

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 310

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, Iran and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 29th March:

(Palm Sunday)

A prayer for Palm Sunday from Common Worship;

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Monday 30th:

Lord, we start a series of prayers for Stoke on Trent Deanery by lifting before you each of its church schools. We lift before you the academies at Belgrave and Kingsland, Christ Church in Fenton, St Matthew's Rough Close, St Nathaniel's Burslem, and St Peter's and Stoke Minster academies. So too we pray for the primary schools of Priors, St John's Trent Vale, St Luke's Hanley, St Mark's Shelton, St Mary's Tunstall, and St Paul's Longton Hall. 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.

Tuesday 31st:

John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631)

'John Donne's Prayer', which feels particularly appropriate this year as his day falls at this early stage of Holy Week, and encompassing the Easter hope of eternal life;

Bring us, o Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of Heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears or hopes, but one equal possession; no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end.'

Wednesday 1st April:

(Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872)

We continue our prayers for Stoke on Trent Deanery by lifting before you the churches there that are in vacancy; for Christ Church Cobridge, Holy Trinity Meir, Holy Trinity Northwood, both St Alban's and St Bartholomew's in Blurton, St Andrew's Sneyd Green, St James' Longton, St James' Newchapel, St Mary's Bucknall, St Matthew's Birches Head, and St Thomas' Mow Cop. Lord, we pray for the right people to be called forward to lead these churches and serve alongside the teams there.

Thursday 2nd:

(Maundy Thursday)

A prayer for Maundy Thursday from Common Worship;

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

Friday 3rd:

(Good Friday)

A prayer for Good Friday from Common Worship;

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday 4th:

Lord, today we wait. We wait in the shadow of the pain of yesterday, but in the light of the hope of tomorrow. We pray that you will grant us strength and companionship as we wait in our own places between darkness and light. Most of all, we pray for all those we care for, that we know may be in particularly dark places, and that you may use us to share at least some measure of your light.

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