

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 219

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We pray for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the [Shaping for Mission](#) process, and the resulting strategic framework, within the context of the varied roles & 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 30<sup>th</sup> June:

We give thanks today for the ministry and service of Revd Janet Waterfield, retiring as Vicar of Lichfield Christ Church and Longdon; and Revd Ruth Bull, recently retired as Associate Minister of St Michael with St Mary and Wall St John; and pray for them as they begin the next phase of their lives.

We continue again this week to pray for our nation & world and how we all can play our part as voters & citizens: 'Welfare.' Luke 3:10-14

*Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. Hear us, good Lord.*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July: (*Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873*)

We pray for Trysull Deanery; for Rural Dean Revd Julia Cody, Assistant, Revd Richard Reeve, Lay Chair, Mr Richard Pithers and Assistant, Mrs Dorothy Steel; giving thanks for the three people ordained as priests on Saturday: Revd Alison Bruton, Revd Mark Cadwallader, Revd Nick Smith. Pray for PCCs meeting today at the Regis Academy, Tettenhall Wood to hear about and begin prayerfully engaging with, the Strategic Framework.

'Prisons.' Matthew 25:43-45

*Show your mercy on prisoners and refugees and all who are in trouble, need or distress. Hear us, good Lord.*

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Pray for Diocesan Synod, meeting today at Barlaston; also for General Synod, meeting in York next weekend; giving thanks for all who give their time & energy to take part; pray God will bless their conversations and give them patience & wisdom in their decision-making. Remember also diocesan synod elections later this month.

Pray for Revd Dr Simon Iredale, licenced today as Assistant Minister to Albrighton, Boningale and Donnington.

'The Justice System.' Psalm 85

*Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth. Hear us, good Lord.*

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: (*Thomas the Apostle*)

Ever-living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection:

Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God,

that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

'Technology.' Exodus 20:4

*Help us to use developments in science to heal and not to hurt, give wisdom to government and regulators, and grant that the world might benefit from innovation and avoid potential harm. Hear us, good Lord.*

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>:

We continue to pray for Trysull Deanery; for the ongoing vacancy at St Chad's, Pattingham, giving thanks for the amazing Churchwardens and team there who continue to serve through this long vacancy – as the post is being advertised at the moment, pray for this process. Pray for all at St Philip's and Penn Fields parish as they prepare for Revd Peter Smith's retirement at the end of September.

'Good Government.' Romans 13:1

*God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. Amen.*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for wisdom for the King, the Prime Minister & the Cabinet; for integrity, truth & compassion throughout Government and for the positive influence of God's people for the good of all. Pray that the UK Government would be a strong force for good in foreign policy and bring relief to those suffering throughout the world.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>: (*Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535*)

We continue to pray for Trysull Deanery; for the Church at Perton, in vacancy and due to advertise in July; and also for Aldersley and Bilbrook, as the parish profile is finalised ahead of advertising.

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