



Lichfield Diocesan Prayer Diary

w/b 03/06/2018

Sunday 3rd June *1st Sunday after Trinity*

Global: The Anglican Church of Melanesia The Most Revd George Takeli Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Malanesia

Companion Link: Nordkirche, Church of Northern Germany

At the end of this month, the city of Rostock is celebrating its 800th anniversary of being founded. Our brothers and Sisters of the Nordkirche are welcoming their partner churches to a weekend of activities; therefore, please pray that the church's role at this event will be a real celebration of its ongoing contribution to the life of the city. At the same time, the University of Rostock is celebrating its 500th anniversary. Please pray for staff and students of its theological faculty. Revd Terry Bloor

Local: The Bishops of this Diocese; the Bishop of Lichfield, Michael Ipgrave and our Area Bishops: Mark Rylands (Shrewsbury); Geoff Annas (Stafford) and Clive Gregory (Wolverhampton); that they may be filled afresh with God's Spirit to lead us with wisdom and vision. Pray also for all Assistant Bishops.

Ecumenical: For the leaders and congregations of all independent Black majority and ethnic minority led churches, giving thanks for the many new expressions of global Christianity in our midst.

Today: Big lunch <https://bit.ly/2GJ4dS0>

The big lunch is the UK's biggest annual get together for neighbours. Pray that communities will come together for a few hours of community, friendship and fun.



Monday 4th June *Pentecost; Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century*

Global: Dar-es-Salaam – Tanzania- The Rt Revd Jackson Sosthenes

Local: Cheddleton S. Edward the Confessor in the deanery of Leek
Vicar - Revd Amanda Pike LLMs- Mr Alan Baldwin, Mrs Elizabeth Green, Mr Michael Oliver
CWs- Mr Paul Jervis, Mrs Jill Richards

Please pray for the Church community of our United Benefice of Cheddleton, Horton, Longsdon and Rushton; that we may be united in prayer and fellowship, working together for God's kingdom in this place and beyond. Please pray too for those who are preparing for confirmation in October and for the encouragement and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Revd Amanda Pike

Tuesday 5th June *Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754*

Global: Davao – Philippines- The Rt Revd Jonathan Labasan Casimina

Local: Maesbrook S. John in the deanery of Oswestry
Rector - Revd Preb Helen Morby, OLM- The Rev Paul West, LLM- Mrs Patricia Calvert
CW- Mrs Wendy Gough

Special Focus: Pray for our rural churches today and tomorrow as many attend the 'Conversation and Consultation' gatherings about 'structures' in our rural churches and how they can be changed to promote rather than hinder mission. Ven Paul Thomas is the speaker. Revd George Fisher

Today: Rural Conservation and Consultation (10.00)
Diocesan Officers Meeting (noon)

Wednesday 6th June

Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Global: Delaware - III, The Episcopal Church Vacant

Local: Fauls Holy Immanuel in the deanery of Wem and Whitchurch
Priest in Charge – The Revd Canon Dr Judy Hunt, Curate- The Revd Elaine Attack,
LLMs- Mrs Bridget Hodges, Mrs Lesley Rylands, CW- Mrs Pamela Benbow

Give thanks for the work of our past PCC treasurer and secretary and prayers for those taking up these roles
Pray for fruitful links with Lower Heath School and pray for good use of people's gifts between our three
linked parishes of Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch.

The Revd Canon Dr Judy Hunt

Today: Meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (9.30)
Rural Conservation and Consultation (18.30)

Thursday 7th June

Global: Delhi - North India- Vacant

Local: Whittington S. John the Baptist in the deanery of Oswestry
Rector -The Revd Sarah Burton, Associate minister- Revd Richard Burton,
Curate- Revd Alison Castillo-Burley, CWS – Mrs Gillian Roberts, Mr. Mike Phipps

Special Focus- Please pray for Ablaze 18. This is an evangelistic outreach festival for Christians to invite and bring friends, family and neighbours along to hear a message of hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Partnering with Carlos Annacondia Ministries this will be the largest such event in Wolverhampton for decades. The Annacondia Team are travelling from Argentina to support this event which will be held in the West Park, Wolverhampton, each evening from 6pm 7th- 10th June

Revd George Fisher

Today: Meeting of the Archdeacons (10.00)
Finance and Central Services committee (noon)

Friday 8th June

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

Global: Derby - The Rt Revd Alastair Redfern, Repton- The Rt Revd Janet Elizabeth McFarlane

Local: The Leek and Meerbrook team in the deanery of Leek
Team Rector- The Revd Nigel Irons, Team Vicar- The Revd Matthew Malins
LLMs- Mrs Susan Irons, Mrs Wendy Kenny, Mrs Christine Nixon, Mrs Susan Taylor
CWS- Mr Robert McGuiness

Please pray for the reconstituting the Team Parish of Leek & Meerbrook to enable us to comply with charity law, that it will be well communicated and wisely executed. Pray for us to continue to employ our Children & Families worker beyond 2020. Pray for a fruitful ongoing involvement of the Team in Churches Together in Leek & District

Saturday 9th June

Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597

Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373

Global: Derry & Raphoe –The Rt Revd Kenneth Raymond Good, Down & Dromore - The Rt Revd Harold Creeth Miller- (Ireland)

Today: Christian- Muslim Storytelling. The bi-annual Lay Conference including a study led by the Bishop of Lichfield and Khayaal Theatre Company
Yolo @ WESTERN PARK



Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus Christ, You called your followers to make disciples of all nations. We give thanks for our partnership in the Gospel. May we learn from one another and from you; Growing new disciples and deepening our own journey of faith. Amen. (Prayer for 'Intentional Discipleship 2018: East Meets West' July 11-15)