

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 213

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Our prayers continue for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the Shaping for Mission process, 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 along with the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Sunday 19th May: *(Pentecost)*

COME HOLY SPIRIT – Revelation 3:22

'Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

We have prayed for our five people, loved by God. We have prayed for our churches and ourselves 'Come Holy Spirit' throughout these days of Thy Kingdom Come. Now the day of Pentecost is here, it's a good time to ask, 'What is the Holy Spirit wanting me to hear, to understand, to take to heart and to act on?'

'Lord, help my five people to hear Your call, respond to Your love and accept the Lord Jesus. Amen'

Monday 20th: *(Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804)*

We pray for Oswestry Deanery; for Rural Dean, Revd Suzan Williams and Assistant, Revd Harvey Gibbons. Give thanks for those serving as representatives on deanery synod and pray for their future meetings as they explore what it means to be intentional in their rural spaces and places, as well as how their town churches can reach out and provide support for those seeking a safe place to explore faith and what it might look like for them.

Tuesday 21st: *(Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330)*

Give thanks for those who have recently taken additional responsibility in Deaneries: pray for Revd Dr David Jarratt, commissioned as Assistant Rural Dean of West Bromwich Deanery; and Revd Deb Dyson, commissioned as Rural Dean of Tamworth Deanery.

Pray for Revd Dr George Crossley, recently retired as Vicar of Burton St Chad & Priest in Charge of Stretton with Claymills.

Pray for the institution of Revd Kate Tingle tomorrow as Team Rector of Wednesfield.

Pray also for Revd Andrew Wickens leaving as Team Rector of Stoke-upon-Trent and Fenton to take up Team Vicar and School Chaplain in the Benefice of Upton-cum-Chalvey in Oxford Diocese.

Wednesday 22nd:

We continue to pray for Oswestry Deanery, thinking especially of those benefices in vacancy: the United Benefice of Kinnerley with Molverley, Knockin with Maesbrook and Maesbury and the Border Benefice of Llanyblodwel, Llanymynech, Morton and Trefonen. Pray that the right candidates would be found to serve both benefices as they worship and witness in the future.

Thursday 23rd:

Pray for a Pentecost Quiet Day 'Come, Spirit, Come' to be held at St Chad's House, Leek, which will be led by Sarah Burgess-Parker. Further details on the [St Chad's House website](#).

Pray also for all who will take part in the Order of St Luke's Healing Conference on Saturday, titled 'Tis Life and Health and Peace - Being Well' today; and especially for the Bishop of Stafford as he prepares to be guest speaker. Further details on the [OSL website](#).

Friday 24th: *(John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788)*

Lord God, you inspired your servants John and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for the sanctification of souls, and endowed them with eloquence in speech and song: Kindle in your Church, we entreat you, such fervour, that those whose faith has cooled may be warmed, and those who have not known Christ may turn to him and be saved; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Saturday 25th: *(The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735)*

We continue to pray for Oswestry Deanery, especially as they navigate the ongoing complexities of Living in Love and Faith and the different theological stand points on a variety of areas whilst holding true to the Gospel and Jesus' command to make disciples.

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