

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 230

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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 15<sup>th</sup> September: *(Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258)*

Almighty God, you gave your servant Cyprian boldness to confess the Name of our Savior 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.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>: *A prayer from [Christian Concern for One World](#) in this second week of [Fairtrade Fortnight](#):*

Dear Lord,

You call us to a neighbourly love that is generous in practical ways,

That doesn't leave by the roadside those harmed by sin and greed

But goes out of its way to bring healing.

Help us to see how neighbours near and far are suffering,

their resources stolen by unjust people and systems.

And fill us, we pray, with your Spirit,

That we may be inspired to go further each day in using our gifts of time and money and talent

Lovingly in ways that redress injustice and renew life. Amen

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: *(Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179)*

Give thanks for the ministry and service of Revd Zoe Heming as Priest in Charge of Church Aston, and pray for her in her new role as Residentiary Canon for Mission, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Diocese.

Give thanks also for the ministry and service of Revd Doug Heming as Vicar of Chebsey, Creswell, Ellenhall, Ranton and Seighford and also as Rural Dean of Eccleshall Deanery; as he moves to Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks for the ministry and service of Revd Alison Hudson as Rector of Adbaston, High Offley, Knightley, Norbury, Woodseaves, Gnosall and Moreton. Pray for her as she prepares to be licensed tomorrow as Priest in Charge of Kirkcudbright and Gatehouse of Fleet, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>: *(Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690)*

Pray for all who will take part in the Diocesan Renewal Retreat to be held today and tomorrow at Trentham Parish Church, that God will richly bless their time together.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>: *(John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871)*

Almighty God, who called your faithful servant John Coleridge Patteson and his companions to witness to the gospel, and by their labours and sufferings raised up a people for your own possession:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your church in every land, that, by the service and sacrifice of many, your holy Name may be glorified and your kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>: *(Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)*

Give thanks for the ministry of Revd Ruth Edmonds as curate of Burntwood, Chase Terrace, Chasetown and Hammerwich, and pray for her as she settles into her new role as Team Vicar in the South Cheltenham Team Ministry, Gloucester Diocese.

Give thanks also for the ministry of Revd Valerie Fairclough as Assistant Minister of Central Wolverhampton and pray for her as she continues to serve with the Bishop's Permission to Officiate.

Pray for Rt Revd Jan McFarlane to be installed today by Bishop Michael as the Dean of Lichfield Cathedral.