

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

discipleship
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Sunday

Coming up this week we pray for:

- Bishop's Staff Meeting (18th)

Monday

Shrewsbury

Benefice: Cheswardine, Childs Ercall, Hales, Hinstock, Sambrook and Stoke on Tern

(Cheswardine S.Swithun, Childs Ercall S.Michael, Hales S.Mary, Hinstock S.Oswald, Sambrook S.Luke, Stoke on Tern S.Peter)

Who: Revd Becky Richards, Revd Christine Simpson, Revd Dan Stork Banks and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for all members of our churches, young and old, that we may learn more of your love for us (Eph. 3:14-21) and overflow with that love to our communities. Pray that we may find ways to read and study the bible together in the year ahead. May your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

V: We pray for Rob and Barney, who are currently training to be lay Readers in our Benefice and for those exploring ways to serve you across our six churches. We pray for members of our covenant team as they seek your vision and for our Youth Group, FROGS as they explore your call on their lives.

E: We pray for outreach in our three schools, our ministry among baptism families and the community cafes or messy churches where we interact with people outside church. We also pray for the 4rural Youth project; that God will guide and bless our Youth Group to use their musical gifts to share the gospel with other young people.

Tuesday

Fresh Expressions - Fresh Expressions are new Christian Worshipping communities that engage mainly with people who have never been to church. Across our diocese we have over 120 Fresh Expressions with over 3,100 people regularly attending this form of local church presence somewhere in the diocese.

D: Lord, we pray for our Fresh Expressions, that through their discipleship they may discover more about Jesus and learn how to follow him in every aspect of their lives and may bring new disciples to embark on this lifelong journey into the heart of God's love.

V: We pray for our Fresh Expressions as they minister to and lead each other, support, challenge and encourage each other and for all who do this as companions, mentors or in small groups.

E: Please pray for our Fresh Expressions as they learn to be and do mission in the community, multiplying expressions of church, sharing Jesus and creating community.

Wednesday

Wolverhampton

Benefices: Bishopswood and Brewood

(Bishopswood S.John the Evangelist, (Brewood S.Mary and S.Chad)

Who: Revd Philip Moon, Revd Marilyn Coulter and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Lord, we pray for the benefices of Bishopswood and Brewood, that this Christmas season may be an offering of praise to you. We pray for all who praise you at the Christmas Services and Bible Study Groups and in their daily lives.

V: We pray that the people of these communities may be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance and may respond with willingness and determination as they seek to learn and follow your will for them.

E: We pray for the church and wider community in Bishopswood and Brewood, that they may experience the joy of Christmas. We pray that the Christmas Fayre, the Praise Party Christingle Service and Christians Together bring opportunities for the community to share your love as together they celebrate your coming.



Thursday

Chaplaincy: Health

D: Lord, we pray for your blessings on the Chaplain to Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust and all those who work and volunteer at the Douglas Macmillan Hospice. May they know your presence and feel your strength as they bring peace to the sick, the dying and their families and friends.

V: Lord, we give thanks for all those who feel called to work in the health sector and for the sacrifices they make to serve others. Sustain them and lead them on their journey and guide them in difficult situations.

E: Lord, we pray for all those who share your love and message in the most difficult circumstances, for those who shine your light in the darkness. May they bring comfort and hope.

Friday

Stafford

Benefice: Biddulph

(Biddulph S.Lawrence)

Who: Revd Steven Dyson and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for your people in the church and community in Biddulph, and for all the work that goes on there in your name at the Home groups, Together to Pray, the music group and Finders, Seekers and Transformers Sunday Schools.

V: Lord, we pray that the people of Biddulph may find the courage to respond to your message this Christmas. May they be encouraged and encourage others to follow the star and bring their gifts to you.

E: We pray for the partner church of St. Paul's Church in Syongila, Kenya. We pray that the Good News of Christmas may be celebrated the world over and may be shared in communities everywhere. Bless the Friendship club, Ladies' fellowship, Ladies who Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Eco Group, Kangas 'n' Roos, NRG, The Mix, the Open the Book team and all the Christmas events that they may be opportunities to spread your love.

Saturday

Linked Diocese: Matlosane

- For the ministry of The Rt Revd, Stephen Malopi Diseko, Bishop of Matlosane and also Provincial Dean.
- For the ministry of the Very Revd Christopher Seupe, Dean of the Cathedral in Ikageng and for the worshipping life of the Cathedral
- Give thanks for the Archbishop of the Province of Southern Africa, the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba. Pray for his prophetic, courageous and strategic ministry
- For the Mother's Union: the outgoing President Mrs Annah Mohutsioa and the President Elect Mrs Sinah Maroga; for Mrs Thelma Tshabadira - Deputy Secretary and the other members of the Executive Committee

In addition we pray for plans for a team of three curates from Lichfield to experience a cross cultural placement in Matlosane next Lent.

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