



Lichfield Diocesan Prayer Diary

w/b 22/04/2018

Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter

Global: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko & and Bishop of Hokkaido

Local: Global concern & local action for Climate Justice and Creation Care, and the work of the Diocesan Environmental Officer, John Polhill.

Companion Link: Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, Canada

Please pray for Beechy Parish and especially the two long standing lay worship leaders Carol Esson and Eleanor Taylor. Pray for Revd. Dale Gilman as she returns to the Parish of Nehiyawe in the Kawacatoose First Nation territory, for Revd. Chris Dowdeswell as he settles in to his new Parish in Swift Current and for Rt. Revd. Rob Hardwick, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle as he continues his build up to the epic cycle ride across Canada aiming to raise \$1million for Diocesan Children and Youth work and a hospital in their companion Diocese of Burundi.

Dr Paul Graetz

Today: Earth Day <http://www.earthday.org/>

Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. We ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth.

May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God. Amen



Monday 23rd April George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

Global: Central Florida - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer and The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick

Local: Tividale S. Michael the Arch Angel in the deanery of Wednesbury
Vicar- the Revd Martin Ennis, Curate, The Revd Dr. Dominic Cyrus, CW- Mr Clive Mullen
Pray that our church in Tividale grows in number and also in her confidence to share the good news with other people; for our elderly community and those who are ill and infirm amongst our worshipping community; that more people in the Church present themselves for voluntary service and ministry in the Church. Recently we had a flood and the ceiling of the chapel collapsed we ask your prayer at this time so that it may be fixed ASAP. Please pray also for the Incumbent who is away on sabbatical please and for the curate and the churchwardens in their ministry and leadership.

The Revd Dr. Dominic Cyrus

Today: The Bishop of Lichfield's Clergy Conference at Swanwick -23rd- 26th April
'Behold, how good and pleasant a thing it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity with one another' (Psalm 133). We pray for all joining in the Lichfield Diocesan Clergy Conference in Swanwick, that this may be for them a time of renewing hope in an gathering of friendship, prayer and reflection.

+Michael Iprgrave

Tuesday 24th April Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624 The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003

Global: Central Newfoundland - (Canada) The Rt Revd John Watton

Local: Dunston S Leonard in the deanery of Penkrigde
Team Rector- The Revd Greg Yerbury, Team Vicar- The Revd Susan Mayo, OLM- The Revd Victor Howarth, LLMs- Mrs Esther Burd, Mr Jonathan Burd, Mrs Barbara Dodd, Mr Roger Howarth, CWs- Mrs Linda Pliva, Mr Gary Pliva,

Wednesday 25th April *Mark the Evangelist*

Global: Central Philippines - (Philippines) The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao

Local: Lichfield Christ Church and Longdon in the deanery of Lichfield
Vicar- The Revd Janet Waterfield, Master of St John's Hospital – The Revd Helen Barton, LLM- Mr John Shand
CWs- Mrs Valerie Shand, Mr Alan White, Mrs Carol Young, Mr Bill Turley

Please pray for our new curate, Emma Cooksey, who will be ordained deacon on 1st July. We pray that she will find us a caring community who are willing to work together for the growth of God's Kingdom in Lichfield and Longdon. We pray also for our Reader John Shand, and the retired clergy who support us; Roger Hindley, Nest Bateman and Brian Williams, as well as for our Church Wardens and our PCCs.

Thursday 26th April

Global: Central New York - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe

Local: Weston Under Lizard S. Andrew in the deanery of Penkridge
Rector – The Revd Rachel Dale, Curate- The Revd Cathy Brumfitt
LLMs- Mrs Valerie Cox, Mr Edward Townsend, Mrs Anne Wright CWs- Mr Fletcher

Special focus: The Revd Sarah Morris - Managing Chaplain of H.M. Prison and Young Offender Institution Drake Hall

"When a person goes to prison, their family joins them in serving the sentence." Every week, family members from all around the country travel to visit their relatives in the nine prisons within our diocese. Pray for them, that relationships might be sustained, and plans for the future be realistic *Revd David Primrose*

Friday 27th April *Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*

Global: Central Solomons - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Ben Seka

Local: Meole Brace Church of Christ the King in the deanery of Shrewsbury
Vicar- The Revd Philip Cansdale, Curate- The Revd Charlotte Gompertz, Associate minister- The Revd Valerie Pitt , OLM- The Revd Charles Ruxton, LLMs- Mrs Olwen Abbott, Mrs Mary Carding, Mr Stephen Jones, Mrs Shirley Stevens, CW- Mrs Judith Drury

Please pray for

- Café Connect – our refurbishment plans are on hold due to our landlords. Please pray as we seek God's plans and how we can keep the café at the heart of the community.
- Care Homes- Please pray for our ongoing work amongst the elderly in Radbrook house and nursing home, particularly though our community chaplain, Ollie Abbott
- Our work with families and children - 'A Little Bit Messy', First Steps toddler group and work in Radbrook Primary school-

The Revd Charlotte Gompertz

Today: Please pray for Ruben Angelici who is to be installed as Chaplain of Denstone College: 5pm

Saturday 28th April *Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841*

Global: Central Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Dickson Chilongani

Prayer for the week: Eternal God, who gave great gifts to your servant Anselm as a pastor and teacher: grant that we, like him, may desire you with our whole heart and, so desiring, may seek you and, seeking, may find you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Revd Philip Swan