

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 288

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 26th October:

(Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899. Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664)

Lord on what is also St Eata's day we pray for the one church in England bearing his name, in Atcham just outside Shrewsbury. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on this church and the community it serves.

Today we also pray for the '[Jesus: The Evidence](#)' study session this afternoon in Stone. We thank you for the historic fact that you deigned to live among us as a human being, for all you taught us during your life, and the eternal sacrifice you made and the hope you gave us all at the end of it. May all those attending today learn more of you than they knew before. We also pray for the latest service of our '[Gathered](#)' community of affirming worship as this time it meets in Keele. Lord, we pray that all those who seek you may find you and walk ever more closely alongside you.

Monday 27th:

We continue our prayers for Walsall deanery by thanking you for the positive recent meeting with Archdeacon Liz looking at missional priorities. Lord, we pray for the whole town and deanery of Walsall, for renewed energy and vigour, and for ever-stronger links between our churches and their wider communities, that together we may work to draw ever closer to you and your vision for this place. As we think of churches working closing together for your purposes, we pray for those churches physically linked together in the Strategy Pilgrimage this Spring, for St Thomas' Aldridge, The Hothouse Aldridge, St Martin's Walsall, and St Gabriel's Fulbrook. Please Lord, may what unites us in our love for you always remain stronger than whatever may try to divide us.

Tuesday 28th: *(Simon and Jude, Apostles)*

Lord, today we lift before you the two churches in the diocese dedicated to St Simon and St Jude, being St Jude's Wolverhampton and St Simon and St Jude's Cockshutt in north Shropshire. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and each of the communities they serve. Today we also pray for the next [Churchwarden Café](#), as people gather in Oxon in Shrewsbury to explore the next steps in Eco Church. So too we pray for the 'Bio Blitz' taking place at All Saints Sandon as a special event for young people. Lord, we thank you again for your wondrous creation in all its glorious diversity, and pray that you will never cease to prompt us to treat it with the respect it needs and deserves.

Wednesday 29th: *(James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885)*

Lord, in our prayers for Walsall Deanery, we think of those churches surrounding the town that we are yet to specifically pray for in this fortnight, for Aldridge Parish Church, All Saints Bloxwich and Streetly, Beacon Church Pheasey, Christ Church Blakenall Heath, Christ the King Rushall, St Catherine with St Chad Beechdale, St Michael's Pelsall and Rushall, St John's Walsall Wood, and The Annunciation Yew Tree. Lord, may your hand of blessing rest upon each of these churches.

Thursday 30th:

Lord, we conclude those prayers for Walsall deanery by specifically praying for those churches in or close to the town centre that we are yet to pray for; for St John's Pleck, for St Luke's Chuckery, for St Matthew's at the top of the church hill, and for St Paul's The Crossing. Lord we think of all these churches and the roles they have in serving their communities, please guide and inspire their leaders lay and ordained to serve the town in ways they may never have considered before.

Friday 31st: *(Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546)*

We pray for today's '[Caring for God's Acre](#)' day in Shropshire. We pray for all the speakers as they explore ways we can explore how we can make the most of the spaces around your churches to make them as hospitable as possible to the wonders of nature. Whether in Shrewsbury Episcopal Area or Hereford Diocese, we pray for all of your churches, that they may be able to provide the warmest of welcomes to all members of the animal kingdom as well as humans. We pray for one Shropshire Church in particular on what is also All Hallows Day - for All Hallows Rowton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on this church and the community it serves.

Saturday 1st November: *(All Saints' Day)*

Lord, we pray for Diocesan Synod as it gathers today. We pray for all those attending and all those that have contributed to make it happen. Please guide and provoke positive discussions, to enable us to move forward together on our journey with you. On All Saints Day we also lift before you all of our churches with that name, celebrating all those people who have had their own journeys with you; the churches in Alrewas, Baschurch, Bednall, Bloxwich, Bradeley, Brocton, Burton, Canwell, Castlefields, Chebsey, Checkley, Clive, Compton, Darlaston, Denstone, Dilhorne, Forton, Gobowen, Grindon, Grinshill, Joiners Square, Kings Bromley, Lapley, Leigh, Madeley, Milwich, Moddershall, Moxley, Newborough, Rangemore, Ranton, Sandon, Standon, Streetly, Tibberton, Trefonen, Trentham, Trysull, Wellington, West Bromwich, Whitmore, and Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

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