

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 284

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 28<sup>th</sup> September:

Lord today, we pray for All Saints Church in Madeley as they celebrate 1050 years since a 975 royal charter granted land to be used in Madeley for a church and monastery. We thank you for all the work for your kingdom that has taken place there up to this point, and join with the launch of their 'Prayerfest' that the impact of their work may continue for at least another millennium and more. We especially pray for their Family Communion today with Archdeacon Megan, for a positive launch of their prayerful celebration.

## Monday 29<sup>th</sup>: *(Michael and All Angels)*

Lord, today we lift before you those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Michael, and sometimes to other angels. For St Gabriel's Fulbrook; for (St Isidore and) St Raphael's Petton; and for Holy Angels Hoar Cross. So too we pray for all the St Michael's; Adbaston, Brereton, Chell, Chetwynd, Childs Ercall, Colwich, Cross Heath, Hamstall Ridware, High Ercall, Himley, Horton, Lichfield, Lilleshall, Llanyblodwel, Loppington, Pelsall, Penkridge, Rocester, Rushall, Stone, Stramshall, Tatenhill, Tettenhall Regis, Tividale, Waters Upton, Welshampton, and West Felton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve. We also pray for today's [Churchwarden Cafe](#) in Tatenhill, exploring the possibilities in pilgrimage around so many of our beautiful churches, and the opportunities they could bring in people wanting to explore them. May their journeys around our churches prompt an even more fulfilling journey with you.

## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>: *(Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420)*

Today we pray for many different gatherings taking place around the diocese, for wisdom and vision for the Bishop's Staff Meeting; for the Education Team's training day for those new to church schools on [Balancing RE and Collective Worship](#); for the online training session on [Connecting Communities through Places of Welcome](#); and the gathering of [Shropshire Greenhouse](#). Lord, please bless all the people leading these gatherings, that each of those attending may learn more of you and be open to new ideas.

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October:

*(Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533. Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885)*  
We thank you for the unceasing opportunities to meet with you as today we start the [Diocesan Day of Prayer](#). Thank you for all the people who have prepared sessions, or will join in with them. Most of all Lord, we thank you that whenever we pray, we know you always listen. We also pray for [Bishop's Council](#) as it meets tonight, and for [Bishop Sarah as she starts a period of Sabbatical](#), that she may return refreshed and renewed.

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Lord, we thank you again for the opportunity of the [Diocesan Day of Prayer](#) as it concludes at noon today. Thank you for this diocese, in all its places and forms, all the areas of work that it supports, whether they have been directly represented over the 24 hours or not. We thank you just the same for all those people working for your Kingdom here who work diligently in the background and You may be the only person who really knows what they do. Lord, please continue to meet the feeble efforts of our service with your abundant blessings.

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>: *(George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958)*

We bring before you today's [Introduction to Mental Health and Well-Being](#) happening in Wolverhampton. Please help all of those supporting people struggling with their mental health; and please help each of us recognise when we might be struggling and help us to seek appropriate support.

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>: *(Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226)*

Lord, today we lift before you those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Francis; in Friar Park (between Wednesbury and West Bromwich), Leyfields (Tamworth), and Meir Heath (Stoke on Trent). We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

This Saturday we also pray for various events taking place around the diocese this morning; for the [Shropshire Greenhouse](#) gathering taking place this morning at St Alkmund's Whitchurch; for the Biblical Studies study session on [Discipleship in the Old Testament](#) at St James' Brownhills; and the [Dementia-Friendly Church Training at St Matthew's Walsall](#). Please be with all those journeying to meet you in different places and ways.