

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 260

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. We also pray for all those dealing with the ongoing relief effort after the earthquake in Myanmar.

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Sunday 13th April: *(Palm Sunday)*

Hosanna to the King of Kings!

Lord, may we never forget that you are worthy of all praise and not just for one fleeting day. As they celebrate their 60th anniversary this Palm Sunday, we pray especially for St Mark's Shelfield in Walsall. We pray for their ongoing ministry and its leadership, and that their Vacancy may soon come to an end.

Monday 14th:

Lord, we lift before you today's [Lent Retreat Day](#) at St Chad's House, for its Chaplain Henry Hope and Warden Rachel Moore as they make it happen. May all those attending it, and each one of us, find the space to listen to you as we advance into Holy Week.

Tuesday 15th:

Today, we start a series of prayers for Tamworth Deanery by praying for a number of their churches in Vacancy or soon to become so. We join their prayer for God's good and chosen leaders to be drawn to the parishes of Tamworth and pray for each of those parishes and their congregations; for the Holy Spirit to continue to inspire and sustain them, particularly those in all kinds of leadership roles.

Wednesday 16th: *(Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923)*

We again pray for Tamworth Deanery and for God's blessing upon those moving on to different roles. We would also ask for prayers for our sisters and brothers in Tamworth Christian Churches group: for those ministers retiring; and for the other churches also awaiting new leaders. We pray that God will continue to work in us together to God's glory.

Thursday 17th: *(Maundy Thursday)*

We lift before you the occasion of the [Chrism Eucharist](#) in Lichfield Cathedral, remembering theirs and other churches' special services and occasions as we build up to Easter. May each of your servants gathering in Lichfield return refreshed and encouraged to their own settings. And on the day of the Last Supper, may each of us remember the privilege of walking alongside you as one of your disciples, and be encouraged to walk ever closer with you.

Friday 18th: *(Good Friday)*

A collect for Good Friday from the Book of Common Prayer;

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Saturday 19th: *(Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012)*

Lord, on a day when we think of uncertainty and fear, we pray for all those who struggle to hold on to hope in difficult times. Please help us hold firm to our faith in you and support those around us who need some encouragement. We thank you that you never lose your loving grip on us.

Today we also lift before you Walsall's '[48 Hours in Jerusalem](#)' and their exploration of how your first disciples may have fared when all hope seemed lost.