

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 16th June: *(Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253)*

We pray for West Bromwich Deanery; for Rural Dean, Revd Preb Ron Farrell, Assistant Revd Dr David Jarratt and Lay Chair Mrs Liz Farley. Give thanks for links with local schools, in particular for the appointment of a new Headteacher for September at St Mary Magdalene Primary School and for the good work that went into the recent OFSTED inspection at All Saints School.

We continue all this week to pray for our nation & world and about how we all can play our part as voters & citizens: 'Candidates.' Jeremiah 29:4-7

Guide all candidates for office and the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. Hear us, good Lord.

Monday 17th: *(Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936)*

Give thanks for retired clergy across the diocese, and especially those gathering today with Bishop Michael to celebrate Holy Communion in the Cathedral and then to share fellowship over lunch.

'Party Leaders.' John 13: 12-16

Bless all those called to government and opposition; guide and guard them in their public service. Hear us, good Lord.

Tuesday 18th: *(Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896)*

Pray for deaneries holding Archdeacon's Visitations this week, give thanks for all who hold leadership positions in parishes and all who minister; asking God's guidance and strengthening for their work in the coming year. Today: Tutbury, Uttoxeter, Telford and Edgmond & Shifnal Deaneries. Tomorrow: Rugeley and Walsall Deaneries.

'The Environment.' Genesis 2:15

Give us the wisdom and the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all creation. Hear us, good Lord.

Wednesday 19th: *(Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929)*

We continue to pray for West Bromwich Deanery, giving thanks for, and praying God's continued blessing on, St James' Youth Group, led by Revd Mark; and the Sandwell Church Link, bringing together all denominations.

Pray for the congregation of St Philip's Church as they trial joint worship with the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd; and as they deal with the difficult decisions to be made regarding the closure of the church.

'Family Life.' Matthew 18:1-4

Let all families know your joy.

Watch over children, guide the young, and grant your peace to all in turmoil. Hear us, good Lord.

Thursday 20th:

Give thanks for church schools across the diocese and their links to parish churches; and for staff of the Board of Education as they seek to support schools in their Christian distinctiveness. Pray for school leaders as they attend SIAMS training today.

'The Media.' Jeremiah 29:4-7

Give wisdom, courage and insight to the media,

defend us from deception; and help us all to engage with truth and kindness. Hear us, good Lord.

Friday 21st:

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'The NHS.' Jeremiah 29:4-7

Give all who work in healthcare your compassion, skill and wisdom.

Be their strength and their shield as they give of themselves in the care of others. Hear us, good Lord.

Saturday 22nd: *(Windrush Day)*

Pray for priest ordinations taking place today in all three episcopal areas – giving thanks for the curates being priested and pray for them and the parishes they serve.

'Social Care.' Jeremiah 29:4-7

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. Hear us, good Lord.

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