

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

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## Sunday

Coming up this week we pray for:

- New students moving to residential colleges
- All children, young people, students and staff as they go back to schools, colleges, universities and other institutions
- Finance and Central Services Committee (11th)
- YOLO (You Only Live Once) group at Attingham Park (15<sup>th</sup>)

## Monday

Shrewsbury

**Benefice:** Beckbury, Badger, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton and Sutton Maddock  
(Badger S.Giles, Beckbury S.Milburga, Kemberton S.Andrew, Ryton S.Andrew, Stockton S.Chad, Sutton Maddock S.Mary)

**Who:** Revd Keith Hodson; and all those involved in leading the church community

**D:** We pray for the benefice and ask that you bless the Six Parishes Friendship Club. May all those who attend grow in friendship and support of one another and may others come to join the group.

**V:** We ask that you would encourage all who serve in this benefice and ask that they may feel empowered by your Spirit to become the people you want them to be. May they find their calling in you and find fulfilment in living it out.

**E:** Lord, we thank you for the Beckbury Community Shop and ask that you would grow this venture and bless all those who support it. May it be a hub for the community and may new people be drawn to it.

## Tuesday

Chaplaincy: Prisons

**D:** Lord we pray for the Managing Chaplain at HM Prison Stafford. We ask that you will bless their work and help them to encourage those at the prison. May they see fruit from their work and lives dramatically changed by the love of Jesus.

**V:** We thank you for those who are called to support and work with offenders. We ask that you grant them safety, patience and good humour in their work. May they see your light shining through dark situations and lives changed from coming to know you.

**E:** We pray for all those who work and support the young offenders at HMP YOI Brinsford and we ask that you would bring light and life. May you encourage the young people to move forward in a positive manner and bring hope to their lives.

## Wednesday

Wolverhampton

**Benefice:** Brownhills with Ogle Hay  
(Brownhills S.James, Ogle Hay; Clayhanger Holy Trinity, Brownhills)

**Who:** Revd David Bishop; and all those involved in leading the church community

**D:** We thank you for the various church services that are offered in the benefice and we particularly ask that you would bless the puppet ministry and those who are part of this. May many children, and adults alike, enjoy and learn from this ministry. We also ask that you would empower those attending house groups and bring encouragement to the leaders.

**V:** Lord, we ask that you would help all who live and work in the benefice to see you in their day-to-day lives. May they search for you and find you and may they be inspired to live out the life you are calling them to.



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

**E:** We pray for all activities that reach out to others, in particular we ask that you would bless Open Church, the Parent and Toddler Group, the Guides. May you be at the centre of all community events and may you draw people to you from these activities.

## Thursday

*Central Sector*

**D:** We thank you for all the various ways that the diocese encourages discipleship. May you strengthen and bless all those whose are part of leading and organising events and activities and help those who work in central sector to seek you and find rest with you.

**V:** We thank you for all who work as part of the Vocations and Training Team and we ask that you would inspire and encourage them in their work. May you bring forward people who wish to discover and grow in your calling to them whether that is via ordination, lay ministry or secular roles.

**E:** Lord, we ask that you would foster conversations about you so that people discover you, grow in you and support others as they follow you. We ask that you would bless the work of the Mission Team and all those projects that aim to reach out to others and ask that you would equip the leaders and helpers to best serve all who participate.

## Friday

*Stafford*

**Benefice:** Calton, Cauldon, Grindon, Waterfall and Blore Ray with Okeover

(Blore Ray S.Bartholomew, Calton S.Mary, Cauldon S.Mary and S.Laurence, Grindon All Saints, Waterfall S.James and S.Bartholomew)

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

**D:** Lord we pray for all those in the benefice 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. May the churches inspire and foster community and may people see you.

**V:** We pray that you would encourage all within the benefice in searching out your heart. May you guide people in your way and may people be excited to discern your call on their life.

**E:** Lord we ask that you would bless the bell ringing and brass rubbing groups and that through these activities people will find community and friendship. May these and other community activities draw people to you.

## Saturday

*Linked Diocese: Matlosane, South Africa*

**V:** We give thanks for the recent Installation of Fr Christopher Kabelo Seupe as Dean of the Cathedral in Matlosane and that Canon Pat Hawkins from Lichfield Cathedral was able to be present. Pray for Dean Christopher as he comes over to the National Cathedrals Conference from Sept 17-20.

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