

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 283

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 21<sup>st</sup> September:

*(Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)*

Lord, today we lift before you all those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Matthew; in Birches Head, Chilcote, Criftings, Derrington, Donnington Wood, Harlaston, Meerbrook, Tipton, Walsall, and Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve. We also lift before you the [Sandon Heritage Open Day](#) at All Saints Church, and that all those who may visit today may want to return soon.

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>:

We pray for wisdom and grace as the [Lichfield Archdeaconry Assessors](#) meet and consult today. If tough conversations have to be held, or tough decisions taken, we pray that you may guide them. Lord, please hold tight in your hands all those trying to balance the figures of our churches and diocese, and help each of us to remember that responsibility they carry, and support them as best we can.

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>:

We conclude our prayers for Wolverhampton Deanery by praying for all of its church schools as they advance deeper into the first term of the school year. We lift before you the schools of Bilston Primary, Blakenhall St Luke's, Bradley St Martin's, Heath Town St Stephen's, Heath Town Trinity, Whitmore Reans St Andrew's, Wolverhampton St Jude's, and Wolverhampton St Peter's.

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we lift before you the first of [5 SIAMS Twilight Sessions for Governors of Church Schools](#). We pray especially for this course and our Deputy Director of Education Matthew Welton as he leads it, that those who take part may complete it feeling inspired and better equipped. We thank you for all those people who serve our schools as Governors, and pray that you may continue to guide and energise them.

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>:

*(Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626.*

*Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392.)*

We bring before you the session on [Outreach and Welcome through Song in Advent and Christmastide](#) taking place today in Walsall. We thank you for Andrew as he leads the session and pray that you may enable him to inspire and pass on just some of his creative zeal. Please help all of us embrace the opportunities of Advent and Christmas, so that we may encounter more people this year and lead to further encounters in the future.

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup>:

*(Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942)*

*On the day we remember Wilson Carlile, a collect in his name;*

God of boundless energy and light: We thank you for the courage and passion of Wilson Carlile who, after the example of your Son, sought new ways to open your Church to diverse leaders as beacons of the Gospel of Christ. Quicken our hearts to give bold witness to Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>:

*(Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660)*

We remember the Stoke Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast taking place in Bucknall this morning. We continue to lift up the city as their centenary celebrations continue, thanking you for all the people that serve it to make it the special place that it is.

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