

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 274

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, Iran, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 20th July:

(Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century.

Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566)

On St Margaret's day, we pray for the six churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Betley, Draycott le Moors, Great Barr, Moreton Say, Wetton, and Wolstanton respectively. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

Monday 21st:

We continue our prayers for West Bromwich Deanery by lifting before you its two 'Green' churches currently in vacancy; St Andrew's in Carters Green, and St Peter's in Greets Green. We pray that both churches may thrive rather than merely survive their vacancies, and that the right people may soon be found to help to guide them forward.

Tuesday 22nd: *(Mary Magdalene)*

On St Mary Magdalene's day, we pray for the three churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Albrighton, Hadnall, and West Bromwich respectively. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

Wednesday 23rd: *(Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373)*

Continuing to pray for West Bromwich Deanery, we lift before you its largest parish and its three churches of All Saints', St Mary Magdalene's, and St Philip's. So too we pray for their sister church of the Good Shepherd with St John, and thank you for their sense of renewed hope in the future after an uncertain period. We pray for the new vicar serving these churches in John Bridge, and pray that you may guide him and help find him ever more supportive colleagues and allies to further your work in this place.

Thursday 24th:

Today we remember St Rufin and St Wulfad, brothers, disciples of St Chad, and eventual martyrs; Lord we thank you for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice after choosing to follow you. We pray especially for the churches in the diocese that bear their names; St Rufin's in Burston and (St Michael and) St Wulfad's in Stone. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the associated communities they serve.

We also pray for Bishop's Council this evening, for wisdom and vision for all those involved, that you may inspire and guide productive discussions for shaping the future.

Friday 25th: *(James the Apostle)*

Today we remember St James the Great and all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Audley, Clayton, Newchapel, and Salt. So too we pray for the churches dedicated simply to 'St James' that I am not aware are specifically for 'the Just' or 'the Lesser'; Acton Trussell, Barton-under-Needwood, Cotes Heath, Fordhouses, Longdon, Norton Canes, Waterfall, West Bromwich, and Wigginton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the associated communities they serve.

Saturday 26th: *(Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

On St Anne's day, we pray for the five churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Brown Edge, Burlton, Chasetown, Lower Penn, and Willenhall respectively. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.