

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 251

We pray for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the [Shaping for Mission](#) process, and the resulting Strategic Framework 2024-2030, 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 that the ceasefire holds in full and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 9th February:

In our final day of specifically praying for Hodnet Deanery, we lift before you those churches that have not yet specifically featured in this last couple of weeks, for St Mary's Market Drayton, and for the 5 churches that make up the AMICA Benefice close to the Cheshire Border; for Adderley St Peter, Ash Christ Church, Calverhall Holy Trinity, Ightfield St John the Baptist, and Moreton Say St Margaret of Antioch.

Monday 10th: *(Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543)*

We start our prayers for Stoke on Trent Deanery with one from their Rural Dean Shaun Morris: Heavenly Father thank you for the award of money from the Church Commissioners to fund gospel growth in our City. We pray for wisdom and discernment in our planning, the gift of godly and gifted men and women to take up posts, and a movement of your Spirit that will bring both renewal and new life.

Tuesday 11th:

Lord, we pray for the Education Team, as they deliver two different sessions on Collective Worship Training, and that those taking part may indeed be equipped to lead worship that is [Inclusive, Invitational, and Inspirational](#). We lift before you today's [Churchwarden Cafe](#), and their focus on Churchwardens and Volunteering; we thank you for all those Volunteers who give so much of themselves in helping our church communities function and flourish. Finally, we lift before you the [Individual Quiet Day](#) taking place at St Chad's House in Leek; that all those coming may find at least a measure of refreshment.

Wednesday 12th:

We pray for each of our Church Schools in Stoke Deanery, for St Peter's Academy and for all of our Church Primary Schools; for Christ Church in Fenton, Kingsland in Bucknall, Priory in Hanford, St Bart's in Belgrave, St John's in Trent Vale, St Luke's in Wellington, St Mark's in Shelton, St Mary's in Tunstall, St Matthew's in Rough Close, St Nathaniel's in Burslem, St Paul's in Longton Hall, and for Stoke Minster Primary. 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.

Thursday 13th:

We pray for two very different but important days of training taking place today. Firstly we pray for the Education Team leading a [SIAMS day of training for Church School Leaders](#) in Wolverhampton. We also pray for the day of training in Lichfield on [Mental Health and Well Being](#); Lord please guide each of us to be more aware and considerate of those around us who may be in need of some support; including ourselves.

Friday 14th: *(Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885. Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269)*

Father God, today we bring before you the start of the [CHRISM Reflective Weekend](#), as they undergo a Creative Exploration of Jacob's journey at Shallowford House. We pray for all such ministers in secular employment, for the unique opportunities they may experience, and that you may guide them to make the very most of them.

Saturday 15th: *(Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045. Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730)*

Lord, we lift before you those churches in Stoke on Trent Deanery who are currently in vacancy; we pray for St James' Newchapel near our northern borders, and for St Mary's Bucknall towards the east of the city. In the heart of the city pray for Stoke Minster, and in the same parish the churches of Christ Church in Fenton and St Paul's in Mount Pleasant. We pray that the right clergy will be called to serve these churches, to lead and encourage them to serve their communities.