

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 304

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 15<sup>th</sup> February:

*(Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045. Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Telford by praying for the shared mission of all churches in the town to the communities they serve. So Lord, we lift before you each of those communities that has at least one of our churches in it; for Dawley / Red Lake, Donnington Wood, Eyton, Hadley, Hollinswood, Ketley, Lawley, Malinslee, Oakengates, Priorslee, St Georges, Wellington, Wombridge, and Wrockwardine Wood; and for those other parts of the town without one of our churches, or 'across the border' and served by Hereford diocese.

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we pray for the Revd Harvey Gibbons as he is today licensed to serve the six churches at the southern end of Edgmond and Shifnal Deanery. We pray for the churches of Badger St Giles, Beckbury St Milburga, Kemberton St Andrew, Ryton St Andrew, Stockton St Chad and Sutton Maddock St Mary; and for the start of a fruitful relationship, between these churches, their local communities, and their new vicar.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>:

*(Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977)*

Lord, we pray for the Revd John Amey as he is today licensed to serve the 'PEW Parishes' towards the north of Wem and Whitchurch Deanery (in fact situated between those two places). We pray for the churches of Prees St Chad, Edstaston St Mary, and Whixall St Mary; and for the start of a fruitful relationship, between these churches, their local communities, and their new vicar.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>:

*(Ash Wednesday)*

*A traditional Collect for Ash Wednesday from Common Worship;*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we pray for the Bishop's Staff Meeting as they gather today; please grant them wisdom and inspiration. We pray for the [Wellbeing Information Café Information Evening](#) in The Westlands in Newcastle, that it may prove a helpful guide and encouragement for churches who may find it an avenue worth exploring. Lord, we also join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in 'Praying for the 34,000', that as per our diocesan strategy we may indeed see thousands more people coming to know you.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we conclude our prayers for Telford Deanery by thanking you for all the people who give up their time to serve the churches there. We thank you for our retired clergy, readers and authorised lay ministers in all that they do. We thank you for all the volunteers who support and grow the life of our churches, in Telford, our other 26 Deaneries, and beyond.

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:

Lord, we lift before you the first of two consecutive Saturdays at Shallowford House offering [Creative Grief Workshops on Living with Loss](#). We pray for all those who attend who may be struggling after the loss of a loved one, that they may find some measure of comfort and at least a glimpse of the way forward. So too we pray for all those who grieve for lost loved ones, that they will feel some measure of your loving presence holding on to them, and that you may prompt those around them to offer appropriate support as they need it.