

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 301

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 25th January: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Conversion of Paul)*

Lord, we lift up Rugeley deanery to you. We pray for each church, benefice, parish and community within it that over this coming year they may feel the stir of your holy spirit within their hearts and for those who don't yet know you, give them the courage to want to know more. Lord, give your leaders whatever calling they have in their lives, to see these people who might want to know more and welcome them with warmth, kindness and love. Prepare our hearts and minds, Lord, to be ready when they come.

Monday 26th: *(Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul)*

Help us to continue to embrace and develop our churches and our congregations in the current pioneering parishes journey, in Rugeley Deanery and beyond. Lord, enable us to prayerfully understand what our values are as individual parishes and benefices and how we might share these with others, learning to live them out every day. Lord, we thank you that you know what we need to be, reveal that to us through the power of your holy spirit. Change is hard Lord, but we ask for your healing and comfort as we journey through these things.

Tuesday 27th:

Lord, we pray for lots of different things taking place around the diocese today;

- for the next part of the '[Spiritual Listening](#)' course in Stafford
- for the '[Dementia-Friendly Churches](#)' session for the Black Country
- for the 'Recharge' session on '[Reimagining Small Groups for Lasting Growth](#)'
- for the next gathering of the '[First Steps](#)' process from Pioneering Parishes

Lord, please help us to never want to stop Listening, exploring new possibilities, caring for the vulnerable in our midst, or wanting to help more people come to know you better.

Wednesday 28th: *(Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274)*

We pray for Robert Icke as today he is licensed to serve in Stone. Please bless him as he serves the churches of St Saviour's in Aston, and St Michael and St Wulfad in Stone itself. May you bless and guide him as he builds relationships in their local communities.

Thursday 29th:

We pray for this morning's '[Introduction to Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring Collective Worship](#)' from the Education Team. We ask for inspiration for all those attending, to help create times of Collective Worship in all the schools taking part. We thank you for the opportunity to meet you in worship in different places and by different means, and for being able to know that whenever we reach out to you, you will always respond to us.

Friday 30th: *(Charles, King and Martyr, 1649)*

Today we pray for the one church in the diocese dedicated to King Charles the Martyr, at Newtown in Wem and Whitchurch Deanery. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both this church, its sister churches in Broughton, Burlton, Loppington, and Myddle; and the communities they serve.

Saturday 31st: *(John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888)*

We bring before you today's Bible Study from Trentham as Dave Allen explores [Discipleship in the Old Testament](#), particularly focussing on the characters of Hannah and David. We pray that all those attending may leave feeling better informed or positively challenged. We thank you for all the ways you have given us to guide us in furthering or discipleship journey with you, may we always keep our eyes open to see them.