

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 307

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 March:

(Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910. Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929)

A prayer remembering 'Woodbine Willie', or Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, that we may always manage to balance the mundane and the magnificent;

Glorious God, we give thanks for high and holy things as well as the common things of earth: Awaken us to recognize thy presence in each other and in all creation, so that we, like Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, may love and magnify thee as the holy, undivided Trinity; who liveth and reigneth one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Monday 9th:

Lord, we start a series of prayers for Penkridge Deanery by lifting before you each of its church schools. We pray for Brewood's two church schools, the Middle School, and St Mary and St Chad's First School. We pray for the First Schools of St Nicholas' in Codsall, St Paul's in Coven, St Leonard's in Dunston, St Michael's in Penkridge, and St Mary's in Wheaton Aston. We pray for the First Academy of St John's Bishopswood, and the Primary School of All Saints in Bednall. We pray for the Primary Academies of St John's Essington and Havergal in Shareshill. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Tuesday 10th:

We pray for this afternoon's session at Shallowford House on [Working with Difficult People](#). Lord, we lift before you all those relationships in our lives that are not what either of us would want them to be. Lord, please grant us more patience and understanding, especially when we might find it most difficult. Lord, so too please grant us a measure of self-awareness as to when we ourselves are the difficult people, and a heart to make ourselves less difficult for those around us.

Wednesday 11th:

Lord, we pray for the Education Team's first session today on ['Understanding Christianity'](#). We thank you for this resource from the National Church, and pray it may help more young people to know more about you. Lord, please help us to never think we 'Understand Christianity' ourselves, but always know how much more of you there is to discover, and be excited about just where that journey may take us.

Thursday 12th:

Lord, please be with the Bishop's Staff Meeting as they gather today. Please guide and inspire the discussions they have and decisions they make to serve your will and purposes here.

Lord, we lift before you tonight's Bible Study from Dr Dave Allen on [Discipleship in the Old Testament](#), especially focussing on Esther and Daniel. Lord, please help and guide us when we may find or feel ourselves in the courts of unfamiliar places or customs, and please guide us as to how we may lovingly make a positive difference through our presence there.

Friday 13th:

Continuing our prayers for Penkridge Deanery, a prayer for the Watershed Benefice;

We pray for the four churches of The Watershed Benefice: All Saints Lapley, St Mary's Wheaton Aston, St Mary's Blymhill, and St Andrew's Weston-under-Lizard. We pray for wisdom, guidance and unity from the Holy Spirit as the Revd Alex Keen leads the PCCs in a review of their service pattern, to establish a fresh vision and direction for mission and worship in the Benefice.

Saturday 14th:

Lord, we lift before you Diocesan Synod as it meets this morning in Aldridge. We pray for wisdom and guidance, for courage and discernment, so that in all the areas the diocese may face they may become opportunities rather than challenges. Lord, please help us to seek, serve, and build your Kingdom in this place.

So too we lift before you today's online session on Pioneering Parishes, as they explore ['Values Setting and Embedding'](#). Lord, please guide each one of us to the values we should set for ourselves and help us to embed them in our lives.

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