

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

discipleship
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Sunday

Coming up this week we pray for:

- Bishop's Staff Residential Meeting (2nd)
- Diocesan Officers Meeting (3rd)
- Deanery Funeral Champion meet with David Primrose and George Fisher (4th)
- Salop Mission Action Plan visit to the churches of Wem, Lee Brockhurst and Weston under Redcastle (4th)
- Dementia: Don't forget the Carers! Training Day (6th)

Monday

Shrewsbury

Benefice: Forton
(Forton All Saints)

Who: Archdeacon Paul Thomas, Revd Preb William Ward and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray that you would encourage all those within the benefice of Forton. May you guide them with your love and may they seek you each day.

V: Lord, we ask that you would speak to your people and direct their steps. May you inspire those in Forton with creativity and direction as they live out their lives as the people you have created them to be.

E: We pray for all those who attend the evensong at Rylands Nursing Home, we ask that you would bless all those involved with serving and pray that those people who don't know you would experience your love in their life.

Tuesday

Schools

D: Diocesan Schools: Salop - Albrighton St Mary's Primary School; Stoke - Baldwins Gate Primary School; Lichfield - Bednall All Saints Primary School; Walsall - Bilston Primary School.

V: Lord, we pray for all the children and young people in the diocese. May you instil in them a sense of your purpose and calling and may they know that you have created them uniquely and called them by name. We also pray for all the teachers and support staff and we ask that you would bless them with patience, love and joy, may they know you are with them in their work and may you bless them day to day.

E: Other Schools: Staffordshire - Abbots Bromley School & Anglesey Primary Academy; Stoke - Abbey Hulton Primary School; Wolverhampton - Ashmore Park Nursery School; Telford & Wrekin - Apley Wood Primary School; Sandwell - Bloomfield School; Shropshire - Adcote School for Girls; Walsall - Abu Bakr Boys School.

Wednesday

Wolverhampton

Benefice: Gentleshaw
(Gentleshaw Christ Church)

Who: Revd Linda McKeon and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for your disciples in Gentleshaw; that they may be guided by your Spirit. May you inspire them in their faith and motivate them as they seek you.

V: Lord, as those in Gentleshaw journey to seek your will for their lives may you be a guide and support. May you light their paths before them and may they find your presence in their day-to-day lives.

E: May you inspire and motivate your followers to find opportunities to speak to others about you and the hope you bring.



Thursday

National Church

D: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock..." Mt 7:24. Lord may you inspire us to walk with you and follow the example of the wise man building our faith on your words. May we find a passion for your Word and may your Spirit guide us in understanding your will for our lives.

V: "Vocation means what you are called by God to be and do." Lord, may you bless all those seeking to follow their vocation, wherever that may be. May you guide and inspire those working to support people who are searching and may they be filled with your encouragement and understanding. May we all seek to find you in all that we do.

E: "Sharing Christ with others is a joyful, encouraging and empowering feature of being a Christian disciple." Lord may you inspire us to tell others about you. Please bless all the initiatives and projects that national church encourages and may we find ways to incorporate them into our churches and lives. May you empower and bless all those at national church who seek new ways to reach out to everyone who doesn't know you.

Friday

Stafford

Benefice: Caverswall and Weston Coyney with Dilhorne
(Caverswall S.Peter; Weston Coyney S.Andrew, Dilhorne All Saints)

Who: Revd Linda Lucking and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: We pray for growth in faith and the knowledge and love of God; please pray especially for our discipleship groups, and for discernment in how to encourage greater participation in these.

V: We pray that every member of our church families will be encouraged to discover and use their God-given gifts; please pray especially for new leaders and volunteers, for existing and yet-to-be-birtherd ministries, and for confidence in serving in these.

E: Lord, we pray that we will become even better witnesses to the saving love of Christ, as we serve him in acts of loving service; please pray especially for Foodbank and Open Doors, that they may be places where seeds of faith are sown.

Saturday

West Malaysia and Kuching in the Province of S E Asia

D: We give thanks for the teams from West Malaysia and Kuching who came over for the 'Intentional Discipleship: East Meets West' event in July. We pray particularly for Christians in S E Asia facing challenges through being a minority within a predominantly Islamic context.

V: We pray for your blessing, resourcing and protection for the newly consecrated Assistant Bishop of Kuching; the Rt Revd Nelson Ugas.

E: We pray for meaningful and strategic partnerships of prayer and friendship and parish links to continue as we discern the way forwards.

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

