

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 286

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 12th October:

(Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709. Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845. Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915)

Lord, we conclude our prayers for Tutbury Deanery by lifting before you those churches along the old road heading south out of Burton and the villages you reach once you get there. We pray for the 'Trentside' churches of All Saints Burton and St Saviour's Branston, and for all who worship there. So too we pray for St James' Barton under Needwood, St Mary's Dunstall and St Michael's Tatenhill. Most of all Lord, as we think of the old road and thank you for all the worship that has taken place along or close to over the years, we pray you will continually inspire us to never stop trying out new things for you.

Monday 13th: *(Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066)*

Lord, today we lift before you those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Edward, one in the centre of Leek and one in the village of Cheddleton just outside it. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

We also pray for the Education Team's day of asking the '[big questions](#)' of the curriculum, for a productive and worthwhile day for all the teachers and school leaders who may attend.

Tuesday 14th:

Today we pray for a variety of training opportunities we hope to be taking place around the diocese. We pray for the day exploring '[Music Ministry in the Parish](#)' taking place in Lichfield, and thank you for the gift of music and all the talented people that enable us to benefit from it our churches and beyond. We pray for the first online session on '[Effective Conversations](#)' and ask that you will help each of us to make the most of each of the conversations that we have. And we pray for the '[Monitoring vs Impact](#)' online session that it may indeed enable the flourishing of pupils and adults in our church schools.

Wednesday 15th: *(Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582)*

Lord, we pray for the Education Team's day for those [New to RE Leadership](#). Thank you for all those who have taken on such an important role, may you daily encourage and inspire them. For all those attending today, may it prove a fruitful day from which they leave feeling better equipped for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thursday 16th: *(Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555)*

We pray for today's training day on [Unconscious Bias](#) taking place in Lichfield. We pray for today's SIAMS training day for [New Church School Leaders](#) taking place in Wem. Lord, with these and all of our Training Days we pray for those leading them (today for Andy and Matthew), all those attending, and all those who may prove indirect beneficiaries of that training.

Friday 17th: *(Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107)*

With St Luke's day tomorrow, we pray for the [St Luke's Day Eucharist and Fellowship Meal](#) at St Chad's House in Leek. We pray for encouragement for all those who attend, and for the ongoing ministry of both St Chad's House and for the ministry of other diocesan venues like Dovedale and Shallowford Houses; may you allow all these places to flourish so that all those who visit them might leave having discovered just a little more about yourself.

Saturday 18th: *(Luke the Evangelist)*

Lord, today we lift before you those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Luke. For each of the churches in Blakenhall, Cannock, Chuckery, Endon, Hanley, Hodnet, Leek, Mesty Croft, Norton Bridge, Onecote, Sambrook, Shareshill, Sheen, Silverdale, Tittensor, and Weston under Redcastle. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

We also pray for today's Cultural Festival taking place at St John's Wolverhampton with Speakers Professor Robert Beckford and Bishops Michael and Tim, and for the ongoing work of the West Midlands Racial Justice Initiative.