

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 289

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 2nd November: *(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day))*

We commence a series of prayers for Uttoxeter deanery by lifting before you all of our church schools there. We pray for the two All Saints schools in both Church Leigh and Denstone and for the two St Peter's in both Alton and Marchington. We pray for Dove and Ryecroft schools in Rocester and for Hutchinson Memorial in Checkley. In Uttoxeter itself we pray for three schools, St Mary's, Tynsel Parkes, and Windsor Park. May your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in each of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Monday 3rd: *(Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600. Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639)*

Dear Lord, on St Winifrede's Day we pray for Shrewsbury Abbey, where her remains reside, and so too their sister church of St Peter's Monkmoor. We thank you for the leaders both lay and ordained that have been serving these churches through a period of Vacancy. We lift the future of these churches before you.

Tuesday 4th:

Lord, we bring before you today's latest twilight session of SIAMS training from the education team, this time around ['The school curriculum and spiritual development'](#). May it indeed help towards its goal of 'enabling spiritual flourishing through collective worship'. We also pray for a positive experience for all concerned at the next ['Coffee, Cake, and Chat'](#) gathering at St Chad's House.

Wednesday 5th:

Lord, we humbly ask for your wisdom and guidance for two different meetings as they take place this morning. We pray for the Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee, and for the Trusts Projects, Loans and Grants Team. Lord, please with all those involved in these meetings, both involved behind the scenes, or affected by the decisions they take; please guide those decisions to further your mission in this place.

Thursday 6th: *(Leonard, Hermit, 6th century. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944)*

Dear Lord, we bring before you three different events all happening this morning. We pray for this year's Selwyn Lecture taking place at Lichfield Cathedral, and for Bishop Michael and the Speakers as they explore the theme of ['Where is Trust, Truth and Transparency Today?'](#). Lord, please encourage each of us to value and better demonstrate those three virtues. We also pray for two different events from our education team, exploring ['Spirituality, and Creating a Culture of Justice and Responsibility'](#) and ['Dharmic religions and world views'](#), both further north in Staffordshire. We pray that delegates and speakers alike may leave inspired, informed, and encouraged from the sessions.

Finally Lord, on St Leonard's day we pray for each of the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; for each of the churches in Bilston, Blithfield, Bradley le Moors, Dunston, Ipstones, Malinslee, Marston, Wigginton, Wombidge, and Woore, We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

Friday 7th: *(Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739)*

We continue our prayers for Uttoxeter deanery by lifting before you the Vacancies there, and we pray for the right appointments to soon be made to lead both the Uttoxeter Team and also the Dove and Churnet Benefice. We pray for the churches that are directly affected and thank you for all those people leading and serving in them; for each of those churches in Croxden, Denstone, Hollington, Kingstone, Leigh, Marchington, and Rocester.

Saturday 8th: *(The Saints and Martyrs of England)*

Today we pray for different events taking place in Shropshire. We pray for the [Study Day on the Gospel of Matthew](#) taking place at Telford Minster, please bless and guide the Speaker Dave Allen so that all those who come may discover more about the gospel - and more about the person that it's about.

So too we pray for the [Dementia-Friendly Church Training](#) taking place at Oxon in Shrewsbury, that it may help more of our churches to better support the vulnerable people that they encounter.

Finally, a collect from ['Exciting Holiness'](#) both remembering those Saints from the past that we recall today, and offering a challenge for us all in the present and future;

God, whom the glorious company of the redeemed adore, assembled from all times and places of your dominion: we praise you for the saints of our own land and for the many lamps their holiness has lit; and we pray that we also may be numbered at last with those who have done your will and declared your righteousness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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