

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 334

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 13th September: *(John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407)*

A prayer of St John Chrysostom;

Remember, O Lord, this city where we dwell and every other city and country, and all the faithful who dwell in them. Remember, O Lord, all who travel by land or water, all who labour under sickness or slavery. Remember them, and give them health and safety. Remember, O Lord, all in your Holy Church who bring forth good fruit, are rich in good works and remember the poor. Grant your mercy and loving-kindness to us all, and grant that we may praise and glorify your great and glorious name with one mouth and one heart; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Monday 14th: *(Holy Cross Day)*

On Holy Cross Day we pray for the four churches in the diocese named 'Holy Cross', in Bilbrook, Bobbington, Ilam, and Tividale. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve. We pray for wisdom for today's gathering of the Assessors for Lichfield Archdeaconry, and your wisdom and guidance over any decisions they take.

Finally Lord, today we pray for the start of the [Godly Play Conference](#) in Leamington Spa, for an informative and encouraging time for all those attending, and for your blessing on all those who use this ministry as a means of exploring your word.

Tuesday 15th: *(Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258)*

Lord, we pray for today's launch of '[The Art of Spiritual Direction](#)'. We thank you for our Spirituality Team and all they contribute to the diocese. We pray especially for those exploring serving as Spiritual Directors, and those that already do so; please grant them wisdom and discernment. Please help each of our ears to better listen to your guidance through whatever means you offer it.

Wednesday 16th: *(Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432. Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882)*

We pray for wisdom for today's gathering of the Assessors for Salop Archdeaconry. We pray you for you to inspire their discussions and guide them in anything that they need to decide today. We pray for your blessing on all those who volunteer to undertake the ministry as Assessors, for your wisdom and compassion in supporting and guiding churches who may be finding things difficult.

Thursday 17th: *(Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179)*

Today we join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in [Praying for the 34000](#), that you may indeed continue to bless us with new people wanting to start their discipleship journey with you. Please equip and encourage us both to welcome and guide those who join us wanting to know more about you, and also inspire us with creative ways of appropriately sharing your good news with those who don't yet know it.

Lord, we also pray for '[Growing Good](#)', this afternoon's taster session from the Church Urban Fund on Hospitality, Please bless this Small Groups resource aimed at helping churches connect with their local community and make a difference where they live

Finally Lord, we pray for Martin Heath as he is licensed this evening to serve as the new Vicar of the Stafford churches of Doxey and St Paul's Forebridge. Please bless growing relationships between him and his new churches, as they get to know each other better and work together to serve the local community.

Friday 18th:

We pray for today's retreat day at Shallowford House; '[He's got the Whole World in His Hands](#)'. We lift before you those both attending the day and facilitating it. And Lord, we pray for ourselves in this season of Creationtide, that you may enlighten each of us with fresh ways of appreciating your Creation, and what steps we can take in caring for it better.

Saturday 19th: *(Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690)*

Lord, we pray for this afternoon's Celebration of Readers at Lichfield Cathedral, and for the Licensing of new Readers taking place within the service. We thank you for all those who serve, or will soon be serving in this ministry; please bless and guide them in their calling to serve your churches and beyond in this way. May your hand rest over today's gathering so that all those attending leave feeling equipped and inspired for the journey ahead.