

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 332

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 30th August:

(John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688)

A John Bunyan quote on prayer; Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised.

Lord, we sincerely and affectionately pray that through Jesus Christ and the strength and assistance of your Holy Spirit, that you may indeed fulfil your loving promises.

Monday 31st:

(Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651)

On the day we remember St Aidan we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Chadmoor in Cannock, and Penn Fields in Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and the communities they serve.

Tuesday 1st September:

(Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710)

On the day we remember St Giles we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Badger, Canwell, Cheadle, Croxden, Haughton, Newcastle, Shrewsbury, Whittington, Willenhall. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve. We also pray for wisdom and guidance for the Wolverhampton Area Mission and Pastoral Committee as it meets today.

Wednesday 2nd:

(The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942)

Lord, we pray for the Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee as it meets today. For this and the other AMPCs, we pray for your guidance over whatever considerations are being discussed in these parts of your Kingdom. We also pray that you may be calling forward new members from our various deanery synods as they have gradually refreshed this summer.

Thursday 3rd:

(Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604)

Lord, we lift before you today's Risk and Audit Committee, and pray for wisdom over any decisions they may be taking. We thank you for all those who volunteer to serve on this and other diocesan committees, and for the responsibility that can entail. Please bless them for their efforts that they may better serve you for your Glory.

Friday 4th:

(Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650)

We lift before you the first day of the Pilgrimage for the Feast of Creation in Christ. We pray for Bishop Michael and his walking companions at the start of a two-day pilgrimage from one of our Gold Eco Churches in St Michael's Rushall to Lichfield Cathedral. We pray for their safety and for an inspiring collegiate experience for those who journey together, and for your hand of blessing on all those communities being passed through that day; Rushall, Shelfield, Walsall Wood, Clayhanger, Brownhills, Chasetown, Chase Terrace, Gentleshaw, and Beaudesert.

Saturday 5th:

Lord, we pray for the second day of the Pilgrimage to launch the Feast of Creation in Christ, for Bishop Michael and his companions as they complete their journey to Lichfield. We especially pray for Bishop Michael as he completes his final pilgrimage in the diocese before his retirement. We pray for the ministry of [Reflections Gardens](#) at today's start, and for Christ Church Gentleshaw and St Bartholomew's Farewell on the way to Lichfield. We remember all those who have walked those paths before, along [The Two Saints Way](#) in recent years, and along Cross-in-Hand Lane for many more. Finally Lord, we pray for Lichfield as the pilgrimage concludes roughly circling the city before finishing at the Cathedral, and for all the churches, communities, and citizens that it encompasses.

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