

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 326

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.



Seeking the Kingdom

Sunday 19th July:

(Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379)

Lord, we pray for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery and especially for Chris Precious as he is licensed to serve as their new Rural Dean. We pray for all those churches in north Shropshire and the people that worship in them, and for closer and productive links between them. As well as the two market towns, we pray for the many villages, and that in each one of them your name may be known and that your hand of blessing will rest upon them.

Monday 20th:

(Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century. Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566)

On the day we remember St Margaret we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Betley, Draycott le Moors, Great Barr, Moreton Say, Wetton, and Wolstanton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Lord, we also pray for '[Creative](#)', and the start of a 3-day Craft Retreat at Shallowford House. We pray for inspiration and encouragement for all those taking part, and we thank you for the ongoing blessing of how you may often guide us through creative means that we perhaps never expect.

Tuesday 21st:

We pray for this evening's consultation in Stoke Archdeaconry for the forthcoming Vacancy in See, and again lift this process before you. We pray for everyone on the Vacancy in See Committee, for wisdom and guidance on how they can best contribute. Lord, please send us who you want to lead us next.

Tonight we pray for Andrew Walmley as he is licensed to serve at St George's Glascote in Tamworth. Please bless growing relationships between him and his new church, as they get to know each other better and work together to serve the local community.

Wednesday 22nd:

(Mary Magdalene)

On the day we remember St Mary Magdalene we pray for the three churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Albrighton, Hadnall, and West Bromwich. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Thursday 23rd:

(Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373)

Lord, we pray for this evening's online workshop offering an [Introduction to the Church of England](#). We pray for inspiration through our CEO Sam Rushton who will lead the session. We thank you for this institution as a whole, for its strengths as well as its foibles and failings, and pray that you may inspire us in how we can positively contribute to it.

Friday 24th:

Today we remember both St Wulfad and St Rufin and we pray for the two churches dedicated to them in the diocese, for St Michael and St Wulfad's in Stone, and for the nearby St Rufin's Burston. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Saturday 25th:

(James the Apostle)

On the day we remember St James the Great we pray for the four churches in the diocese specifically dedicated to him, in Audley, Clayton, Newchapel, and Salt. So too we pray for the other churches more generally dedicated to 'St James', in Acton Trussell, Barton under Needwood, Cotes Heath, Fordhouses, Longdon, Norton Canes, Waterfall, West Bromwich, and Wigginton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve.