

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 290

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 9th November: *(Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440)*

On Remembrance Sunday, the C of E's 'prayer of commemoration for the fallen';

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday 10th: *(Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461)*

Lord, we pray for this afternoon's [Wolverhampton Area Mission and Pastoral Committee](#). We pray for wisdom as they discuss the futures of churches in the ten deaneries under their care. We pray indeed for a pastoral heart for all those affected by the decisions taken today, and that each of those decisions will be taken with the intention of advancing your mission uppermost in their minds.

Tuesday 11th: *(Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397)*

On Armistice Day, another prayer from the national church;

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Also, on St Martin's day we pray for each of the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; for each of the churches in Bradley, Little Ness, St Martins, Stonydelph, Talke, and Walsall. 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 the latest 'Coffee, Cake, and Chat' gathering at St Chad's House, for a positive experience for all that attend.

Wednesday 12th:

We pray for today's [Bitesize Training session from Enabling All](#). As today they focus on the ministry of WAVE for Change, we pray for their heart for forming a movement of people with and without learning disabilities to work side-by-side in the heart of our communities.

We also pray for today's meeting with the Assessors of Salop Archdeaconry, for each of the churches affected in the deaneries of Edgmond and Shifnal, Ellesmere, Hodnet, Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Wrekin, Telford, and Wem and Whitchurch; for constructive discussions to be held and positive ways forward to be found.

Thursday 13th: *(Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836)*

Lord, we bring before you today's Bishop's Staff Meeting. We pray for all those present, for constructive relationships and discussions to build your Kingdom in this place. We pray for courage and creativity in tackling all those areas discussed, so that problems may become opportunities.

This evening we pray for two gatherings, for Dave Allen's latest study on [Discipleship in the Old Testament](#), this time focussing on Joshua and Deborah. Lord, please help each of us continue to learn more about what it means to study you faithfully, from lessons of the past positive or otherwise, or however you speak to us so that we may listen. So too we pray for the [Evening with Melanesian Bishops](#) in Kinver, and for an opportunity for positive relationships to be grown with Christian siblings from the other side of the globe.

Friday 14th: *(Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796)*

We continue our prayers for Uttoxeter deanery by thanking you for where your mission is moving forward around the deanery. We pray for initiatives that have worked well locally like the Alpha Course and pray for clear guidance towards what doors should be tried next. We pray specifically for the Weaver parishes to the north of the deanery, thank you for their vicars Brian and Chamil, and lift before you each of its churches, in Alton, Bradley le Moors, Ellastone, Mayfield, and Stanton; and for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these places.

Saturday 15th:

We bring before you the Celtic Advent Quiet Day taking place at St Chad's House. Please help all those taking part find some measure of you in their quiet reflections. As Advent approaches seemingly all too fast, and especially the celebration at the end of it, we pray that you may help us all find some time to focus on what is important, and positively share with those we love the joyous news of you coming to live among us.

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