

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 216

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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 9th June: *(Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597)*

June has become the Month of Community, celebrating the numerous organisations and charities that raise awareness of community needs and initiatives, so we remember this week the work and ministry of the diocesan team of Strengthening Communities Together: (<https://lichfield.anglican.org/strengthening-communities>)

We all live better lives when our communities are cohesive, resilient & peaceful. On this final day of Volunteers' Week, pray for all community volunteers, who make our neighbourhoods more welcoming, inclusive & safe and for the many grassroots organisations, charities & community groups that would not exist without volunteers.

Monday 10th:

10-16 June is designated Loneliness Awareness week (<https://www.lonelinessawarenessweek.org/>) pray for those people in our communities who are lonely or isolated. This year's theme is Random Acts of Connection, pray for those opportunities to have everyday moments of connection with people in our communities which help us all feel happier, less lonely and encourage our sense of belonging. Give thanks for events and activities like the Big Lunch, the Great Get Together and Places of Welcome as they provide safe spaces for people to connect, belong and contribute to their communities. Pray that we continue to invite and welcome all into our communities.

Tuesday 11th: *(Barnabas the Apostle)*

Millions of people across the UK care, unpaid, for a friend or family member who, due to their illness, disability, mental health condition or addiction cannot cope without support. In Carers Week <https://www.carersweek.org/> (10-16 June), give thanks for those who care; pray for the challenges that they face and their need for support too; and that they will receive recognition in our communities, as many feel that their role is forgotten and invisible. Pray that those in a position of power will take steps to better support carers' needs.

Wednesday 12th:

Mencap (<https://www.mencap.org.uk/learningdisabilityweek>) offers the following questions for reflection for each day of Learning Disability Week (17-23 June): Do you see me? Do you understand me?

Will you work with me? Do you hear me? Do you include me? Will you support me?

Pray for God's guidance in response to these questions that we may reduce barriers faced by people living with a learning disability and find ways to talk about and celebrate the amazing things they do in our communities.

Thursday 13th:

Windrush Day (22nd June) falls in the Month of Community. As we honour our British Caribbean community and recognise the migrant contribution to our society, pray that Windrush legacy will be kept alive for future generations, celebrating with joy the diversity of Britain's history.

Give thanks for the Windrush generation and their descendants and pray for a society that is integrated yet accepting of our differences, 'seeking the common good, working for justice, as people of hope.'

Friday 14th: *(Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691)*

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite us all to dedicate the next few weeks to thinking about the big questions, to pray for our nation and our world and how we all can play our part both as voters and as citizens: 'Your kingdom come.' 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Guide the leaders of the nations that they may work for the common good, and strengthen our hearts with a vision of your kingdom. Hear us, good Lord.

Saturday 15th: *(Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941)*

We continue to pray for our nation & our world and how we all can play our part both as voters and as citizens: 'Integrity.' Psalm 15:1-2

Endue the High Court of Parliament and all the ministers of the Crown With integrity, wisdom and understanding. Hear us, good Lord.

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