

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 249

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 that the ceasefire holds in full and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 26th January: *(Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul)*

Lord, we start to pray today for Hodnet Deanery in North-East Shropshire, that they may grow closer together as a deanery and work together more effectively. Especially, as Timothy and Titus served alongside Paul, we pray that the right people to be Assistant Rural Dean and Deanery Secretary may soon emerge to serve alongside Rural Dean Catherine McBride and Lay Chair Laurina Rushworth.

Monday 27th:

Today we pray for CPAS' ['Arrow Reloaded' conference](#), starting today in Swanwick and continuing until Thursday. As they look back on 25 years of the Arrow Programme, we pray you will grant them wisdom and discernment on assessing what has gone before, and vision for what may come in the future.

Tuesday 28th: *(Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274)*

We pray for the initiative of Pioneering Parishes, and specifically today for the webinar on ['Culture Change & Practice'](#). Please guide and inspire us on what changes of culture we need to make ourselves.

Wednesday 29th:

Again we pray for Pioneering Parishes today, and this evening their ['First Steps'](#) Webinar. May you please guide each of us in the steps we must take, whether the 'first' or 'next' step.

Thursday 30th: *(Charles, King and Martyr, 1649)*

Lord, on the day we remember 'King Charles the Martyr', we pray for the one church in the diocese dedicated to him in Newtown in Shropshire. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on this church and community. We also pray for three different training events taking place today, the Education Team's day of training on ['Understanding Christianity'](#), for the Enabling All Church Warden Cafe on ['Making Your Building Accessible'](#), and the Good Faith Partnership's webinar on [Social Prescribing](#).

Friday 31st: *(John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888)*

We pray for Hodnet deanery's Youth focus to push ahead in a reimagined and more focussed way, and that direction and funds will come together as necessary. As they try to focus on work in primary schools, we lift before you all of our Church Schools located in that Deanery; for each of the primary schools in Adderley, Moreton Say, and Norton-in-Hales.

Saturday 1st February: *(Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525)*

Today we pray for ['Being tentmakers in the marketplace'](#), the latest gathering of the Community of Evangelists, as we explore and celebrate the ministry of the Church Tent at the Stafford County Show. Today, we also pray for Alex Wolvers, as she's commissioned to lead the ['Encounter'](#) programme in Stoke.