

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 278

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, Iran, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 17th August:

We lift before you today's licensing of Revd Amanda Mallen as the Team Vicar of Lower Farm The Holy Ascension and Mossley St Thomas, both in Bloxwich parish in Walsall deanery. We thank you for her prior ministry as a curate in this place and pray that the relationships that she has already built up will help her flourish in this new role.

Monday 18th:

Lord, we continue to pray for Trysull Deanery and the neighbouring parishes of Penn and Penn Fields. We pray for the Penn churches of St Bart's and St Anne's, and the Penn Fields churches of St Philip's and St Aidan's, all in vacancy; that the right people will be attracted to those posts and appointed. So too we pray for St Joseph's in Merry Hill as their vicar Joshua Blunt prepares to move on in September. We pray for him and his family as he embarks on a new ministry in Farnborough. We pray for the churchwardens and those churches in vacancy in the deanery.

Tuesday 19th:

On World Humanitarian Day we pray for all those working amongst those in dire need. We thank you for the courage of those who put themselves in danger to try to serve those who most need help and pray for their protection. Lord, please help us to recognise those situations which leave people vulnerable, challenge the people that create such situations, and support those people who work to alleviate them.

Wednesday 20th:

(Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153)

William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890)

One of the Salvation Army's Morning Prayers from 'Family Prayers and Graces':

God, help us to enjoy the life we are living now.

Even when things are tough, remind us of all the good things we often overlook.

Help us to be happy with what we have.

Forgive us when we compare ourselves to others, and help us to understand that you love us just as we are and right where we are.

Help us to put our trust in you.

In Jesus' name, AMEN.

Thursday 21st:

Today we pray for our young people who have or will soon be receiving their GCSE and other results today. Please bring hope in whatever may be the next steps in their life journeys, and guide us as to how best we may be able to support those we know and love as they take those next steps.

Friday 22nd:

As we step into the Bank Holiday weekend, we continue our prayers for Trysull deanery by praying for all the ordained and lay leaders both there and beyond that they may have been able to, or soon will, take some time out to rest and renewal. We think too of all our children and young people as they approach the end of their school holidays, and lift them before you as they prepare to start new years in new classes or even new schools.

Saturday 23rd:

We conclude our prayers for Trysull Deanery by praying for the farming community in that deanery and beyond. We thank you for the blessing of dry weather and remember their busy time ahead of harvesting and storing their crops.

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