

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 306

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 1st March:

(*David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601*)

Lord, we thank you for the ministry of the Community of St Chad and lift them before you as they meet today at the Cathedral for their annual Commitment service. We pray for wisdom and inspiration for its co-leaders Chris Precious and Ros Wilshire.

You may like to join with the Community in their prayer;

Be with us, Lord, as we seek to follow in the footsteps of your servant Chad, whose humility and prayerfulness attracted so many to your kingdom. Let our lives, like his, reflect the light of Christ and the hope of faith. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday 2nd:

(*Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*)

On St Chad's day, we pray for not just the Cathedral, but all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Bagnall, Beechdale, Bilston, Boningale, Brewood, Burton, Freehay, Haughton, Hopwas, Kynnersley, Lichfield, Longsdon, Longton, Montford, Norton in Hales, Pattingham, Pheasey, Prees, Seighford, Shrewsbury, Slindon, Stafford, Stockton, and Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

Tuesday 3rd:

Continuing our prayers for Wulfrun Deanery, we thank you for the number of churches there that have been impacted by the 'Quiet Revival', where young intentional seekers/young Christians have come to our churches to learn more and grow as disciples. We pray this may continue and grow.

So too we thank you for their well-attended Christmas services, and that enough of a positive experience may be recalled that revisits may happen soon.

Wednesday 4th:

Lord, we lift before you today's study day from the Education Team exploring both Non-Religious Worldviews and Christianity as a Diverse Global Faith. We pray for an informative session for all those taking part, that they may leave feeling better informed and resourced.

We also pray for this evening's inaugural lecture at Shrewsbury Abbey of 'The Cathedral that Never Was'. As they explore their history, so too we pray for both their future and that of their neighbouring St Peter's Monkmoor, that they each may thrive as they form their own parishes and work alongside each other.

Thursday 5th:

Lord, we pray for this afternoon's training session from the Education Team on Ensuring high quality RE: Dharmic religions and world views. We pray for greater understanding with our friends and neighbours who follow Sikhism, Buddhism, Hinduism, that we may learn from each other and work together to better serve our communities.

Friday 6th:

We continue to pray for Wulfrun Deanery by thanking you for the settling in of Father Philip Garrett at St Giles' Willenhall and Rev Emmanuel Salako at Holy Trinity Short Heath. We humbly pray for continued unity amongst the Clergy of Wulfrun old and new, as they work together towards building your Kingdom.

Saturday 7th:

(*Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203*)

We conclude our prayers for Wulfrun Deanery by praying that the three groups of churches in the deanery would find ways of encouraging each other and doing Mission together. We pray for the provision of clergy to join the team, and that lay and clergy alike may work closer together in deepening their discipleship in their journey with you.