

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

discipleship
vocation
evangelism

Sunday

Coming up this week we pray for:

- Stafford Area Mission and Pastoral Committee (7th)
- Agenda Planning Committee (9th)
- Balcony Time: Seeing the bigger picture – an RNG lab (9th)
- Finance and Central Services Committee (10th)

Monday

Shrewsbury

Benefice: Market Drayton

(Market Drayton S.Mary; Market Drayton, Tyrley Mission)

Who: Revd Catherine McBride, Revd Nigel Macfarlane and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Lord, we pray for the benefice of Market Drayton, that the people there hear the call to follow you as disciples and respond wholeheartedly with open minds and hearts.

V: We pray for a renewed sense of vocation for the coming year. We pray that your people in this benefice may be encouraged to seek your will for them and to discover and nurture new talents in themselves and others.

E: Lord, we pray that this new year will bring new opportunities for the communities in this benefice to share the fruits of the Holy Spirit of love, joy and peace.

Tuesday

Schools

D: *Diocesan Schools:* Salop - Beckbury Primary School; Stoke - Betley Primary School; Lichfield - Brewood Middle School; Walsall - Bobbington Corbett Primary School.

V: Lord, we pray for your blessings for the children and young people in the nurseries, schools and colleges in our Diocese. We give thanks to those who support and guide them and pray for renewed energy and enthusiasm for a new year.

E: *Other Schools:* Staffordshire - Bhylls Acre Primary School & Biddulph High School; Stoke - Ash Green Primary School; Wolverhampton - Bilston Nursery School; Telford & Wrekin - Charlton School; Sandwell - Glebefields Primary School; Shropshire - Belvidere Primary School; Walsall - Alumwell Infant School.

Wednesday

Wolverhampton

Benefice: Coven

(Coven S.Paul)

Who: For a new incumbent and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Lord, we pray for the benefice of Coven, for all who live, work and worship in this parish and ask that you will hear their prayers. May they grow in love for one another and find you as their source of comfort and hope.

V: We pray for all who do your work in this benefice, especially the Churchwardens and PCC who are working so hard throughout this time of Vacancy and for all the priests who have enabled us to continue worshipping you.

E: Lord, we pray that our churches inspire and foster community. We pray for the children of St Paul's First School and for 1st Coven St Pauls Scout Group and all those who teach, lead, guide and care for them. We pray for our moms and toddlers' group, Yummy Mummies, that they may find fun, friendship and you, Lord, within the walls of our Church.



Thursday

National Church

D: Lord, we pray for all your disciples throughout the nation. May they find the courage to follow you when those around them have turned away and the strength to proclaim your good news when those around them have closed their hearts.

V: Lord, we pray for all those who do your work in churches nationwide. We give thanks for the time and energy they give and ask that you bless them with strength and guidance.

E: We pray that the Christian community may continue to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation to all people. Teach them to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.

Friday

Stafford

Benefice: Cheddleton, Horton, Longsdon and Rushton Spencer

(Cheddleton S.Edward the Confessor; Horton S.Michael and All Angels; Longsdon S.Chad; Rushton Spencer S.Lawrence)

Who: Revd Amanda Pike, Revd Diane Oliver and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for your followers in the benefice of Cheddleton, Horton, Longsdon and Rushton Spencer that they may find your light in the darkness and that they may be a light to others.

V: We pray for all your people in this benefice. Help them to understand your purpose for them, show them how to share your gifts with others, and inspire them to follow your example of generous self-giving.

E: We pray for the communities in this benefice that, through the fellowship of your churches in this place, more people may come to know of your love and saving grace.

Saturday

Malaysia

We offer prayers

- For Revd Ana and Kevin Lawrence and John Edlin during their time in Sabah at the Vision School in Tawau; for John as he proceeds to assist the Diocese of Singapore with strategic schools initiatives in Indonesia.
- For Archbishop Moon Hing and the extensive responsibilities he has for the Province of S E Asia; for his fellow bishops of Singapore, Kuching and Sabah.

May God embrace you with love

and make kindness flow out from you.

May God ignite courage within you

and transform you into agents of justice and peace.

May God grant you humility

and give you perseverance to nurture unity. Amen!

(From resources for week of prayer for Christian Unity)

The Anglican Cycle of prayer can be accessed at <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>