

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 330

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.



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Sunday 16th August:

Lord, amidst a series of prayers for Ellesmere Deanery, we pray for Shallowford House that sits within it. We pray for those who lead it; Craig, Claire, and all of the team, including all the volunteers who give up their time there. We pray for all those who use its facilities, that they may find it a place in which they can spend quality time with you. And we pray for its future, that you may guide it in the direction you wish it to follow.

Monday 17th:

Lord, we continue our prayers for Eccleshall Deanery, by praying for the two Benefices towards its north-east. We lift before you Holy Trinity in Eccleshall itself, and for St Chad's Slindon; and for your hand of blessing to rest over all that takes place in those buildings. So too we pray for the people and churches of St Laurence's Chapel Chorlton, St Mary and All Saints Whitmore, and St Peter's Maer; please bless and guide them on their continuing journey with you.

Tuesday 18th:

We conclude our prayers for Eccleshall Deanery by praying for the Staffordshire Border Group of Churches at its southern tip. We pray specifically for Christ Church Knightley, St Lawrence's Gnosall, St Mary's High Offley, St Mary's Moreton, St Michael and All Angels Adbaston, and St Peter's Norbury. We thank you for all these churches, for the villages they serve, and all the people who live and work in them; and pray that your loving and guiding hand may remain over them.

Wednesday 19th:

Lord, we start a series of prayers for Lichfield Deanery by lifting before you each of its church primary schools; for Alrewas All Saints, Clayhanger Holy Trinity, Lichfield Christ Church, Lichfield St Chad, Lichfield St Michael, Longdon St James, Richard Crosse in Kings Bromley, Stonnall St Peter, and Yoxall St Peter. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them. In these remaining days of the summer holidays, we pray that all those who need to find time to rest and recharge, may be able to do just that.

Thursday 20th: *(Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153. William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890)*

Lord, today we lift before you all those people receiving the results of their GCSEs and other courses. We pray for all those who may have got what they hoped for, and perhaps even more so for those that may not; that they may feel your loving and guiding presence into whatever may come next for them.

Today, we similarly pray for Terry Bloor and for whatever comes next for him as he retires as the Associate Archdeacon of Stoke on Trent. Thank you for all that you have helped him do for so long across Staffordshire and beyond.

Finally Lord, we join with the DEF in '[Praying for the 34,000](#)', and that you may continually inspire us with new ways of helping those we care about along a discipleship journey of getting to know you ever better.

Friday 21st:

Lord, we continue our prayers for Lichfield Deanery, and related to education for our last two days, with a request from Lichfield to pray for our school children and their safety in these warm summer days, especially near water and rail tracks. Please take care of them Lord, and so too we humbly lift before you all those children whose homes are not a place of safety.

Saturday 22nd:

In another prayer both from and for Lichfield Deanery, we lift before you our farmers over the coming weeks as they bring in the Harvest. We pray for their safety in the demanding process, and for your wisdom over any tough decisions needing to be taken after however the long hot summer may have affected their crops or feed for their livestock.

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