

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 255

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 and we pray for 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 9th March:

Lord, today we lift before you and thank you for St Thomas and St Andrew's Church Doxey as Bishop Matthew joins them to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary. We thank you for their heart for service with the amount of groups in the diocese they have hosted and supported over the years. Finally, we pray that the right person may soon be found to conclude the Vacancy for Doxey and their sister church of St Paul's in Stafford.

Monday 10th:

We begin a series of prayers for Cheadle Deanery, and start with the Benefice of Werrington and Wetley Rocks and their churches of St Philip's and St John the Baptist respectively. We pray for opportunities for them to engage further with their local schools, St Johns CofE Primary, Cicely Haughton Primary, Werrington Primary and Moorside High School. We pray for the Chaplaincy Team at Werrington Youth Offenders Institute and especially their team leader Canon Vanda Perrett, as they minister to the young people there.

Tuesday 11th:

We pray for the 2-day '[Working with Change](#)' course starting today in Pershore Abbey with a number of our clergy. May the hearts of those attending, and our own, be open to the inevitability of change, and guided on how to meet it positively. We also pray for the [Individual Quiet Day](#) taking place at St Chad's House, that those taking part and we ourselves may find the refreshment we need.

Wednesday 12th:

Today we pray for the benefice of Caverswall, Dilhorne and Weston Coyney. We lift before you Caverswall, and its church and school both dedicated to St Peter. We remember All Saints Church in Dilhorne and its own school. Finally Lord, we pray for St Andrew's and the regular Alpha courses taking place in Weston Coyney.

Thursday 13th:

Lord, today we pray Mid-Churnet Valley Benefice, its school dedicated to St Werburgh in Kingsley, and all the communities served by it and the 5 churches of Holy Trinity Oakamoor, St Mark's Foxt, St John's Cotton, St Mildred's Whiston, and St Werburgh's Kingsley. With those churches currently in vacancy and recruiting a priest in charge, we pray for suitable candidates and the right person to be appointed.

Friday 14th:

We pray for the parishes of Draycott-le-Moors and Forsbrook (and Blythe Bridge) and their respective churches of St Margaret's and St Peter's. We pray for Draycott's Community Café providing a much-needed community space for welcome and meeting, many of the people coming who are not part of the church family. We pray for all those who organise and lead, those who bake, and everyone who attends.

We pray for Forsbrook's CofE Primary School and its relationship with its nearby churches. We pray for the Open House Cookery Course at Blythe Bridge High School with volunteers from St Peter's, and that the direct beneficial impact on the young people on the course may continue: equipping them with valuable life skills and the opportunity to get to know Jesus. We also give thanks for our partnership with Blythe Bridge Methodist Church, as we continue to serve the young people of the area together.

Saturday 15th:

Lord God, today we lift before you two important gatherings. Firstly we thank you for the opportunity of the [Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast](#) in Stoke, for constructive conversations and positive witness, and for the ongoing ministry of both Saltbox and the Beacon House of Prayer. We also pray for [Diocesan Synod](#) taking place later in the day, for positive and respectful discussions, pertinent questions and wise decisions.