

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 271

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 29th June: *(Peter and Paul, Apostles)*

We bring before you this morning's two concurrent priestly ordinations, of Clare Watson at St Giles' Newcastle, and of Ian Budd at Holy Trinity Meole Brace in Shrewsbury. We pray for them as they continue their ordination journey in these places; and for them and their settings wherever their journey may take them.

Today we also think of those churches in the diocese dedicated to either St Paul or St Peter, or as in the case of Fitz and Wem, both of them;

- and dedicated to St Paul; Burslem, Burton, Coven, Croxton, Edgmond, Fazeley, Forebridge, Golds Hill, Leek, Longton Hall, Mount Pleasant, Newcastle, Newtown, Pendeford, Quarnford, Walsall, and Wood Green

- to St Peter; Adderley, Alstonfield, Alton, Broughton, Caverswall, Codsall Wood, Drayton Bassett, Elford, Ellastone, Forsbrook, Gayton, Glascote Heath, Greets Green, Hednesford, Hixon, Hopton, Kinver, Lee Brockhurst, Little Aston, Maer, Marchington, Melverley, Monkmoor, Myddle, Norbury, Priors Lee, Rickerscote, Stoke-on-Tern, Stoke-on-Trent, Stonnall, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Wrockwardine, and Yoxall

We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the various communities they serve.

Monday 30th:

We start a series of prayers for Leek Deanery, and do so by praying for all of their church schools; in each of the villages of Brown Edge, Cheddleton, Endon, Horton, Meerbrook, and Rushton Spencer; and three more in the town of Leek itself of All Saints, Beresford Memorial, and St Edward's. May your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work there in whatever role; and for all their children and their families. We also pray for wisdom and vision for this afternoon's meeting of the Wolverhampton Area Mission and Pastoral Committee.

Tuesday 1st July: *(Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873)*

Today we pray for a variety of gatherings taking place around the diocese. Firstly we pray for this morning's '[Coffee, Cake, and Chat](#)' at St Chad's House, and for an encouraging morning for all involved. We lift before you this afternoon's '[Bookcase Picture](#)' bite-sized session on dementia awareness, that more churches may be helped to become more dementia-friendly. Finally, we also pray for a productive gathering at this evening's diocesan synod.

Wednesday 2nd:

Lord, we pray for tonight's [Visitation](#) in Lichfield Cathedral for all of the churches in Wolverhampton Episcopal Area. We lift before you the leadership in that area team of Bishop Tim, Archdeacons Liz and Sue, and Associate and Assistants Jim, Julia, Lynn, and Simon, that you may guide and strengthen them. We pray for all those attending the cathedral tonight that they may leave feeling inspired, encouraged, and equipped.

Thursday 3rd: *(Thomas the Apostle)*

On St Thomas' Day we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; in Aldridge, Buttersley, Doxey, Huntington, Kidsgrove, Mossley, Mow Cop, Penkhull, Walton-on-the-Hill, and Wednesfield; we pray for the St Thomas' Primary Academies in both Kidsgrove and Wednesfield; and for the ministry of the Thomas Project in Aldridge. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches, schools, this community initiative and the associated communities they serve.

Friday 4th:

Continuing to pray for Leek, we give thanks for Christchurch Biddulph Moor and St John's Knypersley praying for the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the lives of His people as they seek to reflect His goodness and presence in and through their lives to those around them. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work beyond the four walls of the churches and speak to the hearts of those who do not know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. May He move in power in local communities, across our nation, and the world in which we live.

Saturday 5th:

Continuing to pray for Leek Deanery, we give thanks for the blessings of the recent 'Festival of Finery & Flowers' at St Edward's, Cheddleton; for the many visitors, good conversations, and sense of community. We ask that God would direct their efforts to make sustainable the finances of the church. For All Saints, Leek, we bring before God the plans for the upcoming celebrations of their 140th anniversary in July, that they might be an occasion of profound joy, filling the church with fresh energy, hope and vision for the future.

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