

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 228

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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 1st September: *(Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710)*

Pray for Revd Lisa Harper who will be licensed tomorrow as Rector of the Apedale Benefice & Team Vicar in the Wenlock Team, Hereford Diocese, formerly Ordained Schools Missioner and Associate Minister in East Telford Parish.

Monday 2nd: *(The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942)*

Almighty God, you gave your servants, the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, boldness to confess the Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith:

Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Tuesday 3rd: *(Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604)*

Pray for the staff at St Mary's House and especially those who have recently taken up new roles: For Jan Firth and Emma Popo who will spearhead our Net Carbon Zero action planning.

For Arun Kataria, new Director of Communications, and Revd Canon Nicholas Guy Smeeton, new Strategy Programme Director.

Give thanks for their appointments and pray that they may work closely together to deliver the diocese's new strategic framework, and encourage local parishes to engage and deliver it in their own contexts.

Wednesday 4th: *(Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650)*

Give thanks for the ministry and service of Revd Danny Payne as curate of Stafford St Mary and Marston and Stafford St Chad.

Pray for him as he is licensed today as Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr, Birmingham Diocese.

Thursday 5th:

Give thanks for the ministry of [Shallowford House](#) Christian Retreat and Conference Centre, for its manager, Simon, other staff and friends, volunteers, and supporters who support the day-to-day running of the House. Pray for all who visit, for individual retreats, quiet days and other events.

Pray especially for all who will take part today in 'Consider the Lilies,' a workshop blending Bible study, learning, networking and retreat time, as an opportunity to prepare for the Season of Creation.

Pray especially for members of the [Diocesan Green Team](#) as they facilitate the day.

Friday 6th: *(Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851)*

We give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Tim to lead the Wolverhampton episcopal area.

Pray that he and his wife, Gertrude and son, David will settle well into their new home; and that the area leadership team of Julia, Jim, Sue and Tim will gel and flourish.

Pray for the establishing of excellent new relationships with clergy, lay leaders, civic and ecumenical leaders that through all of this, the kingdom of God will grow throughout the area.

Saturday 7th:

Pray for all those who will be licensed by Bishop Michael today at Lichfield Cathedral, giving thanks for their commitment in completing their studies and praying God's blessing on them as they minister in their parishes and benefices:

Karen Gallagher - The Westlands St Andrew

Malcolm (Malc) Payne - Stafford St Mary and Marston

David Carver - Codsall

Beverley (Bev) Dyer - Bushbury

Janet (Jan) Firth - Rushall

Joscelin (Joss) Lodwick - Aldridge

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