

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 276

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 3rd August:

We start a series of prayers for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery and especially pray for their parishes in vacancy, and ask that God will be leading the right candidates towards Shropshire. We lift before you those places, of the PEW parishes of Prees, Edstaston, and Whixall; and also for those of Moreton Corbet, Shawbury, and Stanton upon Hine Heath. Lord, we pray for these churches as they look forward to the future walking alongside you.

Monday 4th: *(Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859)*

We pray for Fresh Expressions and pioneering across Wem and Whitchurch, including Bubble Church, Brick Church, for Worship@3, and family services. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all those initiatives trying to bring your good news through creative and different means, that more may come to know you.

Tuesday 5th: *(Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642)*

On St Oswald's day, we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, both in Shropshire, one in central Oswestry, and one in Hinstock between Market Drayton and Newport. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and the communities they serve.

Wednesday 6th: *(The Transfiguration of Our Lord)*

A Collect from Common Worship:

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Thursday 7th: *(John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866)*

We pray again for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery, and for Growing Faith and faith sharing across schools, homes and churches. We specifically lift before you all the church primary schools in the deanery, and for ever-stronger links with their local churches and communities; in Clive, Hadnall, Lower Heath, Myddle, Newtown, Prees, Shawbury, Tilstock, Wem, Whixall, and both the Infant and Junior Schools in Whitchurch.

Friday 8th: *(Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221)*

Lord, we pray for missional relationships across denominations across Wem and Whitchurch Deanery and beyond, and for rest and reflection as we advance through the summer season. May we all find the refreshment we need so that any challenges in the autumn may become opportunities.

Saturday 9th: *(Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921)*

The Mother's Union Prayer;

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.