

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 238

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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, Israel and the wider Middle East.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: *(Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461)*

We pray for Wulfrun Deanery, for Rural Dean, Revd Ian Poole, Assistant Revd Ros Wilshire and Lay Chair, Mr Mike Hotchkiss, giving thanks for their leadership and service to the deanery. We give thanks also for the strong unity in diversity enjoyed by the clergy of the deanery and for supportive, encouraging working relationships. We pray for the deanery as it reflects on the Strategic Framework and the opportunities this affords to individual churches and the deanery as a whole. Amen.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>: *(Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397)*

Pray for Revd Jane Morris as she is licensed today as Curate in Charge of Burlingham (St Edmund King and Martyr) with Lingwood, Strumpshaw with Hasingham and Buckenham, Diocese of Norfolk; giving thanks for her ministry as Priest in Charge of both Woore and Norton in Hales, and Little Drayton; and Surrogate and Assistant Rural Dean of Hodnet Deanery.

Pray also for Rebecca Nash, joining the Education team of Christian Distinctiveness Advisors, supporting teachers, governors, churches and communities as they deliver high quality education to students and their families.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for all taking part in a '[Developing Ministry](#)' residential starting today; that through expert input, theological & practical reflection, and in-depth reflection, the clergy attending will be encouraged to explore the dynamics of being fruitful and godly Christian leaders; and be better equipped to lead in their parishes and benefices. Pray that they will also support and be supported through being part of small 'Reflective Practice Groups' which will continue to meet between the residential.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>: *(Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836)*

Eternal God,  
who raised up Charles Simeon to preach the good news of Jesus Christ  
and inspire your people in service and mission: grant that we with all your Church may worship the Saviour,  
turn in sorrow from our sins and walk in the way of holiness 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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>: *(Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796)*

Pray for PCC members, parish clergy, those exploring a pioneer call, diocesan or parish support staff who will take part in a [Pioneering Parishes](#) webinar today. May they discover how to become more outward looking, moving energy from inside the church to mission within their parish communities; and feel inspired and equipped to shift church culture to enable the cure of souls to be extended into all the parish. May we see the development of fresh expressions and new worshipping communities in city, urban and rural settings across our diocese.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>:

We continue to pray for Wulfrun Deanery; giving thanks for all those in leadership positions in the churches, for Readers, Worship Leaders, Churchwardens and Church Council members.

We pray particularly for those supporting the ministry and mission of churches currently in vacancy: St Giles' Church and St Anne's Church Willenhall, Emmanuel Church Bentley, Furzebank Worship Centre and Holy Trinity Short Heath. We pray for successful appointments to those vacancies in due time. Amen.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>: *(Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093)*

We continue to pray for Wulfrun Deanery, giving thanks for recent appointments to several parishes formerly in vacancy, praying particularly for Revd Kate Tingle in her new ministry at St Thomas Church, Wednesfield. We give thanks and pray also for Bishop Tim, as he begins his new ministry among us as Bishop of Wolverhampton, that he would feel welcomed and supported as he takes up this new position. Amen.