

**Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Diocesan 24-hour Day of Prayer, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, for further details contact [Denise Keen](#)**

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 220

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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 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 7<sup>th</sup> July:

We pray for [Lichfield Festival](#), 4<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July, a charity working on creative arts projects with schools, community groups and charities to engage and inspire through enjoyment, performance and participation.

Give thanks for the outreach opportunities afforded to Lichfield Cathedral in its involvement with the festival and through the visitors attracted to the area by it.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for those taking up new posts around the diocese: for Revd Carrie Siegertsz, licensed as Associate Minister of Bagnall with Endon yesterday; for Revd Adam Clayton who will be licensed as Minister in Charge of Shawbury, Stanton upon Hine Heath and Moreton Corbet, whilst continuing as Rector of Myddle and Broughton, Loppington and Newtown Benefice and Rural Dean of Wem and Whitchurch; for Revd Chris Precious, to be commissioned as Assistant Rural Dean of Wem and Whitchurch, both today;

for Revd Chamil Fernando to be licensed on Thursday as Associate Minister of Alton with Bradley le Moors, Ellastone with Stanton, and Mayfield; and for Revd Henry Hope, to be licensed on Friday as Team Vicar in Leek and Meerbrook and Curate in Charge of Cheddleton.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks for the recent appointment of Bishop Jan as the first female Dean of the Cathedral, having carried out the role of Interim Dean for the last year with warmth and deftness; and pray for her as she prepares for installation on 21<sup>st</sup> September; and as she continues to lead the hard-working and gifted staff and volunteers, and serve in the wider diocese.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks for the family of over 400 volunteers who help to keep the Cathedral running smoothly 365 days per year. Pray for all those who will take part in the special events planned for the next few months, as the Cathedral seeks to welcome families: 2 weeks of [Summer School](#) for primary aged children; and a [Summer Programme](#) including: The Beach, Sensory Explorers Trail, Footprint Scrapbook, Magician & Circus Skills, Chill Out Chapel, Storytelling Sessions, Footstep Fridays, Children's Champions and Don't forget to hunt out the elephants!

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: *(Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550)*

Eternal God, who made Benedict a wise master in the school of your service

and a guide to many called into community to follow the rule of Christ:

grant that we may put your love before all else and seek with joy the way of your commandments;

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for the staff and volunteers of the Cathedral, as they prepare to host a variety of musical events, and all who will attend them:

'[Music for Reflection](#),' taking place every Tuesday morning until the end of August;

[Concerts by Candlelight](#), this month until the end of November;

[Organ Recitals](#) in September and October.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks for those across the diocese who spend time on the streets offering support to all who need it, thinking especially today of Lichfield's street pastors, known as the 'Late Night Listeners,' who have been offering this service for over 15 years, usually twice each month.

Pray that they will be a blessing to the night-time economy and will shine as a beacon of hope in the dark night. (New recruits would always be welcome, see more information on their [Facebook](#) page.)

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