

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 262

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East. We also pray for all those dealing with the ongoing relief effort after the earthquake in Myanmar.

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Sunday 27th April: *(Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894)*

We continue our prayers for Eccleshall Deanery, and specifically today with a prayer from Shallowford House in the heart of it; Please pray for God's blessing and protection for Shallowford House, and that all who come to it will truly meet with Jesus as they do so. Pray also for Simon Hudson the Director as he leaves next month, and for the Trustees as they seek to appoint his successor.

Monday 28th: *(Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841)*

Today we pray for the Church Warden Café workshop on completing the [Energy Footprint Tool](#); for the people leading it and for those attending it. May good questions be asked and similar answers given. Thank you to all those who faithfully fill out their Stats Returns, be they Energy, Finance, or Mission. Please bless all those who work with collating or interpreting them with wisdom and vision.

We also pray for our new Chief Executive Sam Rushton as she starts her ministry with us today.

Tuesday 29th: *(Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380)*

Lord, we pray for the start of the Pioneering Parishes' series of webinars on [Culture Change and Practice](#), and for all those that lead and attend them. We pray for those grappling with the 'challenge of developing a pioneering culture and a mixed ecology of church', so that the church a seeker may encounter may be the best fit for them.

Wednesday 30th: *(Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922)*

We pray for the start of 2 separate new courses, each starting today; firstly for the [Online Difference Course](#), and for open-hearted participation from all those joining in; and also for the Education Team's full day for those [New to RE Leadership](#), that all those taking part may leave feeling better equipped.

Thursday 1st May: *(Philip and James, Apostles)*

Lord, on the Saints Day for both St James the Lesser and also St Philip, we pray for the churches in the diocese dedicated to one or both of them; for the St James' at Fradswell in the Mid-Trent Benefice of Stafford, and for Longton in Stoke; for the St Philip's in Penn Fields in Trysull, Werrington in Cheadle, and West Bromwich; and for the two churches dedicated to both of them; in Milton and Morton in Leek and Oswestry Deaneries respectively. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and their communities. Today we also pray for the Education Team's first session under their 'Deepening Routes' programme on [Teaching RE](#), and for all those who face that challenge and opportunity in our schools.

Friday 2nd: *(Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373)*

We continue to pray for Eccleshall Deanery, and today specifically for the Loggerheads Benefice in the North-West Corner. We pray specifically for the four churches and the communities served by them, for Ashley St John the Baptist, Broughton St Peter, Croxton St Paul, and for Mucklestone St Mary. We pray especially for their Rector David Isiorho as he prepares to retire this June and the future endeavours he has planned; and for the leadership of the four churches as they step forward without him. As David wished in his last APCM, may they 'go forward together albeit in different directions'.

Saturday 3rd:

Lord, on the Saints Day that we remember St James the Just, we pray for the one churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Brownhills north of Walsall, and in Lichfield Deanery. So too we pray for the Church School in the Parish of Holy Trinity in Clayhanger. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both this church and school and their associated communities.