

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 245

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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 29th December: *(Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170)*

A prayer from Pastor Samuel Ntoyimondo of HMP Swinfen Hall

Pray for the right candidate as my successor for the Anglican chaplain now that the post is declared vacant from 01.03.2025 following my full retirement from the Prison Service after 14 years as Anglican chaplain in different prisons both adults and young offenders.

It has been a time of blessings, and I praise the Lord for all He has enabled me to do for the glory of His name.

Monday 30th:

A prayer from Emma Louis, Spiritual Care Lead at the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust who provide mental health, learning disabilities, community and primary care services to people across the Black Country.

Please hold in prayer...

- The BCHFT multi-faith Spiritual Care Team as it responds to the spiritual and faith needs of patients, carers and staff across the Trust.
- Those who are marginalised and excluded because of their mental health problems or disability.
- For increased understanding and compassion within society around issues of mental health and wellbeing.
- For staff at all levels in the NHS as they cope with on-going change and limited resources.

Tuesday 31st: *(John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384)*

Lord, on this day of reflection, we thank you for all that 2024 brought us, for good and for ill. We pray for whatever 2025 may bring us, and for courage in its face. So too we thank you for the ministry of Julie Jones on her final official day as Chief Executive, for your wisdom during the appointment process and, for Julie's replacement, whoever it may be.

Wednesday 1st January: *(The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus)*

Heavenly Father, today we pray for new beginnings and new hope. Especially today we pray for Tom Atfield as he starts his Interim Ministry in the East Telford Benefice, for both him and all the people he will work with and minister to in the churches and communities of Donnington Wood, Oakengates, Priors Lee, St Georges, Wombridge, Wrockwardine Wood, and more

Thursday 2nd: *(Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389; Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945)*

Lord, as today each of our churches receive the request for their Stats for Mission, we thank you for all the faithful 'Stats Shepherds' who will be completing them. We pray that they will be encouraging for many churches and that they will be interpreted wisely.

Friday 3rd:

For the first of 3 days of prayer requests from Wulfrun Deanery, all provided by their 'Rural' Dean Ian Poole; Praise God for a great atmosphere of collegiality amongst clergy and lay leaders following suit.

Saturday 4th:

Again from Wulfrun RD Ian Poole;

Praise God for recent posts filled and leadership strength increasing.