

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 333

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 6th September: *(Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851)*

Lord, we lift before you today's inaugural celebration of the [Festival of Creation in Christ](#), and especially the services at the Cathedral today. We pray for a meaningful celebration acknowledging the wonderful world that you created for us.

And a prayer from the new liturgical resources created for it;

Glorious God, your whole creation sings your marvellous work; may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts that we may be good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday 7th:

On the day that [nominations close for our delegates to General Synod](#), we thank you for all those willing to serve, and pray for the process as it continues. We pray for wisdom and guidance during the voting process, that the best people to represent the views of our large and diverse diocese may be elected. Finally Lord, we pray for the formation of the new Synod itself, that you will guide and shape it towards constructive conversations that strengthen your church.

Tuesday 8th: *(The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Accession of King Charles III)*

Lord, we pray for this morning's session from Spurgeons Connect on [Supporting Churches to develop Church Family Hubs](#). We pray that it may indeed help equipping churches to develop volunteer-led Church Family Hubs that provide relational, accessible, and sustainable support to families in their communities. This afternoon we pray for your blessing over two diocesan business meetings, as both the Agenda Planning and Stafford Area Mission and Pastoral Committees gather; thank you for all those involved, please bless and guide them in wise decision-making. Finally Lord, we pray for Sara Humphries as she is licensed today to serve as the Rector of the Loggerheads Benefice in Eccleshall. We thank you for her years already spent serving as Associate Minister there, and pray you may bless existing relationships as she now serves in a new role. Lord, we pray for each of the churches in Ashley, Broughton, Croxton, and Mucklestone, and the church schools in Loggerheads and Mucklestone; please strengthen the relationships already in place, and help them work together ever closer to better serve their local communities.

Wednesday 9th: *(Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880)*

We pray for the Finance and Asset Management Committee as it meets this morning, for wise stewardship and your guidance over any decisions they may take today. We also pray for this afternoon's session on [Sharing Great Ideas for Christmas and Halloween](#); we pray for a constructive and informative session of sharing ideas to make the most of these opportunities, especially in the context of work with Children, Young People, and Families. Lord, bless us all with inspiration of different ways of creating opportunities for people to meet with you this autumn and beyond.

Thursday 10th:

Lord, we pray for the Bishop's Staff Team as they meet today. We lift before you all of our Senior Staff, especially as they prepare for the Vacancy in See. We pray especially for Bishop Sarah in the Interim Role she will soon commence. Lord, please bless and guide all our Senior Staff towards wise decisions on behalf of this your diocese.

Friday 11th:

Lord, we start a series of prayers for Oswestry Deanery by lifting before you each of its church primary schools; those in the villages of Kinnerley, Morda, Selattyn, Trefonen, West Felton, and Whittington; for Bryn Offa Primary in Pant, and for Holy Trinity Primary in Oswestry. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in each of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them. At the end of the first full week of the school year in Oswestry and beyond, we pray that children, staff, and families alike may soon feel settled as the year progresses.

Saturday 12th:

We bring before you today's Workshop from Pioneering Parishes on ['Values Setting and Embedding'](#). We thank you for all those people keen to explore different ways of sharing your word in their local communities, and pray that you may guide and inspire their intentions and efforts. Lord, we pray that you will continue to guide us towards appropriate ways towards sharing your love beyond our church walls.

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