

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 218

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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 23rd June: *(Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678)*

Give thanks for the ministry & service of Revd Preb Philippa Thorneycroft recently retired as Interim Minister of Tong; also of Revd Valerie Pitt as Associate Minister of Meole Brace Benefice; pray for them both in the next phase of life. We continue again this week to pray for our nation & world and how we all can play our part as voters & citizens: 'Housing.' Psalm 127:1-2
Grant to all our neighbours safe and affordable housing, and help us to build communities where all have space to flourish. Hear us, good Lord.

Monday 24th: *(The Birth of John the Baptist)*

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: Eccleshall, Stafford and Stone Deaneries. Tomorrow: Newcastle and Stoke-on-Trent Deaneries. 'Education.' Proverbs 3:1-8
Give wisdom and compassion to those who teach, strength to those who lead our schools, and guidance to those who set policy. Hear us, good Lord.

Tuesday 25th:

Pray for Revd Hazel Davis, formerly curate of Burton S Chad and Stretton with Claymills, as she is licensed today as Pioneer TV in the Vale of Pewsey, Salisbury Diocese. Also for Revd James Weaver, Curate of Oswestry Holy Trinity as he takes up the role of Assistant Minister, Grace Church Cowley, in the Oxford Diocese. 'Overseas Aid.' Philippians 2:4-7
Guide the leaders of the world with wisdom and compassion, bring relief to those who suffer, and lead us towards a world without hunger. Hear us, good Lord.

Wednesday 26th:

Pray for Revd Dave Street, licensed today as Vicar of St Paul's, Longton Hall, whilst also continuing as Assistant Rural Dean of Stoke Deanery; and for Revd Simon Maddison, recently licensed as Priest in Charge of Longton St Mary and St Chad, whilst continuing as Vicar of Cross Heath, Vicar of Newcastle St Paul and Assistant Rural Dean of Newcastle. 'Defence.' Isaiah 2:1-4
We commend to your gracious keeping all who serve in the armed forces. Keep alive in them and in us your vision of peace. Hear us, good Lord.

Thursday 27th: *(Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444)*

Give thanks for Chad Foundations, encouraging and preparing those wishing to explore what it means to be called to serve God and others, through recognised lay ministry; pray for those being equipped to exercise that ministry. 'Business and Trade.' Matthew 25:16
For industry and commerce, for small businesses and enterprise, and for trade and investment. Hear us, good Lord.

Friday 28th: *(Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200)*

Pray for those who minister as Chaplains in the NHS, especially those recently licensed to new roles at the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust:
Ven John Otibu, Revd Judith Edwards, Revd Vivienne Flanagan and Revd Joe Fielder (licensed as lead chaplain). 'Migration.' Ruth 1:15-18
Look with mercy on those who flee from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief, and inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts. Hear us, good Lord.

Saturday 29th: *(Peter and Paul, Apostles)*

Pray for deacon ordinations today in Lichfield Cathedral – Ian Budd, Curate of Meole Brace; Paul Sumner, Curate of Cross Heath and of Newcastle St Paul; Clare Watson, Curate of Newcastle-under-Lyme with Butterton St Thomas. 'Work.' Deuteronomy 5:13-14
For the right ordering of work in time of technological change; for communities that have lost traditional industries, and for their regeneration; for all expanding industries and for those creating & those seeking new jobs. Hear us, good Lord.

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