

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

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Sunday

Coming up this week we pray for:

- Stafford Episcopal Area Mission and Pastoral Committee (22nd)
- Glebe Committee (24th)

Monday

Shrewsbury

Benefice: Shifnal, Sheriffhales and Tong

(Sheriffhales S.Mary the Virgin, Shifnal S.Andrew, Tong S.Bartholomew)

Who: Revd Preb Christopher Thorpe, Revd Prep Philippa Thorneycroft, Revd Sally Day, Revd Michael Shaw and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Gracious God, we pray for the churches of our benefice, and the people of our communities. Bless, we pray our work with children, families and young people, through Open the Book, Little Fishes pre-schoolers, Messy Church, and all our various family services. Bless we pray our work with older folks, and especially Forget-me-not and all living with dementia. Loving God, guide us as we seek to set up Community of St Chad prayer/companionship groups, and inspire all to grow in their faith and discipleship as followers of Jesus.

V: Holy Spirit, work in our hearts to awaken a sense of vocation and calling in all that we do, nurture those who are beginning to explore the possibilities of training for ministry. We pray for new leadership and ministry in each of our churches. Be at the leading edge of change, and give us grace to meet you there and to grow into the new possibilities that you hold out to us.

E: God of every encounter, give us the gift to listen for the deeper themes in people's lives, and to dare to reach out with your love. Give us the words to build bridges to connect, especially across chasms of difference. Give us the will to put our faith into action, to respond to the real needs of our communities. May our churches be places of welcome, beacons of hope, deep wells to sustain all who we meet in your love. In Jesus name we pray.

Tuesday

Chaplaincy: Other

D: We pray for the Co-ordinating Chaplain for Staffordshire Police Force, may you bless their work and help them to provide support and advice for all those who come to them. We also pray for the Chaplain to Abbots Bromley School and ask that you would encourage them in their work.

V: Thank you for all those who provide Christian support and guidance to people whether this is in a chaplaincy role, through their jobs or through the work they do with churches. May you strengthen their sense of vocation and call others to reach out and support people.

E: We pray for workplace Chaplains and ask that they would be shining lights in the various workplaces that they visit. May people have enquiring hearts and minds and seek you Lord, through their encounters with the Chaplains.

Wednesday

Wolverhampton

Benefice: Lichfield S.Chad

(Lichfield S. Chad; Lichfield, Elmhurst Mission)

Who: Revd Rod Clark and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for the new Home groups being set up in October and the groups which are continuing to run.

V: Lord, we pray for Rod our minister who is currently taking a three month sabbatical and for his wife Linda. We also pray for the retired and visiting clergy who are helping in his absence.



E: We offer prayers for the links with the many schools within our parish and for 'Say One For Me' where three roads in the parish are prayed for every week and all houses are told when they are due to be prayed for.

Thursday

Ecumenical Partners - For the work of the ecumenical officers and the growing unity of the churches. For Chris Densham, Ecumenical Mission Enabler for Shropshire; and Robert Mountford, Ecumenical Mission Officer for Staffordshire and the Black Country.

D: We pray for the work of the ecumenical officers, Chris Densham and Robert Moutford as they work to unite Christians and spread the Good News of Christ around this region.

V: May all who have a vision of unity be inspired and empowered to build relationships, to seek common ground and to rejoice in diversity. May we all discover more about our own calling through the ways in which God calls out brothers and sisters and through our shared journey with other Christians.

E: May the world see Christians who love one another, love God and love their neighbours. May this living out of love draw more people to encounter the love of God in Christ.

Friday

Stafford

Benefice: Kingsley and Foxt-with-Whiston and Oakamoor with Cotton

(Foxt S.Mark; Whiston S.Mildred; Kingsley S.Werburgh; Cotton S.John; Oakamoor Holy Trinity)

Who: Revd Sue Symons and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for all members of the benefice in this time of change, as they welcome their new incumbent, and pray that they are able to support her in the decisions she needs to make.

V: Please pray for our new incumbent, the Reverend Susannah Symons and her husband Max. We pray for Susannah, as she settles into this new role, and for her pastoral care.

E: Please pray for the church school in Kingsley, which has strong links with St Werburgh's, and for the children attending the school who are otherwise 'non-churched'.

Saturday

Linked Diocese: Matlosane

Give thanks for the recent visit by the new Dean of the Cathedral in Ikageng – The Very Revd Christopher Seupe - and for the opportunity he had to deepen links with Lichfield Cathedral and others in this Diocese as well as participating in the National Cathedrals Conference. Pray for him in this strategic post, for arrangements regarding his housing in the Deanery, for the worshipping life of the Cathedral and for the Mother's Union branch based at the Cathedral. Pray too for the Province of Southern Africa, for their inspirational Archbishop Thabo Makgoba and their vision statement: "Anglicans ACT – Anchored, Committed, Transformed."

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