

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 227

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We pray for the implementation of Deanery visions, developed during the [Shaping for Mission](#) process, and the resulting Strategic Framework 2024-2030, 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 25<sup>th</sup> August:

We pray for Uttoxeter Deanery, for Rural Dean, Revd Preb Brian Leathers and Lay Chair, Mr Stephen Dunn, giving thanks for their leadership and service to the deanery.

Dear Lord, we give thanks for our new ministers appointed within our Deanery: Jules Walker confirmed in her post within the Uttoxeter Group and Chamil Fernando joining us as assistant minister in the Weaver Benefice based at Mayfield. We look forward to appointing a new full-time minister within the Rocester Benefice, and we ask for your help in guiding all our ministry team and growing your Kingdom within our Deanery. Amen

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>:

Pray for those preparing to take part in 'Catalyst' – a flexible and easy to access training course for those working with children and young people, delivered by Ridley College and supported by the diocesan mission team. For further details, click [here](#), or contact [Laura Edwards](#).

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>: *(Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387)*

We continue to pray for Uttoxeter Deanery:

Dear Lord, with many rural communities within our Uttoxeter Deanery we bless all our farmers and farm workers on farms and holdings both large and small, who are bringing in the harvest at this time. Give them the strength (and good weather) to bring in the harvest, that is so much needed across our country and encourage us to praise them and thank them at harvest services across our Deanery. Amen.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: *(Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430)*

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: *(The Beheading of John the Baptist)*

God our strength and our hope, grant us the courage of John the Baptist, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: *(John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688)*

Provided by Revd David Rajiah, Prayer Coordinator for Diocese of West Malaysia, with whom we have prayer links:

God, we praise your name and glorify your kingdom here on earth. We raise up our prayers for the people of Malaysia: Give them knowledge of your saving power; grant them strong faith and a willingness to speak against injustice, so that many social changes will come about in this country and all will be able to live in peace and harmony. Empower them with your love to overcome helplessness and hopelessness. We pray that the indigenous people of Malaysia may have equal access to health and education. Thank you. Amen

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>: *Prayer by Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651:*

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.

As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore,

Make me an island, set apart, alone with You, God, holy to You.

Then with the turning of the tide

prepare me to carry Your presence to the busy world beyond,

the world that rushes in on me

till the waters come again and fold me back to You.

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