

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 259

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', 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 for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April:

We continue to pray for the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage; for today's focus of the strategic goal of Young People, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for each of those places being visited today, joining in regular worship at St Andrew's Shifnal and Telford Minster.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>:

We continue to pray for the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage; for today's focus of the strategic goal of New Ministers, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for each of those places being visited today; St Michael's Llanyblodwel, All Saints Trefonen and Trefonen School, Oswestry Christian Bookshop, The Qube, and St Oswald's Oswestry.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>:

We continue to pray for the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage; for today's focus of the strategic goal of Creation, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for each of those places being visited today; St Mary's Ellesmere and St Alkmund's Whitchurch. With most of the today's journey between them being spent along the Llangollen branch of the Shropshire Union Canal, we pray for all those who live, work, and journey along it; and for the Waterways Chaplains that minister to them.

Lord, we also pray for the '[Coffee, Cake, and Chat](#)' gathering at St Chad's House in Leek, for a positive experience for all attending.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>: (*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945*)

Today we pray for the Education Team's training day on '[Inclusive, Invitational, and Inspirational Collective Worship](#)'; not just for the people leading and attending, but also all the young people who may come to benefit from it.

Today we also continue to pray for the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage; for today's focus of the strategic goal of New Disciples, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for each of those places being visited today; St Mark's Shelton, the North Staffs YMCA, Staffordshire University, All Saints Joiners Square, and St Andrew's Sneyd Green.

Finally Lord, we pray for wisdom for the Bishop's Staff Team as it meets today as part of the pilgrimage.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>:

(*William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761. William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347*)

On St Lawrence's day we pray for all the churches dedicated to him in the diocese; those in each of Biddulph, Bramshall, Caudon, Chapel Chorlton, Coppenhall, Darlaston, Gnosall, Preston Wealdmoors, Rushton Spencer, Warslow. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of those churches and communities.

Today we also continue to pray for the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage; for today's focus of the strategic goal of our Age Profile, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for each of those places being visited today; St Paul's Quarnford, Hollinsclough Chapel and School, and St Bartholomew's Longnor.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: (*George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878*)

We continue to pray for the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage as it reaches its penultimate day; for today's focus of the strategic goal of our Schools, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for each of those places being visited today; St Lawrence's Rushton Spencer, St Anne's Brown Edge, Brown Edge School, and the church of Connect2.

We also remember George Selwyn, the 90th Bishop of Lichfield, and thank you for the opportunity of the lectures held in his name each year.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>:

Today we pray for the final day of the '[Seeking the Kingdom](#)' Pilgrimage; for today's focus of the strategic goal of Leadership, for safety for Bishop Michael and today's fellow pilgrims, and for a warm welcome and inspiring experiences for those last places being visited today; St Luke's Cannock, the ecumenical visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford, and concluding at Lichfield Cathedral.