

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 337

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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Kingdom

Sunday 4th October:

(Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226)

On the day we remember St Francis of Assisi we pray for the three churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Leyfields in Tamworth, in Meir Heath in Stoke, and in Friar Park between Wednesbury and West Bromwich. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

Monday 5th:

Lord, we lift before you this week's Bishop's Staff Residential as it starts today. We pray for informative briefings, constructive discussions, and for creative ideas. Most of all, we pray that you will inspire and guide our diocesan leaders towards good and Godly decisions.

Tuesday 6th:

(William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536)

Lord, we pray for the first of the two sessions of the [Effective Conversations](#) course taking place this morning. We pray that you may guide all those involved towards a place stronger than where they entered it. And Lord, we pray for each one of us, that you may inspire us so that each one of our conversations may be more constructive, positive, and effective for you.

Wednesday 7th:

Lord, please bless this evening's webinar on [Preparing Small Groups for Advent](#). If we're feeling nerves about the rapidly-advancing calendar, we pray you may instead increase our hope in the opportunities that lie ahead. Lord, we thank you again for the joy of Christmas and what it means, and this Advent we pray that you may help us look to your coming in new and enlightening ways to make the eventual celebration all the more meaningful.

Thursday 8th:

We pray for today's SIAMS for [School Leaders Termly Twilight Session](#), as they explore national findings and effective self-evaluation. Lord, we thank you for all those that lead our schools and pray that you will hold them close in the daily pressures they face. We pray too for all the children and young people under their care, that their schools may be a place where they can feel supported in taking early steps in their journeys in so many areas, including with you.

Friday 9th:

(Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250.

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253)

Lord, we start a series of prayers for Leek Deanery by lifting before you each of its church schools; for the First Schools of Beresford Memorial, Blackshaw Moor, Horton St Michael, and Leek All Saints; the Primary Schools of Brown Edge and Rushton; and for the Academies of Cheddleton St Edward, Endon St Luke, and Leek St Edward. 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.

Saturday 10th:

(Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644. Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674)

Lord, we pray for today's [Gospel of Mark Study Day](#) taking place at Shallowford House. We pray that it may indeed prove a 'Markan Jesus Master Class' so that all those attending will leave feeling informed and inspired from a day studying your word and the teachings and actions of your son.