

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 270

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.

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Sunday 22nd June: *(Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250)*

On St Alban's Day we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Ashmore Park in Wulfrun Deanery and Blurton in Stoke on Trent. So too we lift before you the church primary school of St Alban's Academy on the Ashmore Park estate. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches, this school and their associated communities.

Today we also pray for Alex Keen as he is commissioned tonight to serve as the Interim Minister for the Watershed Benefice. We pray that he may be able to foster strong links with the community he will now serve, including Wheaton Aston First School and the churches of All Saints Lapley, St Andrew's Weston under Lizard, and the two St Mary's in both Blymhill and Wheaton Aston.

Monday 23rd: *(Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678)*

We pray for the Education Team's training day today on '[Invitational, Inclusive and Inspiring Collective Worship](#)', for those leading it, and for those attending, that it may bear fruit for the benefit of all those attending the schools represented. Lord, please bless all those who faithfully prepare worship in schools.

Tuesday 24th: *(The Birth of John the Baptist)*

We pray for wisdom for this morning's Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee. We bring before you for all those Churches, Parishes, and more that will be affected by their decisions including those in vacancy. Especially today we conclude our prayers for Oswestry Deanery by praying for the two benefices that we are yet to pray for, both in vacancy themselves; for the churches of Kinnerley St Mary, Knockin St Mary, Maesbrook St John, Maesbury St John the Baptist, and Molverley St Peter; and those of Llanyblodwel St Michael, Llanymynech St Agatha, Morton St Philip and St James, and Trefonen All Saints.

Wednesday 25th:

Lord, today we pray for Albert Danquah as he is licensed tomorrow to serve as a Mission Priest both there and across the other churches in the team of Good Shepherd Pear Tree, Holy Spirit Etching Hill, St Augustine Rugeley, St John the Baptist Armitage, St John the Baptist Slitting Mill, and St Michael's Brereton. We pray for his ministry there and with the church primary schools in Churchfield, Etching Hill, and Hob Hill. We pray for all these places and communities and for a positive and creative relationship with his new team colleagues.

Thursday 26th:

Lord, we pray for today's training sessions on [Supporting Families with SEND Children and Young People](#), that those attending may feel better equipped to include autistic young people in our churches and understand how Jesus engaged with people with sensory impairments.

So too we pray for this evening's two [Archdeacon's Visitations](#) taking place today, at St John's Muxton for both Telford and Edgmond and Shifnal Deaneries, and for the alternative gathering at St Matthew's Wolverhampton for those who cannot make next month's gathering in Lichfield Cathedral. Please bless all those attending either gathering, that they may leave feeling informed and inspired.

Friday 27th: *(Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444)*

We bring before you today and tomorrow's [Rural Renewal Leader's Gathering](#) from ReSource at Yarnfield Park. We pray for all those there, that it may indeed prove an opportunity for encouragement and refreshment, and for all of our Rural Leaders, that in whatever way they may receive the inspiration they need. We also pray for Rugeley Deanery's gathering this evening as they pray for mission and renewal.

Saturday 28th: *(Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200)*

Lord, today we pray for all those being ordained as Deacons today at Lichfield Cathedral, for David Latcham, Emma Hammond, Imogen Smith, James Butter, Jules Smith, Katie Delamere, Laura Edwards, Laura Macfarlane. We pray for them and the different settings they are all heading into, that they may receive all the opportunities, challenges, and support that they may need.