

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 291

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 16th November: *(Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093
Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240)*

Lord, today we thank you for the ministry of one of your servants in the former Archbishop of Canterbury Edmund Rich. So too we pray for the next person called to serve in that role in Bishop Sarah Mullally;

Almighty and everlasting God, the only worker of great marvels, send down upon your servant Sarah, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury and all who are committed to her care, the spirit of your saving grace, and that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Monday 17th: *(Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200)*

We pray for today's meeting with the Assessors of Walsall Archdeaconry, for each of the churches in the deaneries of Trysull, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and Wulfrun. We pray for positive discussions and for your clear guidance towards your will for the future.

Tuesday 18th: *(Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231)*

Lord, we pray for this morning's Stafford 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 for wisdom and guidance for all involved, to further your mission across North and mid-Staffordshire, and to maintain a pastoral heart for all those affected by their decisions. So too we pray for this evening's training session on [Working in Partnership](#), for Simon Foster as he prepares and leads it, and for all those that take part. Please help each of us to open our eyes to positive opportunities to work alongside others, so that through constructive working more can be achieved together than trying to go it alone.

Wednesday 19th: *(Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680. Mechtilde, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280)*

Lord, we lift before you the Education Team's training day on developing subject knowledge of [Abrahamic Faiths and World Views](#), for a constructive and informative time for all those taking part. We thank you for the shared heritage of following you between Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, and pray you will guide us more to embrace what connects us rather than focus on what may divide us. We also pray for this morning's FAM Committee, for wisdom and your guidance in all the decisions they have to make.

Finally today, we pray for today's final gathering of this iteration of the [Soul Food Course](#). Thank you for the efforts made in leading it by Charles, Sue, and Ursula; and we pray that all those that have taken part will leave with a greater measure of inspiration of the many wonderful ways that we can talk to you - and the confidence that you will always listen.

Thursday 20th: *(Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870)*

Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876)

Lord, we bring before you today's [Refresher of Canon Law](#), for clear guidance for all those that need it to stay within the law and learn how it may affect us. We thank you for all those who serve the diocese in legal areas, for Mark who is taking today's session, and Andrew, Pauline, and Rosie in the [Registry team](#).

We also pray for today's meeting with the Assessors of Stoke Archdeaconry, for each of the churches affected in the deaneries of Alstonfield, Cheadle, Eccleshall, Leek, Newcastle, Stafford, Stoke on Trent, Stone, Tutbury, and Uttoxeter; for constructive discussions to be held and positive ways forward to be found.

Friday 21st:

We conclude our prayers for Uttoxeter Deanery by lifting before you the Uttoxeter Team, and those churches within it that we are yet to specifically pray for, those in Bramshall, Checkley, Gratwich, the Heath, Marchington Woodlands, Stramshall, Upper Tean, and Uttoxeter itself. We pray for your choice of Team Rector of that place to be appointed soon. Until then we thank you for all folk that serve those churches in different ways, lay and ordained alike.

Saturday 22nd: *(Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230)*

Lord, we start a season of prayers for the deanery of Wednesbury by praying specifically for all of its church primary schools; those of Darlaston Old Church, Tipton St Martin, Tipton St Paul, and Wednesbury St John. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.