that the organisation operates in.
- use post-its to add details of each smaller area or office e.g. leaders, products, customers, suppliers
- pray for God’s kingdom to come in these areas.



Activity 3 – Physical model

Purpose: prayer for God's kingdom to come in specific departments of the company, a welcoming of the Holy Spirit in all areas of the building.

What to do:

- build a rough physical model of the company or part of the company. For example, head office, school, the factory, or the outlets.
- this could for example be made from cardboard boxes, Lego or plastic bottles.



- pray in turn for each part of the company represented by the model
- pray for the people who work there, their activities and the suppliers and customers.
- pray that God's kingdom would come in each of these areas.

Activity 4 – Prayer mailbox

Purpose: engage with colleagues in the company and pray for their concerns as a basis for God's kingdom to come in their area.

What to do:

- set up a post box in a public area of the organisation e.g. coffee area
- ask staff to write prayers for the company, challenges and hopes, as specific as they want but no individual names
- open the box in a meeting and use the messages as a basis for prayer that God's kingdom will come in the workplace.



Activity 5 – Annual report

Purpose: pray for the organisation and the people in the various parts of the organisation in a relevant manner.

What to do:

- take a copy of the company's annual report and take it in turns to read the executive summary aloud.



- on a large piece of paper or whiteboard, write down items for prayer e.g. aspects of the company, changes implemented or planned.
- then pray for each of these points in turn, that God's kingdom would come in each of these areas.

Activity 6 – Something free

Purpose: illustrate God's free grace by providing something free which people would usually pay for.

What to do:

- decide what you can give away free.
- one example: before colleagues come to work, pay for everyone's first coffee of the day - put up a notice explaining that this is a free gift from the Christians at the company and explain that this illustrates God's free gift of salvation.
- other examples could be free consultancy, or coaching for customers or suppliers. Again with an explanation about grace.



Activity 7 – Prayer walk

Purpose: pray for business people in the business areas that they work in.

What to do:

- walk around the building where the organisation is based and stop for prayer at a number of points, for larger companies this may be each department.
- pray for what you see, either silently or carefully aloud - maybe take a banner which says “pray with us here” and invite people to join in.

