

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

discipleship
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evangelism

Sunday

This week we pray for:

- Bishop's Staff Meeting (13th)
- Selwyn Lecture (14th)
- Everyday Faith (16th)
- Bishop's Conference and Greenhouse Launch for Walsall (16th)
- Churchyard Awards (16th)

Monday

Shrewsbury

Benefice: Lilleshall and Muxton

(Lilleshall S.Michael and All Angels, Muxton S.John the Evangelist)

Who: Revd Matthew Lefroy, Revd Jane Evans and all those who minister in the church community.

We pray that you would bless all the churches in this benefice that they may know the favour of God.

D: God, we pray for the benefice of Lilleshall and Muxton may all who follow you find guidance and grace as they worship you day to day.

V: Lord may you call your people. May you grant those whom you call to new ministries or roles have ears to hear and a willing heart to respond.

E: May those who don't know you in the benefice be drawn to your churches and groups. May people find friendship and welcome as they attend services and activities.

Tuesday

Chaplaincy: Prisons

We pray for the work of Prison Chaplains in our Diocese, and ask that more lives may be changed by them.

D: Loving God, hear us as we pray for the Anglican Prison Chaplain HMPYOI Stoke Heath. Help the team grow in faith to you through their calling to chaplaincy.

V: We know the calling of prison chaplaincy can be a tough one. May all in prison chaplaincy be nurtured in their calling to be able to hear and encounter the 'tough stuff' without losing trust in you.

E: We pray for prison chaplains as they live out your good news. May they be a beacon of hope to all who work or are incarcerated in prison.

Wednesday

Wolverhampton

Benefice: Walsall Wood

(Walsall Wood S.John)

Who: Revd David Babbington and all those involved in leading the church community.

Lord, we pray for your people in Walsall, that the enormity of your grace may reach every part of their lives.

D: Lord may you grant all in the benefice of Walsall Wood peace and encouragement. May you walk with all your children and may you bring acceptance and peace to them.

V: May all your people know they have purpose in you. May your people see the calling on their lives and find excitement in this.

E: Lord, we ask that you would shine your light on the local community that they may see you and come to know you.



Thursday

Central Sector: Wellbeing

We pray for Jane Tillier and all who work to support the wellbeing of others

D: We pray for those whose journey of discipleship today means taking up their cross. For all who are struggling as they follow Christ and for all who are walking with them, and carrying their cross for them.

V: We pray for the work of Listening Ear, the Diocesan counselling network and for all who enable others to flourish. We pray especially for ministers who are experiencing burnout, that they would find a renewed sense of vocation, enabling them to let go of patterns of work which are draining and engage with work that is life giving.

E: We pray for all the ways in which the church enhances the wellbeing of individuals and communities. May our care for others enable them to experience God's love and care for them.

Friday

Stafford

Benefice: Stafford Saint Bertelin and Whitgreave Saint John

(Stafford S.Bertelin, Holmcroft; Stafford S.John, Whitgreave)

Who: Revd Elaine Evans and all those involved in leading the church community.

We pray for all people in the benefice as they worship God and serve the community.

D: Lord we thank you for your faithful servants in Stafford Saint Bertelin and Whitgreave Saint John may you bless them as they walk with you.

V: We pray for all who work in management and leadership roles. May you grant them understanding and grace as they lead and manage their teams.

E: We pray for all those in the community who don't know you. May you grant them an enquiring mind and may they be drawn to your church.

Saturday

Nordkirche

Lord, we pray for the work of your churches and your servants in Nordkirche

We offer prayers:

- For Emma Uphoff, a newly arrived St Chad's Volunteer who is based at St Peter's Church, Forsbrook, Stoke-on-Trent as she settles in and adjusts to her new role
- For Bishop Tilman Jeremias in his new role as regional Bishop based in Griefswald
- For shared fellowship as the group leaves shortly for the annual Anticipating Advent Exchange visit (Advent weekend)

The Anglican Cycle of prayer can be accessed at <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>