

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 292

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 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** *(Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100)*

Lord, on the Feast of Christ the King we pray for each of the churches in the diocese dedicated to him in that role, for each of the churches in Aldersley on the borders of Wolverhampton, Radbrook in Shrewsbury, and Rushall in Walsall. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

So too we pray for this afternoon's meeting of the [Gathered congregation](#), this time at St Michael's Lichfield; may you bring joy in their fellowship of meeting both with you and each other.

*To finish, the vintage collect for 'Stir Up Sunday';*

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>:**

We pray for this afternoon's meeting with the Assessors of Lichfield Archdeaconry, for each of the churches affected in the deaneries of Lichfield, Penkridge, Rugeley and Tamworth; for constructive discussions to be held and positive ways forward to be found. We pray for Lichfield's Archdeacon Sue, and a return to full health soon, and for the wider team in Lichfield Archdeaconry.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>:** *(Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century. Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748)*

On St Catherine's day we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to her; for St Catherine's in the village of Eyton near Telford, and St Catherine with St Chad's in Beechdale in Walsall. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

We pray for this afternoon's online session of bite-size training on [Dementia-Friendly Church](#), for a helpful time enabling and encouraging more churches towards this invaluable ministry. So too we pray for two different sessions from the Education team taking place today; for the session in Stafford on '[Understanding Christianity](#)', and later on online the session on '[Creating a culture where all are treated well](#)'.

Lord, thinking of the hymnwriter we remember today, we pray indeed that as we thank you for being our help in ages past, we pray you will remain our hope for years to come, our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>:**

We continue to pray for Wednesbury deanery and thank you for all the people that serve there. We pray especially for Fr Geoffrey Borrowdale as he begins his new ministry with the churches of Tividale, Ocker Hill, and St John's Tipton. We thank you for Ben Whitmore and Gilbert David as they lead the churches in central Wednesbury, Mesty Croft, and Wood Green; and the two All Saints Churches in Darlaston and Moxley. Thank you too for the lay folk who faithfully serve across the deanery, as your people in that place.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Lord, we pray for today's training day from the Education Team on [Teaching RE](#). We pray for Lynsay Jennings and Louisa Newton as they lead it, and for all those that take part, that they may indeed discover new ways to explore balanced RE and promote excellent religious literacy. Lord, may each one of us never stop learning more, both about you, and how we can effectively serve you in this world.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>:**

We pray again for Wednesbury, and that you would send the right people to lead the churches and serve the community there. We pray especially for the two churches currently in vacancy of St Lawrence's Darlaston and St Matthew Tipton. We pray that these and future vacancies will be quickly filled, and their new incumbents will be delighted to find growing churches in good heart and living up to their legendary sense of humour.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>:** *(Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church)*

Today the day starts with the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Trentham Parish Church, we thank you for all those that have worked to make it happen. We pray for all those there today as they meet with each other and with you, that they may leave with full tummies and fuller hearts, enriched and encouraged by all the ways you are at work in the city of Stoke and beyond. We pray for the drama of 'Whilst the Word Slept' from the Manna Theatre Company taking place at St Edward's Leek later today. We pray it may indeed serve as the successful outreach event they yearn for. On the day we thank you and pray for the missionary work of the church. we pray that in this particular place and time, that your mission may be fulfilled.