

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 226

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We pray for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the [Shaping for Mission](#) process, and the resulting Strategic Framework 2024-2030, 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 18<sup>th</sup> August:

Give thanks for the ministry and service of Revd Dot Woods as Associate Minister of Betley and Madeley, as she leaves to take up the post of Assistant Priest (Self Supporting) in Nantwich Benefice in the Diocese of Chester, licensing to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>: *Prayer from the Church of England website:*

Following the unrest and violence across towns and cities in the United Kingdom in recent days, we pray for all communities affected; for all those left injured, traumatised or afraid; for the police, and all those at national or local levels seeking to restore public order and bring the perpetrators to justice; for places of worship in the affected areas and all people of faith and goodwill seeking to promote peace and respect in the face of violence and hatred.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>: *(William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890) Hymn by William Booth:*

O God of burning, cleansing flame: Send the fire!	The revolution now begin!
Your blood-bought gift today we claim:	Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!	To make our weak heart strong and brave:
Look down and see this waiting host,	Send the fire:
and send the promised Holy Ghost;	To live, a dying world to save:
We need another Pentecost! Send the fire today!	Send the fire today!
God of Elijah, hear our cry: Send the fire!	O, see us on your altar lay,
And make us fit to live or die: Send the fire today!	We give our lives to you today,
To burn up every trace of sin,	So crown the offering now we pray:
To bring the light and glory in,	Send the fire today!

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>:

Give thanks for the link between Lichfield and our companion diocese: Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, Canada. Pray for Bishop Helen, especially as she seeks to appoint a new incumbent for St Aidan, Moose Jaw. Pray for all who will attend a diocesan lay retreat at Camp Harding, led by Revd Diane Guilford this weekend. Pray also for all who serve in St Paul's Cathedral as they plan a thanksgiving service in September to celebrate the paying of debt incurred to build Bagnall Hall, in just one year. Pray also for Revds. Nicoloy Busby, Sara Humphries & Revd Phillip Johnson, the working group for this link.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Give thanks for all who have been or will be involved in presenting Holiday Bible Clubs this summer. Pray that they will have been blessed in their ministry, whatever their roles, and that those benefiting will have experienced the love of God and be led to enquire further and respond to His call.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>:

God of hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: *(Bartholomew the Apostle)*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same;  
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.

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