

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 328

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 2nd August:

Continuing our prayers for Tamworth Deanery, a specific prayer from the Mease Valley Benefice;

We pray for the calling out and enabling of new PCC members and churchwardens across the four parishes of the Mease Valley. We thank you for the one current churchwarden, but we urgently need others to step forward into leadership. We pray you may stir the hearts of individuals within the congregations with a spirit of willingness, giving them the confidence, wisdom, and energy to serve and support the church family. Amen

Monday 3rd:

Lord, today we lift before you this evening's online workshop on Governance for PCCs and Churchwardens. We thank you for all those who volunteer to serve and lead on our PCCs or as wardens, and for the time and effort that they put into it. Please bless their continuing efforts and guide them as they seek your will for the future of our churches.

Tuesday 4th:

(Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859)

Continuing our prayers for Tamworth, we lift before you the three ordinands in the Deanery in Andrea Treadwell, Steph Ashmore, and Wendy Smith. We lift before you them and the other ordinands from around the diocese as they journey towards ordination, that you will help them balance the demands of the academic work and other things they need to complete.

Wednesday 5th:

(Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642)

On the day we remember St Oswald we pray for the two churches in the diocese specifically dedicated to him, in Hinstock and in Oswestry. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches, Hinstock's sister churches in the United Benefice in Hodnet Deanery, Oswestry's sibling Christ Church Rhydygroesau straddling the Welsh border, and the communities they serve together.

Thursday 6th:

(The Transfiguration of Our Lord)

A Collect for the Transfiguration;

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday 7th:

(John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866)

Lord, we conclude our spell of prayers for Tamworth Deanery by praying for the various celebrations and occasions taking place across the deanery. We thank you for the opportunities whenever people come together in your name, for fellowship and encouragement for all those there.

Saturday 8th:

(Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221)

A prayer of St Dominic;

May God the Father, who made us, bless us.

May God the Son, who redeemed us, send healing into our midst.

May God the Holy Spirit, who gives us life, move within us.

May God give us eyes to see to God, ears to hear God, and hands to bring God's work into the world.

May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all.

May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the eternal Kingdom.