



Lichfield Diocesan Prayer Diary

w/b 013/05/2018

Sunday 13th May *Easter 7*

Global: Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome
Christchurch - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Victoria Matthews

Companion Link: World Wide Anglican Communion

We join with our brothers and sisters in the Church of South Sudan as we respond to the call by Archbishop Paul Yugusuk, leader of the internal Central Province, that the government and opposition groups may declare an end to violence before the next round of peace talks. *The Revd Philip Swan*

Local: Prison and Community Chaplaincy: for the eight prisons within the Diocese, their staff and prisoners.

Today: **Thy Kingdom come,** <https://bit.ly/2uYU0Ab> -
Ecumenical Service at Longton Central Hall, 6.30pm



Christian aid week 14th – 20th May <https://bit.ly/2nXkC1l>

Give thanks for the work and ministry of Revd Stephen Harrop, Associate Minister of Adbaston, High Offley, Knightley, Norbury, Woodseaves, Gnosall and Moreton as leaves the Lichfield Diocese to take up a new position within the Diocese of Loncoln.

Monday 14th May *Matthias the Apostle*

Global: Chubu - (Japan) The Rt Revd Peter Ichiro Shibusawa

Local: West Bromwich Holy Trinity in the deanery of West Bromwich
Vicar- The Revd Neil Robbie
LLM- Mrs Christine Pegler
CWs- Mr Gary Davies, Mr Ian Goodson, Mr Kevin Greally

Please pray for our church community and the following concerns; for our new PCC to build our house on fellowship around bible study and prayer before we do any business; for our church weekend away at Shallowford House in June to be a time of enrichment and encouragement for all and for our multi-ethnic parish as we consider God's will for the unity of the local church in a multicultural world. *The Revd Neil Robbie*

Tuesday 15th May

Global: Clogher - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd John McDowell

Local: Church Eaton S. Editha in the deanery of Stafford
Rector- The Revd Sue Symons
CWs- Mrs Daphne Rutherford, Mr Ralph Howarth

Today: Diocesan meeting- Bishop's Staff Meeting 9.30 am

Special Focus: Dying Matters Awareness Week 14th- 20th May <https://bit.ly/2Hh6Ezx>
When the storm rages around me and I can hold no more, when the waves of fear engulf me and I am weary, battered and sore. Take me and steer me storm-tossed, broken and afraid into the arms of your safe harbour, safely home, Amen



Friar Dennis Ward O.S.B

Wednesday 16th May

Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

Global: Cochin - (South India) The Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn
Coimbatore - (South India) The Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder

Local: Wellington All Saints with Eyton S. Catherine in the deanery of Telford.
Vicar- The Revd Tim Carter, Priest NSM- The Revd Canon Roger Griffiths,
Curate- The Revd Charlotte Cheshire, Lay Parish Mission Enabler- Mr Nicholas Brooke
LLMs- Mr Neil Robinson, Mrs Heather Grivell, CWs- Mr Tom Chapman, Mr Ian Lawson

Pray for The introduction of a new leadership structure in the parish, that it will be effective in resourcing us to fulfil God's mission and for the Alpha Course running through the summer term, that people will come to faith.

The Revd Tim Carter

Today: Diocesan training event- Resilience in Ministry, 10.00am

Pray for the Revd Graham Horner, Vicar of Great Wyrley and Assistant Rural Dean of Rugeley as he assumes a new appointment in the Diocese of York.

Thursday 17th May

Global: Colombia - (XI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Francisco Duque

Local: Doxey, Stafford S. Thomas and S. Andrew in the deanery of Stafford
Vicar- The Revd Martin Strang
LLMs- Mrs Ruth Bull, Mrs Jean Mash,
CWS- Mrs Jenny Marsh, Mr John Clough

Special Focus- The Revd George Fisher, Director of Mission

Please pray for all those who minister on our Urban Estates. This is recognised nationally as a tough area of work and it is crucial that we do not allow our Christian presence to disappear due to the ongoing struggles of working in these areas. Please pray for the encouragement and resourcing of our churches in these areas, for good leadership, ordained and lay, and for good decisions re deployment and resourcing.

The Revd George Fisher

Today: Diocesan meeting- Bishop's Council, 5.30pm

Friday 18th May

Global: Connor - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Alan Francis Abernethy

Local: West Bromwich Good Shepherd with S. John in the deanery of West Bromwich
Vicar- Revd Dr Kennedy Njenga, LLM- Mrs Sandra Millard

Pray for young families that God will help them to respond to the gospel and that mission and evangelism may be the first priority at our parish.

Revd Dr Kennedy Njenga

Saturday 19th May *Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988*

Global: Cork, Cloyne & Ross - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd William Paul Colton

Prayer for the Week:

Thou art Fire: enkindle in me Thy love. Thou art Light: enlighten my mind with the knowledge of eternal things. Thou art the Dove: give me innocence of life. Thou art the gentle Breeze: disperse the storms of my passions. Thou art the Tongue: teach me how to bless Thee always. Thou art the Cloud: shelter me under the shadow of Thy protection. And lastly, Thou art the Giver of all heavenly gifts: animate me, I beseech Thee; with Thy grace. Amen

Alphonsus Liguori 1696-1787