

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 323



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 28th June: *(Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200)*

A prayer of Irenaeus;

Give maturity to beginners, O Father, give intelligence to the little ones, give aid to those who are running their course. Give sorrow to the negligent, give fervour of spirit to the lukewarm. Give to those in their older years a good consummation, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday 29th: (Peter and Paul, Apostles)

We pray for this morning's [AGM for the Diocesan Digest](#), and we thank you for all who have given up their time to facilitate the diocese's 'talking newspaper', and lift before you all those who appreciate and possibly rely on it. We also pray for this evening's two Archdeacon's Visitations, at [Lichfield Cathedral](#) and [St Mary's Shawbury](#) respectively; for all those attending and committing to serve you in their home churches.

And on the day we remember St Peter and St Paul, we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to either or both of them. For the two saints combined in Fitz and Wem; for the St Paul's churches in Burslem, Burton, Coven, Croxton, Drayton Bassett, Elford, Fazeley, Leek, Longton Hall, Mount Pleasant, Newcastle, Newtown, Pendeford, Quarnford, Stafford, Walsall and West Bromwich; and for the St Peter's churches in Adderley, Alstonfield, Alton, Broughton, Caverswall, Codsall Wood, Edgmond, Ellastone, Forsbrook, Gayton, Glascote Heath, Greets Green, Hednesford, Hixon, Hopton, Kinver, Lee Brockhurst, Little Aston, Maer, Marchington, Melverley, Monkmoor, Myddle, Norbury, Priors Lee, Rickerscote, Stoke on Tern, Stoke on Trent, Stonnall, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Wrockwardine, and Yoxall. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Tuesday 30th:

Lord, we pray for this evening's Diocesan Synod at Lichfield Cathedral. We pray for good questions and better answers. We pray for healthy discussions between people working out your plans for this diocese. Most of all Lord, we pray for enough of your wisdom and guidance for us to see those plans and act on them.

Wednesday 1st July: *(Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Cheadle Deanery by giving thanks for the recent establishment of two new youth groups at St Peter's Forsbrook, reaching lots of children and young people in the local area. We thank you for the generosity of those who all give of their time, energy and money to make possible this ministry with young people. So too we thank you for the impact of the Community Café run by St Margaret's Draycott, creating a space of welcome and friendship within the local community. Please grant opportunities within this space for Christians to witness to new and existing friends.

Thursday 2nd:

Lord, we pray for the Lichfield Assessors as they gather this morning, for clarity and wisdom over whatever decisions they may have to make today. So too we pray for tonight's [Archdeacon's Visitation in Friar Park](#), for the 'Charge' being issued to the people there, and once again we thank you for all those people stepping forward to serve you and their churches in this coming year.

Friday 3rd: *(Thomas the Apostle)*

On the day we remember St Thomas we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Aldridge, Butterton, Doxey, Huntington, Kidsgrove, Mossley, Mow Cop, Penkhull, Walton-on-the-Hill, and Wednesfield. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Saturday 4th:

Lord, we conclude our prayers for Cheadle by praying for a stirring of the Spirit in the deanery; that people of all ages will find ways of connecting with their local churches and discovering faith in Jesus Christ. We pray that all our churches may be creative in our communication; genuine in our welcome; faithful in our proclamation of the gospel and in our care; wise in our decision-making; and prayerful in all circumstances.

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