

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 300

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 18th January:

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951)

At the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we join in by saying with one of the prayers provided for it by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland;

Lord Jesus Christ, You bring us together in all our diversity, as family and church.

In the face of so many situations on earth, where hope has given way to despair and hearts are wounded and emptied by disappointment, renew our strength and unify us.

Help us to share Your hope wherever we find ourselves.

You are the true Light, who casts out the darkness of sin, despair and brokenness, who shines into our hearts, releasing the joy and the true hope of Your eternal love for all. Amen.

Monday 19th: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Shrewsbury and Wrekin Deanery by lifting before you all of its church schools; those of Bicton, Bomere Heath, Bratton, Meole Brace, Mereside, Oakmeadow, Oxon, Shrewsbury St Giles, and Upton Magna. Please rest your hand 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.

Tuesday 20th: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349)*

Today we pray for [teachers early in their careers](#) as the Education Team puts on a day for them at Telford Minster. We thank you for all those who have chosen the vocation of teaching and especially those who are serving in our church schools. Please bless and guide them as they teach, support, and care for our children and young people.

Wednesday 21st: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304)*

Lord, we conclude our prayers for Shrewsbury and Wrekin by lifting before you the deanery as a whole, that colleagues will benefit and appreciate the mutual support of one another, and that those who come to lead the Synod will inspire, motivate and encourage our parishes.

Thursday 22nd: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304)*

We pray for today's [Space Makers Training](#) at Ryecroft School. We pray for all those working to support the mental health needs of young people in our schools. With tomorrow also featuring a training day with people working to support mental health, but in the context of churches, we pray that all those who may need support at different times may indeed find it.

Friday 23rd: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)*

Lord, we bring before you today's training day in Essington on [Going deeper into mental health and wellbeing](#). We pray for a fruitful day, and for all those with a pastoral concern for people in our churches and schools, that you may grant them wisdom and grace to support those that need it in an appropriate way. Lord, thank you for those that care for those who need care.

Saturday 24th: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622)*

Lord, we commence a series of prayers for Rugeley Deanery by lifting before you all of its church schools; those of Anson, Cannock St Luke, Chadmoor Juniors, Churchfield, Colton St Mary, Colwich, Etching Hill, Hednesford St Peter, and Hob Hill. Please rest your hand 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.