

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 248

We pray for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the [Shaping for Mission](#) process, and the resulting Strategic Framework 2024-2030, within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously along with the people & leaders of Russia; and that the ceasefire holds in full and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095)*

Once again in Penkrige, we bring you prayers for Codsall and Codsall Wood; for St Nicholas' that we have people stepping up to positions of authority; and for St Peters that we try to discern the future with very small numbers and growing elderly congregation and commuter community.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349)*

In Brewood and Bishopswood in Penkrige, we thank you for the carrying out of a positive vision day. We pray now for the steps to implement the ideas, and for the identification of personnel to take on positions of leadership in these churches, as well as in churches more generally.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304)*

Lord, today we specifically for the [Unconscious Bias](#) session led by the diocese with the latest research on Equality Diversity Inclusion and how this may be impacted by unconscious bias.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304)*

Today we pray for the Growing Faith Team's [Meet and Greet session](#); for a productive gathering that may bear positive fruit in the future.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)*

Once more in Penkrige, we lift before you Shareshill and Featherstone and the decision to begin the process of closing the church building in Shareshill. In Essington, we pray for more people willing and able to take on leadership roles in the church.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622)*

Today we near the conclusion of our prayers in Penkrige Deanery and especially we pray for Paul Farthing, and the new church and communities he is about to work with; as he is licensed this day to serve in Coven and their church of St Paul.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Conversion of Paul)*

Lord, we lift before you all of our Church Schools located in Penkrige Deanery; for each of the schools in Bednall, Bishopswood, for both the first and middle schools in Brewood, in Codsall, Coven, Dunston, Essington, Penkrige, Shareshill, and Wheaton Aston. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work there, both teaching and otherwise; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.