

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 246

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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 5<sup>th</sup> January:

*We pray once again for the churches of Wulfrun Deanery*

Pray for the posts of St Giles', Furzebank Worship Centre with Emmanuel church to be filled.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>: *(The Epiphany)*

Lord, on the day of the Epiphany we pray for the two churches dedicated to it in the diocese; those in Peplow in north Shropshire and Oxley in north Wolverhampton (Wulfrun Deanery in fact, where our prayers are currently centred :-)) . We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of those churches and communities.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we lift before you all of our Church Schools located in Wulfrun Deanery; for each of the schools in Ashmore Park, in Rosedale, where Furzebank Church also meets, in Wednesfield, and in Willenhall. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work there, both teaching and otherwise; and for all the children and their families who are part of them. So too we pray for all of the schools in the diocese, church and otherwise, as they step into a new term and new year.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, today we lift before you the start of the Centre of Chaplaincy in Education's Webinar series; 'Being a Trauma-Informed Chaplain'. May they indeed succeed in their aspiration to help Chaplains become more effective support for students who have experienced trauma - and so too we think of all those students may will need their support.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>:

In our first of several prayers for Penkridge Deanery; we pray for the village churches at the northern end of deanery, for All Saints Bednall, St James' Acton Trussell, St Lawrence's Coppenhall, and St Leonard's Dunston. We lift them before you in the light of a recent death of a churchwarden and a successful round of advertising for a part time Team Vicar.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>: *(William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645)*

Today we pray for Ben Whitmore, and his new churches and communities he is about to work with; as he is licensed this day to serve in Wednesbury and specifically the churches there of St Bartholomew's, St Luke's, and St Paul's.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>: *(Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915)*

Continuing our Prayers in Penkridge Deanery, we pray similarly for all of the churches in the Watershed Benefice, for each of Blymhill St Mary, Lapley All Saints, Weston under Lizard St Andrew, and Wheaton Aston St Mary. May they prosper in their vacancy, and may the right new incumbent be appointed soon.