

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 1<sup>st</sup> December: (*Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>:

*A Prayer for victims, survivors, and those with lived experience of abuse:*

Dear God,

We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the family of the Church, whether they are known to us or not, we know that you know them by name.

For those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape,

For those in pain, bring comfort and healing,

For those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength.

As Church we are one body and if one part suffers, every part suffers with it.

Give to all who suffer people who will listen, support, and walk with them we pray, Amen

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: (*Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*)

As [Strengthening Communities](#) celebrate the establishing of the 200<sup>th</sup> Place of Welcome across the diocese, give thanks for all volunteers who contribute to providing accessible free hospitality to all people, where all are made welcome and are listened to.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: (*John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749*)

Give thanks for the [Community of St Chad](#), for the leadership of Revds Chris Precious and Ros Wilshire.

Pray for all who will take part in the [Advent Quiet Day](#) taking place today at Shallowford House, which will offer the opportunity for quiet and reflection.

*Be with us, Lord, as we seek to follow in the footsteps of your servant Chad, whose humility and prayerfulness attracted so many to your kingdom. Let our lives, like his, reflect the light of Christ and the hope of faith. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>:

*Pray for those taking up new roles:*

For Revd Tom Owen who will be licensed today as Rector at Hagley and Clent, in the Diocese of Worcester; giving thanks for his previous ministry as Curate at Sneyd Green.

For Revd Philip Garrett recently licensed as Curate in the Potteries Team.

For Su Parker, Enabling All Co-ordinator, who will support the diocese, parishes and individuals so that barriers which prevent everyone from playing their full part in church communities are removed.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>: (*Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326*)

*Prayer provided by Revd Wendy Heath, Chaplain to Staffordshire Police:*

We thank you Lord for all our Emergency Services and for all they do for the safety of us all.

We pray for all Chaplains, thanking God for their gentleness, care and commitment to all people.

We pray especially for Revd Glynne Watkin and Revd Wendy Heath, as they fulfil the temporary lead role for Staffordshire Police and for vision as to the Lead Chaplain role for the future and potential links with the Fire Service. Amen.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>: (*Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*)

God of hosts, who called Ambrose from the governor's throne to be a bishop in your Church and an intrepid champion of your faithful people: mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers, so we, with like courage, may contend for the faith we have received; 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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