

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 267

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 and the wider Middle East. We also pray for Pope Leo XIV as he takes on his role.

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Sunday 1st June: *(Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165)*

On the central Sunday of ['Thy Kingdom Come'](#) we indeed pray the key prayer that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. May many more people hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world.

Maybe you may now prayerfully consider 5 people in your lives you'd love to better know Jesus and lift them before him now?

Lord, may Thy Kingdom Come.

Monday 2nd:

We continue to pray for Lichfield Deanery and we lift before you some of the more rural churches to the East and South. We pray for St John's Shenstone and St Peter's Stonnall, and especially for their new vicar Jonathan Iddon as he learns the needs of the community and its churches. So too we pray for St Bartholomew's Hints, St Giles' Whittington, St Mary's Weeford and their own vicar Ashley Hines, who has been in post a little while longer. Lord, may [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Tuesday 3rd: *(The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977)*

Lord, we thank you for our longstanding companion link with Nordkirche in Germany and for the effort put in by so many on both sides of the North Sea to maintain it. We especially lift before you the visit to Lichfield taking place this week with numerous German friends, and pray that it may prove beneficial and productive to all those involved. Lord, may [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Wednesday 4th: *(Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century)*

Lord, we pray for those other places surrounding the city of Lichfield we are yet to pray for. We pray for the churches and communities of Christ Church Gentleshaw and St Bartholomew's Farewell, and for their vicar Lynn McKeon with the extra responsibilities she carries as Rural Dean. So too we pray for St James' Brownhills, their vicar Gayle Greenway, and the community it serves. Lord, may [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Thursday 5th: *(Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754)*

Today we celebrate Stoke-on-Trent and its Centenary Day. We thank you for it achieving city status exactly 100 years ago today. We pray especially for the Civic Prayer Breakfast, and the opportunity of 400 of the city's leaders gathering together. We pray for those being interviewed, that they may meet good questions with better answers; for the city's Deputy Chief Nurse Dr Fiona Hibberts, and for the Ecumenical Officer for Staffordshire and beyond in Robert Mountford.

Today we also lift before you the [Unconscious Bias](#) session taking place in Lichfield today, please guide each of us towards those areas where we need to be aware that past experiences may prejudice future endeavours.

Lord, may [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Friday 6th:

We conclude our prayers for the Deanery of Lichfield with returning to the city itself. We lift before you Abbie Walsh and Chris Davies and their respective Lichfield churches of St Michael's and St Chad's. So too we pray for the smaller rural churches respectively under their care, St John the Baptist's in Wall, and Elmhurst Mission. May your loving hand rest on each of these churches and communities, and Lord, may [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Saturday 7th: *(Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945)*

Lord, we start our prayers for the deanery of Oswestry by praying specifically for all of its church primary schools; for Bryn Offa in Pant, for Morda, for Oswestry Holy Trinity, for Selattyn, for Trefonen, for West Felton, and for Whittington. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work there, both teaching and supporting; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Lord, may [Thy Kingdom Come](#).