

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 282

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 14th September:

(Holy Cross Day)

Lord, on Holy Cross Day we lift before you today the four churches in the diocese named Holy Cross; in the villages of Bilbrook and Bobbington in South Staffordshire, Ilam in the Staffordshire Moorlands, and Tividale in the heart of the Black Country. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

Monday 15th:

(Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258)

Continuing our Wolverhampton Deanery prayers, we think of all those that work in and rely on the city centre, and with the news that its Marks & Spencer will be closing at the end of September. We pray for the staff that they can find something else soon and be supported to do so. We also pray for the council leaders that they will continue to champion our city centre and encourage a new business to take over the empty store.

Tuesday 16th:

(Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432. Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882)

We pray for all our churches currently in vacancy in Wolverhampton deanery and beyond, that they may discern the direction God wants them to go, and that the Spirit in turn would direct the right candidate to apply. We pray for each of the city centre's churches of St Andrew's, St John's and St Peter's, and for other churches in the city that will enter vacancy this autumn. For these churches, we also pray for their church wardens, PCCs, Lay Leaders and anyone else shouldering the burden of running their churches whilst waiting for their new incumbents.

Wednesday 17th:

(Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179)

We bring before you the [Soul Food](#) course as it starts today. Thank you for the many wonderful ways we have of talking to you in prayer and that we know you always answer our prayers. Thank you for those taking the course this time and their eagerness to explore ways of strengthening their relationship with you, may you exceed their expectations in ways that they can't imagine. And thank you for Charles, Sue, and Ursula as they lead the course, please continue to bless them with vision and inspiration.

Thursday 18th:

Lord, we lift before you the '[Encountering Jesus](#)' event taking place in Aldridge, for the speakers Paul and Becky Harcourt, and for all those helping with the practicalities of making the event happen. We pray for more, and more fruitful opportunities for people to indeed Encounter Jesus.

We also pray for the [FAM \(Finance and Asset Management\) Committee](#) as they meet this morning, for wisdom and courage for any tough decisions that may need to be taken.

Friday 19th:

(Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690)

We pray for this evening's '[Revive and Restore](#)' Prayer Evening for Walsall Deanery taking place at St Thomas' Aldridge. Please rest your loving hand on Walsall, the town and all its suburbs; that we may indeed see both revival and restoration.

Saturday 20th:

(John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871)

Lord, we bring before you the [Diocesan Safeguarding Conference](#) taking place today at Telford Minster. Thank you for all those that take on the important role of Safeguarding Officer across our parishes. Thank you for all those in our [diocesan team](#) who support them. Please help each one of us to be ever more vigilant so that all our churches may be places where anyone coming will be welcome and safe.