

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 215

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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 2nd June:

We pray for Revd Jules Walker, who will be licensed today as Team Vicar in the Uttoxeter Area Team.

As this has been designated nationally as both Volunteers Week and UK Clothing Poverty Awareness Week, let us pray for all in our diocese who are struggling financially at the moment and needing to visit clothing, food and hygiene banks for support. Give thanks for these centres and for all who volunteer in them, asking God's blessing on their ministry that they might share His light with all those they serve.

Monday 3rd: *(The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977)*

O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church:

Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda,

may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ,

to whom they gave obedience, even unto death,

and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday 4th: *(Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century)*

Give thanks for all who will be taking part in Race for Life, a sponsored walk/run in aid of Cancer Research at Trentham Gardens today, including a [diocesan staff team](#); praying that funds raised will be used well to support those affected by cancer.

Wednesday 5th: *(Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754)*

We pray for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery, for Rural Dean, Revd Adam Clayton and Lay Chair, Roger Ashton; giving thanks for their hard work in leading the deanery and praying that God will inspire others to come forward, that they might have a full complement of officers to support them in their roles.

Thursday 6th: *(Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945)*

Pray for all who will take part today in 'Mark and Mission' – the first of five sessions looking at passages from Mark's gospel in relation to the Five Marks of Mission, and what we might learn about mission from this energetic and spiritual gospel. Ask God's blessing on Archdeacon Sue as she speaks on 'Witness'.

To join this free Zoom session (no need to book in advance) click [here](#).

Friday 7th:

We continue to pray for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery, thinking especially of those in vacancy:

PEW Benefice (Prees, Edstaston and Whixall) and the Benefice of Shawbury, Stanton and Moreton Corbet.

Pray for all clergy and lay people who are working hard to support these parishes through this uncertain and demanding time.

Saturday 8th: *(Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711)*

We continue to pray for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery, asking God's wisdom and guidance as they consider the new diocesan strategic framework for Shaping for Mission and how to take a responsible approach to the process.

Pray for all clergy across the deanery that they might support and encourage one another in the various challenges they face.

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