

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 261

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 20th April: *(Easter Sunday)*

HE IS RISEN!

One of the CofE collects for Easter Day;

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Monday 21st: *(Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109)*

Continuing our prayers for Tamworth Deanery, we pray for the people arriving from abroad given temporary accommodation in Tamworth, and the ministry among them by churches including St Editha's. We pray for the wellbeing of Tamworth residents old and new.

Tuesday 22nd:

We conclude our prayers for Tamworth Deanery by praying for each of its Church Schools, for St Andrew's Primary School in Clifton Campville, for St Leonard's Primary School in Wigginton, and for Mary Howard Primary School in Edingale. 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.

Wednesday 23rd: *(George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304)*

Lord, on St George's day we pray for the five churches in the diocese dedicated to him; in Frankwell in Shrewsbury, Glascote in Tamworth, Rodington between Shrewsbury and Telford, and Newcastle and Telford town centres. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and their communities.

Thursday 24th:

(Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624.

The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003.)

Today we start a series of prayers for Eccleshall Deanery by praying for each of its church schools, all of them Primaries; for All Saints Ranton, for Baldwins Gate in Whitmore, for Bishop Lonsdale in Eccleshall, for Hugo Meynell in Loggerheads, for St Lawrence's Gnosall, for St Mary's Mucklestone, and for Woodseaves Academy. 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.

Friday 25th: *(Mark the Evangelist)*

Lord, on St Mark's day we pray for the seven churches in the diocese dedicated to him; at Basford in Newcastle, Foxt in Cheadle Deanery, Great Wyrley between Cannock and Walsall, Ocker Hill close to Tipton, Shelfield in Walsall, Shelton in Stoke, and central Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and their communities.

Saturday 26th:

We conclude this week of prayers by praying for Eccleshall Deanery as it explores its future. We pray that you will guide its leaders and all those supporting them to find a place where you are at the heart of the missional plans for all the churches, schools, chaplaincies and fresh expressions in 'that area of Staffordshire beyond the M6'.