

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 338

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 11th October:

(Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675. James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century)

Lord, we pray for today's [Vision Event for the Community of St Chad](#) at Shallowford House. We thank you for this Community and everything they have brought to the diocese over the last few years. We pray for discernment for its Leaders as they look to the future, and for members new and old that this may be a means to continuing their adventure with you.

Monday 12th: *(Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709. Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845. Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915)*

Lord, we bring before you today's ['Ponderings on Prayer and Pilgrimage'](#) gathering from the Community of Evangelists taking place at Telford Minster this afternoon. We thank you for all the different ways that you've given us to share our journeys and conversations with you - and that we never need journey alone or have one-sided conversations. Please bless all those in Telford today with inspiration and encouragement of your presence in our lives.

Tuesday 13th: *(Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066)*

Please bless today's [Gathering for New School Leaders](#) taking place in Lichfield; we thank you for everyone stepping into such an important and influential role. Please let today be a day where they feel equipped, encouraged, and inspired; and as they move forward, please let them ever feel your loving presence in their lives as they serve you in their contexts and settings. And today we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to St Edward the Confessor; in the town of Leek and the nearby village of Cheddleton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

Wednesday 14th:

Lord, we pray for this morning's workshop at Shallowford House on [Leading Worship with Confidence](#). We thank you for all those who serve in this role, and pray you will indeed grant them the confidence they need to do this to the best of their ability, to help each of us to give you the worship that you are richly due. We also pray for this evening's [Online Gathering with the Archbishop's and Prime Minister's Advisers](#) to further the discernment process to finding the 100th Bishop of Lichfield. Lord, we pray that you will guide all the relevant people so that the person eventually appointed is the person that you want.

Thursday 15th: *(Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582)*

We pray for today's [Space Makers Training](#) at Shallowford House, and especially lift before you the initiative to champion the five daily practises into our schools of 'Stilling, Noticing, Dwelling, Mending, and Blessings'. Lord, please help each of us to find more reflective space to be with you. Today we also ['Pray for the 34,000'](#) with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, that we will indeed see many new people wanting to start their journeys with you - and for many others to want to take their own journeys a little bit further.

Friday 16th: *(Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555)*

Lord, we pray for this afternoon's [drop-in session for new users on the Buildings Management Portal](#), for a constructive time together. We pray for all those that will be using this new platform instead of the OFS. It has been designed to make applying for church Permissions simpler, and we ask that Users will find this to be true. We thank you for all of those that will be learning how to navigate this as they work to maintain their buildings for your service and glory. Please guide all those that will be offering support to make this happen.

Saturday 17th: *(Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107)*

Lord, today we lift before you the [Quiet Morning at St Andrew's Shifnal](#); as they explore the story of the Prodigal Son and pray through the colours of the rainbow, we pray you may leave all those attending today feeling they have learnt more and spent some quality time with you. We also pray for Pippa White as later on today she will be licensed at St Nicholas' Newport to serve there and at St Michael's Chetwynd. Please bless growing relationships between her and her new churches, as they get to know each other better and work together to serve the local community.

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