

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 285

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, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 5th October:

We commence a series of prayers for Tutbury Deanery, and do so by praying for each of the church schools located there; for All Saints Primary in Rangemore, for Holy Trinity Primary in Burton, for Needwood Primary in Newborough, for Richard Wakefield Primary in Tutbury, and for St Augustine's Academy in Draycott in the Clay. Lord, please rest your hand upon the staff and volunteers who work in all of our schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Monday 6th: *(William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Tutbury Deanery by lifting before you those churches currently in Vacancy. We pray for the beautiful village churches in the ART Benefice, those of Anslow Holy Trinity, Rolleston St Mary, and Tutbury St Mary. So too we pray for another beautiful village church on our borders with Derbyshire in Stretton St Mary, and its sister church of Burton St Chad. We pray that these vacancies may soon come to an end, with the right people found to work with these churches to lead them forward in their journey with you.

Tuesday 7th:

Lord, today we pray for the ['Welcome to the table - Connecting through Dementia'](#) gathering taking place in the Cathedral; may that and other opportunities serve to strengthen supporting relationships amongst those who care for and support those afflicted by dementia. So too we pray for today's [Consultation with the Walsall Assessors](#), for wisdom, compassion, and courage in making whatever decisions may have to be taken, and we also pray for a positive and helpful experience for all those attending the [Afternoon Tea with Evening Prayer](#) at St Chad's House in Leek.

Wednesday 8th:

We lift before you the Education Team's [Welcome to New School Leaders](#) happening today, for helpful ideas to be shared and constructive relationships to be formed. We pray for another [Consultation with Assessors, this time with those of Salop Archdeaconry](#), for your loving hand to guide the discussions held and decisions made. Lastly Lord, we thank you for this afternoon's gathering of the Community of Evangelists taking place in Whitchurch, and the chance to celebrate the many different ways they are using to enable people to ['Encounter Jesus in a market town'](#).

Thursday 9th: *(Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250.*

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253.)

Lord, we pray for the ['We don't do it that way here'](#) session taking place in Lichfield, for constructive conversations about the way that churches do things, so that helpful changes may be enabled to flourish. We also lift before you this morning's gathering of the [Additional Needs Group](#), for a supportive experience for all those that care for children and young people with additional needs.

Friday 10th: *(Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644. Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674)*

Once again praying for Tutbury deanery, we raise before you some of Burton's town centre churches, for their own worshipping congregations and for the communities they serve. We pray for St Modwen's in the market place and with the college also nearby, for all those who gather in those places. We pray too for St John the Divine Horninglow and its sister church of St Paul's Burton, serving places like the local hospital and the town hall; please bless all those that work in those places as they serve the town and its people.

Saturday 11th: *(Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675. James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century.)*

We continue our prayers for Tutbury deanery by lifting before you some of the churches in the delightful villages to the south and west of Burton, for The Holy Angels church in Hoar Cross, and for their ministry and opportunities with the adjacent Hall. So too we pray for the benefice comprising of the two All Saints churches in Newborough and Rangemore, for St Augustine's in Draycott in the Clay, and St Werburgh's in Hanbury. Please keep your loving hand over all these churches and the communities that they serve.

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