

We pray for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the [Shaping for Mission](#) process, and the resulting strategic framework, 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 26<sup>th</sup> May: (*Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*)

O Lord our God, who by your Son Jesus Christ called your Apostles and sent them forth to preach the Gospel to the nations:

We bless your holy name for your servant Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, whose labours in propagating your Church among the English people we commemorate today; and we pray that all whom you call and send may do your will, and bide your time, and see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for God's right people in the right places; remembering the interviews taking place this week to appoint a new Director of Communications.

Pray also for the process of electing a new Diocesan Synod which begins this month; that those who are passionate about encouraging the growth of mission and ministry in our diocese will prayerfully consider if God is calling them to this role.

Pray also for Revd Gary Simmons, retiring as Team Rector of Glascote & Stonydelph and Rural Dean of Tamworth, giving thanks for his service & ministry and praying God's blessing on the next chapter of his life.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>: (*Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*)

We pray for Leek Deanery, for Rural Dean, Revd Nigel Irons, Lay Chair, Barrie Jackson and Deanery Secretary Revd Diane Oliver in their facilitative work for the Deanery. Give thanks for the appointment of Revd Henry Hope who will be joining us in the summer as Team Vicar of All Saints Leek and Curate-in Charge of St Edward's Cheddleton. Pray for Henry as he takes on his first post of responsibility and makes all necessary preparations for his move, and also for the two churches and the Team as we prepare to welcome him.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for Revd Graham Adamson as he takes on the role of Co-convenor of the Racial Justice and Inclusion Task Group, following the retirement of Archdeacon Julian; working alongside Canon Debbie Parkes; as the group helps to support everyone in the diocese to discern the role each of us is called to play in working for the changes needed to continue our Gospel imperative to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>: (*Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933*)

We continue to pray for Leek Deanery, giving thanks that the parish profiles for the post of Team Vicar of St Luke's and St Paul's, Leek and St Matthew's Meerbrook are nearing completion. Pray for a good response to this post when it is advertised and for wisdom and guidance for all involved in the appointment process. Pray also for St Luke's Endon, St Chad's Bagnall and St Michael's Horton who are still in vacancy at the present time, and especially for their wardens and lay ministers as they continue to sustain the work and witness of these churches.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: (*The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*)

Pray for Bishop Steven Abbarow and our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of West Malaysia, asking God's blessing in the process of building a new diocesan office, that it may become a beacon of hope and a tool for reaching out to people in the community to minister to their needs.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: (*Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165*)

We continue to pray for Leek Deanery, for the Church Commissioners as they conclude deliberations about the pastoral re-organisation of the Deanery; a proposed scheme formulated as part of the Shaping for Mission process and designed to provide a more stable footing to some parishes who have fewer resources and have been without oversight for a number of years. Let us keep the work of St Chad's Retreat House and Warden Rachel Moore in our prayers as it continues to offer quiet days, retreat space and a venue for groups to meet in.