

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 303

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 8th February:

A Collect from Common Worship for Racial Justice Sunday;

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday 9th:

Lord, we bring before you today's [Quiet Day at Shallowford House](#) with Revd Evelyn Bone. We pray for Evelyn and all those taking part, that they may indeed benefit from 'a gentle day of devotion, quiet time and worship' that draws them closer to you. So too we pray for Shallowford and its ministry, and thank you for all those that put in so much time in recent months, practically and prayerfully, to help the house become an ever better resource to serve the diocese.

Tuesday 10th:

(Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543)

Lord, we commence a series of prayers for Telford Deanery by lifting before you all of its church schools; for each of Dawley Primary, Donnington Wood Junior, Holy Trinity Academy, St George's Primary, St Matthew's Primary, and Wrockwardine Wood Junior. 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.

Wednesday 11th:

Lord, we pray for different events taking place around the diocese today. We pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee as it meets this afternoon, for wisdom and discernment over any difficult decisions they may face. So too we pray for the first of two evening sessions this week on [Unconscious Bias](#), that all those taking part may leave better informed. Lord, please challenge each one of us on our own unconscious biases, and our conscious ones just the same.

Thursday 12th:

We continue our prayers for Telford by praying for Stuart Howes in his role as rural dean of Telford and in his role as interim rural dean for Edgmond and Shifnal deanery, and for all churches in both deaneries that are in vacancy; for Bolas Magna, Edgmond, Kynnersley, Preston Wealdmoors, Tibberton, and Waters Upton; for Chetwynd and Newport; for Church Aston; for Forton; for Lilleshall and Muxton, and for Tong. We thank you that the period of vacancy for the churches in Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, and Sutton Maddock is due to come to an end next week.

Friday 13th:

We continue to pray for Telford Deanery by praying for each of the churches in the forming benefice of East Telford, especially as they look to fill both stipendiary clergy this year. Lord, we pray you may guide people towards the town that you want to serve there. In the meantime and beyond, we pray for the churches and communities of Donnington Wood, Oakengates, Priorslee, St Georges, Wombridge, and Wrockwardine Wood.

Saturday 14th:

(Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885. Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269)

A Collect from Common Worship for St Valentine's Day;

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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