

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 322



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 21st June:

Lord, we lift before you those people being ordained as Priests today. At [Holy Trinity Bicton we pray for David Latcham](#); at [St Peter's Wolverhampton we pray for Emma Hammond and Imogen Smith](#). Lord, please bless each of these people at this important stage of their vocation, and continue to guide them on their onward journey. So too we pray for Joe Palfreyman as he is licensed today to serve the churches of Caverswall, Dilhorne, and Weston Coyney. Please bless growing relationships in these churches and communities in the months and years to come.

Monday 22nd: *(Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250)*

On the day we remember St Alban we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Ashmore Park in Wulfrun Deanery and at Blurton in Stoke on Trent. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on these churches, their respective sister ones of St Thomas and Bartholomew, and the communities they serve. We also pray for the [Archdeacon's Visitation at St Mary's Tutbury](#), and thank you for all those people volunteering to serve in the eastern areas of Staffordshire.

Tuesday 23rd: *(Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678)*

We pray for Nick Smith as he is licensed today as new vicar of the parish of Penn Fields. We thank you for his years of service there as Curate, and that his experience and relationships already built there will translate well into his new role. Please bless him and the churches of St Aidan's, St Jo's, and St Philip's as they move into the future together. We pray for wisdom for the Walsall Assessors as they meet today. So too we pray for the [Archdeacon's Visitation at St John the Baptist's Stafford](#), and thank you for all those people stepping forward to serve in Stafford borough and beyond. We also pray for this morning's workshop on '[Taking Action on Eco Church](#)' and pray you may guide each of us that in trying to equip our churches for all the 5 Marks of Mission, we will remember the Fifth in taking care of the beautiful world that you created for us.

Wednesday 24th: *(The Birth of John the Baptist)*

Today we pray for Helen Duckett as she is licensed to serve at St John's Barlaston. Please bless growing relationships between her and her new church, as they get to know each other better and serve the local community.

Thursday 25th:

Lord, we pray for two different Committees as they gather today; Finance and Asset Management this morning and for Stafford Area Mission and Pastoral as they gather this afternoon; please bless both with some measure of your wisdom and compassion. We also pray for this morning's Neurodivergent Licensed Minister Gathering at St Thomas' Mossley in north Walsall, and pray that this may prove the start of a supportive network for all concerned.

Friday 26th:

Continuing our prayers for Cheadle Deanery, we pray for a flourishing relationship between the churches and the schools in their parishes there. We thank you for a recently established 'Open the book' team in Dilhorne, regularly sharing bible stories in collective worship time and a Youthscape Open House Course in Blythe Bridge High School. Please bless for the Christian influence of those who work and help in schools as teachers, governors, youth workers, clergy and volunteers.

Saturday 27th: *(Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444)*

Lord, we pray for all those people being [Ordained as Deacons today](#) at Lichfield Cathedral, and for all the places where they will soon be serving, for productive and rewarding experiences and relationships between the new Deacons and all the people they will soon be serving and working alongside. Please bless Alex Cama and the churches of Holy Trinity Hadley and Wellington Christ Church; Amie Iddon in Shenstone and Stonnall; Christian Bloor in Trentham; Joanne Redding in Bushbury parish; Laurina Rushworth in Smestow Vale; Louise Jones in Baschurch, Hordley, and Weston Lullingfield; and Megan Creamer at Telford Minster. We also pray for the '[Tabitha](#)' [Retreat Day](#) at St Chad's House, for an encouraging and inspiring time for all those taking part.

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