

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 279

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 24th August:

(Bartholomew the Apostle)

Lord, today we lift before you all those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Bartholomew; Blore Ray, Blurton, Butterton, Farewell, Hints, Longdon-upon-Tern, Longnor, Moreton Corbet, Norton-le-Moors, Penn, Tong, Waterfall, and Wednesbury. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

Monday 25th:

We start a series of prayers for Newcastle Deanery, and do so by praying for each of their church schools; the primary schools in Betley, Chesterton, Keele, Knutton, Madeley, Silverdale, Talke, and Wolstanton; the Primary and Secondary Schools in Kidsgrove; and the Primary School in Newcastle dedicated to both St George and St Giles.

We ask that your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role.

Tuesday 26th:

We continue our prayers for Newcastle Deanery by lifting before you those churches currently in vacancy; Basford and Wolstanton, and Keele and Silverdale. So too we pray for the churches of Alsagers Bank, Audley, and Talke, and we thank you for Iain Baker's ministry in Talke in addition to Kidsgrove, and for Richard Reade coming from Chester Diocese to work alongside the 'JMJ Churches'; please bless him with a smooth transition and a clear vision for the future.

Wednesday 27th:

(Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387)

Continuing our prayers for Newcastle, we thank you for positive news from some of their churches, like the building being repaired in St Mary's Knutton so that the congregation may soon return to it, and for the replacement hall now being open in St Andrew's Westlands. We thank you for the resource of our church buildings, and pray for wisdom in how best to maintain them and make the most of them.

Thursday 28th:

(Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430)

Lord, we thank you for the ministry of Jennifer Wright who leaves her curacy in Bradwell and Porthill in Newcastle Deanery to take up a new post as Rector of the churches of Farleigh, Candover and Wield in Winchester Diocese. Please bless the practicalities of the move and inspire her in her new role. So too we pray for St Andrew's and St Barnabas' churches as she moves on from them, that they may thrive under their vicar Chris Routledge.

Friday 29th:

(The Beheading of John the Baptist)

Lord, today we lift before you all those churches in the diocese dedicated to John the Baptist; Albrighton, Armitage, Ashley, Bolas Magna, Elkstone, Hammerwich, Ightfield, Kingstone, Lichfield, Maesbury, Mayfield, Ruyton-XI-Towns, Shenstone, Slitting Mill, Stafford, Stowe by Chartley, Tixall, Wall, Wetley Rocks, Whittington, and Withington. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

Saturday 30th:

(John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688)

A Collect remembering John Bunyan:

God of peace, you called John Bunyan to be valiant for truth: Grant that as strangers and pilgrims we may at the last rejoice with all the faithful in your heavenly city; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

So too we pray for other Pilgrims attempting to make their own Progress today, as various people undertake a prayer walk between the 6 churches of the Brereton, Rugeley, and Armitage Benefice.

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