

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 313

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 19th April: *(Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Stoke with praying, as per their Rural Dean, for the large number of vacancies we now have; for church wardens, PTOs and other local leaders as they lead their churches through the vacancy period; for wise drafting of profile documents; for good applicants to hear of the opportunities and apply; for discerning appointment processes; and for perseverance and encouragements during the vacancy period.

Monday 20th:

Lord, in the final of our prayers from their Rural Dean Shaun for Stoke on Trent Deanery, we pray for the clergy that serve there; that they remain faithful and servant hearted, that their lives be consistent with the faith they profess, and that they keep clinging to the risen Christ in times of challenge. Lord, please guide each of us who try to follow you try to meet those goals similarly amongst our many slips, failings, and mistakes.

Tuesday 21st: *(Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109)*

Lord, we pray for the Education Team's training day in Wolverhampton today exploring [Spirituality and Creating a Culture of Justice and Responsibility](#). We pray for all those both attending and leading, that together they may enjoy an informative and encouraging day exploring an important topic. Lord, we thank you again for the wonderful world you created for us; please inspire us to never stop working to try to make it a fairer one.

Wednesday 22nd:

The first of some prayer requests from Revd Alan Gault of the project at All Saints Joiners Square;

All Saints have been running an Alpha Course at Staffordshire University in partnership with the Christian Union. There has been two weeks off for the Easter Holidays and it recommences on the 15th April. Please pray that the guests return, that it is fruitful for them on their faith journey and the CU are encouraged in their mission. All Saints have also developed a growing partnership with Stoke 6th Form College including running a weekly CU, and being part of seasonal events. Continue to pray for that relationship and for creativity in doing mission in the College. Pray for deepening and safe relationships with the staff and leadership.

Thursday 23rd: *(George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304)*

Today On St George's day, we pray for all of the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Frankwell, Glascote, Newcastle, Rodington, and Telford. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and the communities they serve.

Friday 24th: *(Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624.*

The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003)

Lord, on St Mellitus' Day we pray for all those from the diocese studying in the college that bears his name, and so too all those studying in theological institutions up and down the country. Lord, please help them to gain encouragement and equipping amongst their training, so that as they return to serve in this diocese and beyond, they may do so enthused to meet the challenges and opportunities before them head on. Lord, as we seek a new Vocations Officer, we pray that you will place a clear calling in the heart of the person you want in the role, and clear the way so that they may be appointed.

Saturday 25th: *(Mark the Evangelist)*

On St Mark's day, we pray for all of the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Basford, Foxt, Great Wyrley, Ocker Hill, Shelfield, Shelton, and Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and the communities they serve. We also lift before you this morning's Bible Study session on [Discipleship in the Old Testament](#) with Dr Dave Allen at Emmanuel Church at Harlescote in Shrewsbury. As Dave explores the experiences of Job and his relationship with his friends, so too we thank you for those that stand alongside us at times of difficulty; and pray that you may guide us as to how we can support those around us that need it - perhaps in more positive ways than Job's friends may have managed themselves. We thank you that you are one faithful friend who will always be there for us.

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