

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 307

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 15<sup>th</sup> March:

Lord, as we pray for Penkrudge Deanery, we pray for the Penkrudge Team within it. We lift before you the churches of St Michael's in Penkrudge itself, and also the churches sharing the parish; Levedale Mission, St John's Stretton, and St Modwena's Pillaton. We especially pray for the churches within that team that remain in vacancy; Acton Trussell St James, Bednall All Saints, Coppenhall St Laurence, and Dunston St Leonard; we pray that very soon you will send the right person to work amongst them.

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we bring before you today's retreat at Shallowford House in preparation for Holy Week and Easter; ['Hung on the Tree'](#). We pray for all those that are taking part, that the day will support them as they pause and reflect on both your journey and theirs. As we journey towards Easter, dear Lord, please help each of us find time to spend with you as we journey through the Lenten wilderness.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>:

*(Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460)*

On St Patrick's Day we pray his 'Breastplate' prayer, and pray you will ever more stay with us and at work in us and through us;

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>:

*(Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386)*

Lord, we pray for this evening's session of bite-size training of [Key Messages around Dementia Awareness](#). As people gather online to explore the planned four key messages, we pray they may indeed leave with 'just one nugget' - or maybe even more.

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>:

*(Joseph of Nazareth)*

On St Alkmund's day, we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Shrewsbury and Whitchurch respectively. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and the communities they serve. Lord, we also join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in ['Praying for the 34,000'](#), that as per our diocesan strategy we may indeed see thousands more people coming to know you.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>:

*(Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687)*

On St Cuthbert's day, we pray for the one church in the diocese dedicated to him, the 'church round the corner' at Donington in Edgmond and Shifnal Deanery. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on this church, its sister ones in Albrighton and Boningale, and the communities they each serve.

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:

*(Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556)*

Lord, we lift before you those churches of Penkrudge Deanery that we are yet to specifically pray for in this season; for Bishopswood St John and Brewood St Mary and St Chad; for Codsall St Nicholas and Codsall Wood St Peter; for Coven St Paul; for Essington St John and Shareshill St Mary and St Luke. Lord, please rest your hand on each of these places and hold them close to your heart.