

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 206

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Our prayers continue for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the Shaping for Mission process, 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 for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: *(Easter Sunday)*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>: *(Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872)*

Almighty God, who restored our human nature to heavenly glory through the perfect obedience of our Saviour Jesus Christ: keep alive in your Church, we pray, a passion for justice and truth; that, like your servant Frederick Denison Maurice, we may work and pray for the triumph of the kingdom of your Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:

We pray for Tamworth Deanery, giving thanks for the ministry and service of Rural Dean, Revd Gary Simmons, who will be retiring next month, and Lay Chair, David Litchfield who will be standing down in July; pray also for Assistant Rural Dean, Revd John Grice, and for Assistant Lay Chair, Pat West. Pray also for Children and Families Worker, Andrea, serving in Tamworth Parish but also supporting the Deanery as a whole.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:

We continue to pray for Tamworth Deanery; giving thanks for the Good Friday Prayer Walk of Witness and Open Air Service as part of Tamworth Christians Churches united witness. Pray for that the good news of Christ's saving love will have reached many and that the conversations with the street chaplains will bear fruit. Give thanks also for the recent Book of Prayers compiled by Wigginton Parish Church and its encouragement and blessing to many.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks for the ministry and service of those retiring from roles: Bishop Jonathan, stepping down as Acting Bishop of Wolverhampton, but continuing to serve as Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese; Revd Steve Parker, retiring as Lead Chaplain for Staffordshire Police but continuing in the role of OLM of Werrington and Wetley Rocks.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:

We continue to pray for Tamworth Deanery; giving thanks for what is happening centrally out of Tamworth Parish Church – where they have just hosted for the Deanery the Riding Lights Production, *The Narrow Road*; and are also hosting Healing Room on Fridays, Bookshop and Cafe open daily and several civic gatherings.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks and pray for those moving into new roles of ministry: Revd Debbie Walton, leaving as Vicar of Prees, Edstaston and Whixall and Chaplain of Thomas Adams School and Sir John Talbot School, to take up a new role as Team Vicar Designate and Team Missioner in the Flegg Parish Churches in Norwich Diocese later this month; Revd Kathryn Trimby leaving as Rector of Llanyblodwel, Morton and Trefonen to take up a new post as Priest of Mount Vincent, Kurri, Kurri and Weston Diocese of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia next month.

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