

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 320



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 7th June:

Today we pray for Jonathan Bish as he is licensed to serve as the new Precentor at Lichfield Cathedral. Lord, please guide Jonathan as he settles into Lichfield, and bless him with positive relationships with his colleagues amongst the cathedral's staff and volunteers, as he serves to build your Kingdom in that place.

Monday 8th: *(Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711)*

Lord, we lift before you this afternoon's workshop on [Running Small Groups for all](#). Please grow our awareness of the needs of those coming to engage with you through the medium of Small Groups, that we would make no assumptions that may hinder anyone on their journey with you, but that instead you may use us to always be there to help with the next step.

Tuesday 9th: *(Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597. Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373)*

As we remember St Columba and his ministry of bringing the light of your love to so many people and places across these islands, one of his prayers that we may do some fraction of the same;

O Lord, grant us that love which can never die, which will enkindle our lamps but not extinguish them, so that they may shine in us and bring light to others.

Most dear Saviour, enkindle our lamps that they may shine forever in your temple.

May we receive unquenchable light from you so that our darkness will be illuminated and the darkness of the world will be made less. **Amen.**

Wednesday 10th:

Lord, we pray for the Bishop's Staff Team as they gather today, that their deliberations and conversations will be gracious and well considered and the decisions they reach will be wise and honour your will.

Tonight we pray for the Gathering at Shallowford of the Community of Evangelists of '[Casting Nets... on TikTok](#)'. We thank you that you continue to surprise us with new opportunities to cast your nets, pray that you will keep our eyes open to see them, and humbly pray that you bless us with more fish eager to know more about you and the wonderful difference you can make to our lives.

Thursday 11th: *(Barnabas the Apostle)*

On the day we remember St Barnabas we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, at Bradwell in Newcastle Deanery and at Mile Oak in Tamworth Deanery. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on these churches, their sister ones in their respective teams, and the communities they serve.

Lord, today we also pray for this evening's Biblical Studies workshop exploring [Discipleship in the Old Testament](#), and especially on this occasion, in Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. Lord, we thank you for the example of all those who have gone before us in the journey of following you, and pray that you will help us learn valuable lessons to guide our own paths.

Friday 12th:

Lord, we pray for today's [Study Day exploring the opportunities in the proposed Feast of God the Creator](#). Please bless the Green Team and all those involved with creative ideas of how to mark the occasion, and each one of us with a renewed appreciation of the world you created for it and a responsibility to treat it with just a fraction of the love that you have for us.

Saturday 13th:

We continue our prayers for Cheadle Deanery by praying for the Revd Joe Palfreyman and his family as they prepare to move from one home and church to another, as Joe becomes the incumbent of the benefice of Caverswall and Weston Coyney with Dilhorne. We lift before you the churches in continued interregnum and as they prepare to welcome the Palfreyman family.