

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 317



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 17th May:

Lord, as Dementia Action Week starts tomorrow, we lift before you all those we know and love that are living with it, and all those that care for them.

And a specific prayer for the week from Jeremy Stretton of St Mary's Ellesmere;

God of love, I am not muddled, forgetful or angry really inside: that's just how people may see me sometimes. I am still a traveller like others but on a new unseen path, holding a hand out to You. I thank You for holding it. And I am thankful for others' help, even touching my fingertips or simply connecting in their thoughts and prayers. Your love holds, touches and connects us all. Amen.

Monday 18th:

Lord, we pray for today's '[Soulspace](#)' workshop in Lichfield, exploring the possibilities of offering worship or other spiritual elements into existing social action or community activities. Lord, please grant us discernment and creativity when working in our communities so that opportunities to share our love for you may never be forced inappropriately, but also never go untaken.

Tuesday 19th: *(Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988)*

Lord, we lift before you today's gathering of the Mission and Discipleship Enablers Network; we pray that, by meeting together, those working in mission teams from dioceses across the country can learn from and support each other in the common priority "To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday".

So too we pray for today's Wolverhampton Area Mission and Pastoral Committee, please grant wisdom and discernment over all the decisions that may have to be taken.

Wednesday 20th: *(Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804)*

We pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee as it gathers this afternoon, please guide and inspire all those involved in the decisions that have to be made. Lord, please guide each of us to use your buildings for your purposes. This evening we also pray for the diocese's group of Discipleship Enablers as they explore Christian Life in Practice; please continue to guide both them and us in helping how we live our lives on earth to become that little bit closer to how you lived yours.

Thursday 21st: *(Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330)*

We join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship today in [Praying for the 34,000](#); Lord we indeed pray to see more people coming to know you, and wanting to further their discipleship journey of always wanting to further their walk you.

Also, as we remember St Helena's role in protecting the holy places of Jerusalem, a prayer of King David from Psalm 122;

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Friday 22nd:

Today we pray for Jonathan Nicholas as he is licensed at All Saints Alrewas in Lichfield. Lord, please guide Jonathan as he settles in this church and starts to serve both here and at St Stephen's Fradley, and bless him with positive relationships in these churches and communities where he serves to build your Kingdom in these places.

Saturday 23rd:

Today we pray for Jenny Mayo as she is licensed at St Mark's Shelfield in Walsall. Lord, please guide Jenny as she moves across Walsall, and bless her with positive relationships in the church and community where she serves to build your Kingdom in that place.

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