Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

**Sunday**

*Coming up this week we pray for:*

* New students moving to residential colleges
* Pathways beginning (26th)
* Students starting university or continuing study
* Shrewsbury Episcopal Area Mission and Pastoral Committee (26th)
* LICC Whole Life Preaching (26th)
* Sat Sept 29th  - Consecration of Revd Canon Nelson Ugas as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Kuching

**Monday**

*Shrewsbury*

**Benefice**: Edgmond with Kynnersley and Preston Wealdmoors

(Edgmond S.Peter, Kynnersley S.Chad, Preston Wealdmoors S.Lawrence)

**Who:** Revd Preb Helen Morby, Revd David Stokes-Harrison and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Lord may you bless this benefice and encourage all those who attend the churches within it. We ask that you guide and inspire the youth group, that the young people may explore and deepen their faiths. We also ask that you bless the healing and family communion services that take place.

V: We ask for your sense of personal calling to empower people within this benefice, may people see you in their day to day roles and feel a sense of purpose in what they do. May you encourage those who are seeking for their calling and purpose at this time, who may feel lost, and help them to know you are with them and they have a purpose.

E: We thank you for those who are part of the bell ringing team and we ask that this may be a group that encourages others to explore you and the church. May your Spirit move within this benefice and draw people to you.

**Tuesday**

*Chaplaincy: Other*

D: We pray for Christian chaplains who work in partnership with chaplains of other faiths in our Diocese. May they learn from each other and form effective, life-giving relationships. We lift up the Chaplain to the National Memorial Arboretum and the Chaplain to Denstone College and ask that you bless their work and guide them with your compassion.

V: Lord, bless chaplains who work with adults and young people in the Armed Forces and Cadet groups in our Diocese. We pray chaplains would be welcomed and strengthened as followers of Jesus as they offer a vital listening ear.

E: We pray for chaplains who spend time with local sports teams and clubs. May they bring a sense of perspective and hope that comes from a living faith in Christ.

**Wednesday**

*Wolverhampton*

**Benefice:** Farewell

(Farewell S.Bartholomew)

**Who:** Revd Linda McKeon and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray that you would bless and guide all of your children in this benefice. We pray for your love to encourage and uplift this benefice and that all may seek your face as they walk with you.



V: Lord may you inspire your people. Bless all in this benefice as they come to know who you are calling them to be.

E: May the knowledge of your love and saving grace reach those in the benefice, and may they experience your love. May the services and actions of the church spread compassion and joy to their local community.

**Thursday**

*Ecumenical Partners - For the Brethren, Evangelical and Independent congregations scattered throughout the Diocese.*

D: We pray for out sister churches in this region and all those who are following Christ. We pray for the Brethren, Evangelical and Independent congregations in this area that they will grow more and more like Jesus.

V: We pray for all who serve in the Brethren, Evangelical and Independent Churches, all who are called to ministry and all who are equipped for witness in their workplaces and communities

E: We pray for the light of Christ to shine from all Christians so that others will come to know of the love of God. We pray for unity and fellowship between denominations so that together we can proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

**Friday**

*Stafford*

**Benefice:** Longnor, Quarnford, Sheen and Warslow with Elkstone

(Longnor S.Bartholomew; Longnor S.John, Reapsmoor; Longnor S.Paul, Newtown; Quarnford S.Paul, Sheen; S.Luke Warslow; S.Lawrence, Elkstone; S.John the Baptist)

**Who:** Revd Fr John Baines and all those involved in leading the church community.

D:  Please pray for the Benefice as it discovers its new shape with the seven congregations, especially for all the Wardens and PCC members, and for Fr John as establishes himself within the communities.

V: Please pray for wisdom and courage for all people discerning their calling within the shape of future mission and ministry in the benefice.

E: Please pray for the villages and hamlets of the benefice, and for the churches as they answer God's call to share the Good News.

**Saturday**

*Linked Diocese: Wider Anglican Communion*

Creator God, Whose Son Jesus Christ was born

to demonstrate your love for the world;

bless and guide the Worldwide Anglican Communion;

deepen our partnerships with our Companion Dioceses

and with all with whom we are linked.

Give us understanding and grace

to listen to those with whom we disagree;

bring comfort and support where there

is distress, disease and suffering;

and enable us to play our part in your mission

by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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