

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 222

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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 21st July:

We pray for Wolverhampton Deanery, for Rural Dean, Revd Richard Merrick, Assistant, Revd Preb Sarah Schofield, Lay Chair, Mr Robin Whitehouse and Assistant, Mrs Amy Bertaut, giving thanks for their leadership and service to the deanery.

Monday 22nd: *(Mary Magdalene)*

We pray for Revd Dr Tom Atfield, to be licensed today as School Chaplain of Telford Holy Trinity Academy; also for Revd Jonathan Roberts, Rector of Draycott le Moors with Forsbrook, who was commissioned last week as Rural Dean of Cheadle Deanery.

Tuesday 23rd: *(Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373)*

We continue to pray for Wolverhampton Deanery, in particular those parishes currently in vacancy: for the parish of Bilston - St Leonard's, St Mary's and St Chad's for the parish of Central Wolverhampton, especially St Peter's and St John's; for St Jude's, Wolverhampton and for St Andrew's, Whitmore Reans. Pray also for the lay teams who are working hard in sustaining the life of those churches, and for the process of appointing new ministers/incumbents.

Wednesday 24th:

Give thanks for the ministry of St Chad's House, Leek and its warden, Rachel. Pray for all who will take part tomorrow in 'To be a Pilgrim,' a guided quiet day with time for led reflection and prayers, as well silence and quiet, and time to browse the library or enjoy the garden. Details on their [Facebook page](#)

Thursday 25th: *(James the Apostle)*

O gracious God,
we remember before you today your servant and apostle James,
first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ;
and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church
that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen

Friday 26th: *(Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

We continue to pray for Wolverhampton Deanery:
for God's guidance as the ideas for pastoral reorganisation within the deanery are being considered. Pray also for the plans for deanery Readers to run a Living Faith course in the Autumn – for wisdom for those preparing to lead, and that people will respond to the invitation, and from which we will see growth and development of discipleship, vocation and evangelism in our churches.

Saturday 27th: *(Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901)*

Pray for all lay ministers leading and ministering in local church communities across the diocese. Pray also for those currently considering Chad Foundations – a flexible, accessible, and inclusive one-year programme of study designed to give people the opportunity to explore what it means to be called to serve God and others, through recognised lay ministry. More information can be found [here](#).