

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 312

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, Iran and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 12th April:

Continuing our prayers for Stoke on Trent Deanery, a prayer from [Encounter's Alex Wolvers](#);

Loving God, through the prophet Jeremiah, you told us to, '...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.' We pray now for the towns that make up the city of Stoke-on-Trent we pray for your peace, safety, prosperity, and justice, for all who live within the towns. We pray for those who have lived here all their lives and for those who are just passing through. Bring your light to all in our communities and heal all that is broken. We give you thanks for the way that you are already working here – and especially for where the gospel message is bringing hope and freedom. We pray particularly for our schools, our churches and for all those Christian organisations that are working to bring your love to the city. May we be united in our calling. May we see lives changed and your church renewed, in Jesus' name.

Monday 13th:

Lord, today we lift before you this afternoon's meeting of the Stafford Area Mission and Pastoral Committee, that you will grant wisdom to all that serve there, as they make decisions about the items on their agenda, to indeed strengthen Pastoral Care and further your work of Mission in that place. This evening we pray for Jeremy Dussek as he is licensed at St Peter's Collegiate Church in Wolverhampton to serve there and at the other city centre church of St John's in the Square. Lord, please guide Jeremy as he settles into Wolverhampton, and bless him with positive relationships in the churches and communities where he serves to build your Kingdom in that place.

Tuesday 14th

We pray for today's gathering of [Shropshire Greenhouse](#) at Hadley Park Community Centre in Telford. We thank you for their heart to explore different ways of helping people to hear your word. Through older means or new, we pray you will always give us the heart to engage with our communities, and give more people the chance to hear your message through ways that work in their lives and context.

Wednesday 15th:

Lord, we pray for today's Bishop's Staff Meeting. We pray for the people that will be making decisions. We pray for the people working behind the scenes to try to inform and implement those decisions. We pray that the decisions made will be the ones that you want made. We pray that you may guide and excite our diocesan leaders with the possibilities of working to follow you, and help more than five hundred churches do just the same.

Thursday 16th: (Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923)

Today we join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in '[Praying for the 34,000](#)', as we start to analyse the 2025 Stats for Mission we thank you for all the encouragements within them of the evidence of you being at work across the diocese. We pray that this will include evidence of an increasing number of people choosing to follow you as best they can across churches of whatever form across this place and beyond. We also pray for this evening's online gathering with the Shropshire and Staffordshire Historic Churches Trusts, looking forward to the possibilities of this year's '[Ride and Stride](#)' celebration in September. Lord, we thank you for the privilege of being able to enjoy so many beautiful and historic places of worship, and pray that you may guide us to make the very most of them in both present and future.

Friday 17th:

Continuing our prayers for Stoke-on-Trent Deanery, we humbly offer our thanks to you for the encouraging signs as identified by their Rural Dean Shaun Morris; for the trickle of growth we are seeing in many churches, for the number of young adults who are coming through our doors searching, for the initial stages of our SMMIB funded church plant at All Saints Hanley and our recruitment of gifted people, and similarly the good start enjoyed by our Encounter project that seeks to facilitate a number of church school partnerships with a view to forming new worshipping communities.

Saturday 18th:

Lord, we bring before you this today's Quiet Day focusing on [The Power of Prayer](#) taking place in Shifnal. Please bless all those taking part with the encouragement of seeing just some tiny measure of that phenomenal power. Lord Jesus, we thank you again for the incredible gift of prayer, that we know that whenever we want to talk to you, you're always there to listen. We also pray for this morning's gathering of the [Shropshire Greenhouse](#) at St Alkmund's Church Hall in Whitchurch. Just like earlier this week in Telford, we pray for a continuing heart across Shropshire to build and strengthen communities with you and your word at their heart.