

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 321



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 14<sup>th</sup> June:** (*Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691*)

We continue our prayers for Cheadle Deanery by praying for the Churnet Valley benefice (Foxt with Whiston, Kingsley, and Cotton with Oakamoor) as they explore a new way of working alongside the Revd Garry Higgs and the benefice of Cheadle and Freehay. We especially lift before you for the community of Oakamoor as they consider their future.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>:** (*Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941*)

Lord, we lift before you today's [Children, Family and Youth Ministry Network one-day workshop](#) at Telford Minster, for an encouraging and informative day for all those that take part. Please bless and guide all those churches with young people, as they help them in their earlier steps of their walk with you.

We also pray for this evening's [Archdeacon's Visitation](#) at St Giles' Shrewsbury, and thank you for all those volunteering for roles in lay leadership in the year ahead.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>:** (*Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253. Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752*)

We also pray for this morning's [Ecumenical Safeguarding Webinar](#) on understanding the role of the Staffordshire LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer). Lord, we pray for those with particular responsibilities in respect to safeguarding across our diocese and ask for wisdom in undertaking these roles. We too pray that you guide each and every one of us as we play our part in making sure that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Finally Lord, today we pray for Neale Wright as he is licensed to serve in the RDCH Benefice in Uttoxeter Deanery. We pray for him and his new churches of Croxden St Giles, Denstone All Saints, Hollington St John the Evangelist, and Rocester St Michael, that you bless growing relationships in these churches and communities in the months and years to come.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** (*Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936*)

Father God, we lift before you many events taking place around the diocese today. We pray for wisdom and discernment for the Stoke Assessors as they meet today, and similarly for the [Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee](#) and for the decisions they will be making. We pray for the [Archdeacon's Visitation](#) at St John the Baptist's Whittington, and for all the churches and people of Ellesmere and Oswestry Deaneries. And tonight Lord, we think of the [Discipleship Enablers](#) as they gather this evening and explore just a tiny fraction of who you are and how you see us.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** (*Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896*)

Lord, we again join today in [Praying for the 34,000](#), that many more people may find the joy of starting their walk with you. Please help us to be ready, willing, and able to help people along that walk whenever and however they may come through our doors. We pray for the Risk and Audit Committee as they meet today, for sound judgement in everything they are looking at. Finally Lord, we pray for the [Tea and Cake](#) session at St Chad's House in Leek, for good fellowship for all those there, and for the wardens Jaime and Gary as they seek to take the house forward.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:** (*Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929*)

Continuing our Cheadle prayers, we pray for the Revd Michael Follin who is having a well-deserved sabbatical this summer; that he might rest-well and be renewed. We thank you for the work of churchwardens and those who offer ministerial support to churches in vacancy or covering sabbaticals. We also pray for new and existing Deanery Synod members that they might be a resource to encourage the mission of God and service to our communities within our churches. Please help us to be strategic in supporting and encouraging each other.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Lord, we lift before you those people being ordained as Priests today. At Lichfield Cathedral we pray for each of Jules Smith, Laura Edwards, and Laura MacFarlane; at Stoke Minster we pray for James Butter and Katie Delamere. Lord, please bless each of these people at this important stage of their journeys, and continue to guide them as they move forward.

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