

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

discipleship
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Sunday

Coming up this week we pray for:

- Wolverhampton Episcopal Area Mission and Pastoral Committee (15th)
- Licensing of new Rector Steve Doel at Aldridge (15th)
- Lichfield Diocese Community of Evangelists as they gather today to look particularly at Rural Evangelism with Canon David Sherwin (Worcester Diocese) (15th)
- Transforming Conversations Coaching Refresher Day & Coaching in the Church Refresher Day (16th)
- Christmas Unwrapped (16th)
- Presentation of Ugly Duckling Materials (17th)
- Diocesan Advisory Committee (17th)
- Licensing of new Priest in Charge Jane Morris at Little Drayton (17th)
- Licensing of new Team Rector Dave Street for Bucknall Team (17th)
- Benefice Buildings Committee (18th)
- Licensing of new Team Vicar Richard Fisher at Trysull & Bobbington (18th)

Monday

Shrewsbury

Benefice: Newport with Longford, and Chetwynd

(Chetwynd S.Michael and All Angels, Newport S.Nicholas)

Who: Revd Merry Smith and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Lord we pray for this benefice and ask that you would bless your community as they transition with a new incumbent, may this be a time of renewal.

V: We thank you for Revd Merry Smith as the new incumbent and ask that you would guide and support her in her new role and bless her family.

E: May your light shine in the benefice and may people come to know you through the work of your people and the church.

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: Please pray for our Fresh Expressions as they are actively involved in the process of evangelism, for instance through relationships, invitations to worship and other events and sharing individual stories.

V: Please pray for the increasing number of pioneer vocations across our diocese; for the many lay pioneers leading fresh expressions in their parish often without any formal training. Pray that many more will hear God's call to pioneer something new in their area and for nurture, support and encouragement for those already leading Fresh Expressions; especially through local Hub gatherings and Messy Meetups.

E: Please pray for ongoing growth of our many fresh expressions through sharing faith with people outside of church; for boldness in sharing our story, God's story and helping others see where their story connects with these. Pray that those in our fresh expressions will be effective spiritual friends to their families, neighbours, school friends and work colleagues, helping them discover how to follow Jesus together.

Wednesday

Wolverhampton

Benefice: Lichfield Christ Church and Longdon

(Lichfield Christ Church; Longdon S.James)

Who: Revd Janet Waterfield, Revd Emma Cooksey, and all those involved in leading the church community.



D: We pray for the ongoing work by the school teams at both Christ Church and St James schools and we especially pray for all staff and the children attending both schools. We also pray for the upcoming Advent course and hope that those attending will find it helpful for a better understanding of their faith.

V: We pray for all those involved in leading worship within Christ Church and St James. We especially pray for the Celebration Praise team and those who work tirelessly within the benefice to keep both churches running smoothly.

E: We pray for the new Places of Welcome drop-in café starting at Martin Heath Hall, Christ Church, Lichfield at the beginning of October. We pray for a warm welcome and that the love and hospitality of Jesus may be offered to all who attend.

Thursday

Chaplaincy: Health

D: We believe that you heal and we ask that you bless and guide the Chaplain to the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital and the Family Support Team Leader and Chaplain at Katharine House Hospice. May you bring healing, support and wholeness to all they work with. We also ask that you would guide and encourage all those who work at the Samuel Johnson Hospital in Lichfield and ask that you would bring healing to all the patients.

V: Lord, may you bless all those who are called to work in the medical sector and grant them wisdom, patience and empathy. May they show compassion and care to those they seek to help and may you be there rock and strength when times are tough.

E: Thank you for all those who visit people who are unwell. May you bless their conversations and grant them wisdom and guidance. May people come to see Jesus as they journey through their illnesses and may they find comfort in your presence.

Friday

Stafford

Benefice: Draycott-le-Moors with Forsbrook
(Draycott le Moors S.Margaret, Forsbrook S.Peter)

Who: Revd Jonathan Roberts and all those involved in leading the church community.

D: Please pray that we would continue to grow as disciples of Christ. Pray particularly for those who have recently finished the Alpha course and those who belong to the 'Connect' group which gathers weekly to study the Bible and pray for one another.

V: Pray for us as we seek to discern how God is calling each of us to use our gifts. Pray especially for those who have recently finished Pathways and others who are discerning their vocation.

E: Thank God for the opportunities church members have to witness and tell their story. Pray for the equipping of the Holy Spirit and growth in confidence as we seek to be active in testifying to our faith in our relationships with others.

Saturday

Linked Diocese: Qu'Appelle, Canada

We join with the Diocese of Qu'Appelle with their cycle of prayer:

- for the clergy, lay leaders, congregation and ministry of the Parish of Plain and Valley (All Saints, Pense; St Nicholas, Kennell; All Saints, Lumsden)
- for Bishop David Lehmann and the Diocese of Caledonia
- for our companion dioceses of Lichfield and Musinga
- for our ecumenical partnerships: the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant

In addition we pray for plans for a team of four curates from Lichfield this Diocese to experience a cross cultural placement Qu'Appelle next Lent.

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

