

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 314



Seeking the
Kingdom

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.

Sunday 26th April:

We continue our prayers for Stoke on Trent Deanery with a request from All Saints Joiners Square;

The building work at All Saints Church Hall is due to complete at the beginning of May. Please pray for those working on the site and that the building will be a place of welcome, hospitality and faith for the community once again. We have been hosting gatherings to build a planting team/congregation so give thanks for those who have been drawn to be part of this church. Once the hall is complete All Saints will officially re-open, meeting in the hall space while plans are made for the refurbishment of the church space. Pray for the All Saints and Encounter teams as they begin to both work out of the All Saints Church Hall office space. Pray that the teams bond well, that they are able to encourage each other in their mission across the city and that they are fruitful in their tasks. Both are also in a phase of recruitment so pray for the right people to be drawn to the available roles.

Monday 27th: *(Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894)*

'A Prayer to the Holy Spirit' by Christina Rossetti;

O God the Holy Ghost who art light unto thine elect, evermore enlighten us. Thou who art fire of love evermore enkindle us. Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life, evermore live in us. Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace, evermore replenish us. As the wind is thy symbol, so forward our goings. As the dove, so launch us heavenwards. As water, so purify our spirits. As a cloud, so abate our temptations. As dew, so revive our languor. As fire, so purge our dross.

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

Lord, please bless this morning's Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting, give wisdom and inspiration to all those involved, and that your Mission will indeed be enabled there, and all your people cared for as they deserve and you wish. We also pray for today's '[Space Makers](#)' Training Session in Kidsgrove from the Education Team. We thank you for the ancient wisdom of prayer and spirituality in the Christian tradition, and especially pray for all those trying to make it accessible and explorable to young people.

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

Lord, we bring before you today's Churchwarden Café on '[All Things Green](#)'. We pray for this chance to explore the opportunities around Net Zero and the support available, and pray that all those attending or taking part may leave feeling encouraged and better informed. We thank you again for this world that you gave us and pray you will continue to guide us on how to take care of it better.

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

We pray for today's first of two twilight sessions from the Education Team on '[Spirituality and Creating a Culture of Justice and Responsibility](#)'. We thank you for the opportunities in developing the language of spirituality with children and in further embedding spiritual development across the curriculum We lift before you all those engaged in this area, so that young people's eyes may be ever-opened to the spiritual dimension, and especially your presence in their lives and your love for them..

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

On the day we remember St Philip and St James the Lesser, we pray for all of the churches in the diocese dedicated to either or both of them, in Fradswell, Longton, Milton, Morton, Penn Fields, and Werrington. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and the communities they serve.

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

Our final prayer request from All Saints Joiners Square and also our series of prayers for Stoke on Trent;

Saints Run Club is an initiative from All Saints to use running as a means of inviting people into friendship and wholeness in the name of Jesus. Please pray for it as it grows, that people of all faiths and none would feel able to come along and run with new friends. Pray that it is an avenue into church for those who attend because of the community they find with Christians.