

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 229

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Our prayers this week are provided by Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education and some of the school chaplains and focus on the work of our church schools as they seek to offer good news, sound values and a nurturing culture to children and young people across the vastly diverse communities of the diocese. You may also wish to use the prayers for the schools in your area, whether a faith school or not.

Sunday 8th September: *(Accession of King Charles III)*

Heavenly Father, we pray for all children in schools: that they will quickly settle back into school after the summer holidays; learn and adapt to new routines and will soon feel at ease with adults they don't know. We pray especially for those starting new schools – either beginning their school journey; moving to middle school, secondary school or high school or changing school for other reasons. May they find friends and quickly become at ease in their new environment.

We pray for those in our church schools, that what they hear of the love of God and their saviour Jesus Christ would work within them. Amen

Monday 9th: *(Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880)*

Lord God, we pray for all who work with children; that they would enjoy their work and deal with all the varied and difficult situations they come across in the right way and that you would sustain them through the difficult times. We pray especially for staff energy in this autumn term, generally the most challenging of the three, and which will be especially long this year.

We pray that all adults in our schools and nurseries would show love, compassion and support to all children in their care; and great enthusiasm for learning and inspire and encourage all to do their best.

May every child find the help and support they need to be their own unique selves. Amen.

Tuesday 10th: *A prayer provided by Fr Phillip Gration, Chaplain Ellesmere College:*

Almighty God author of life, speaker of truth, and end of all enquiry, in fear of whom is the beginning of wisdom, and whose perfect love drives out anxiety, nurture in those who study a greater breadth of interest, a deeper vision of your world, and a truer apprehension of your character.

Grant to those who teach an ever more inclusive approach, and an ever-expanding empathy for all, that in our communities of learning we might see the way to growth, encounter the truth, and experience eternal life. Amen

Wednesday 11th:

Give thanks for those who lead in our schools – for Headteachers, Senior Leadership Teams and for those who volunteer as governors. Pray especially for those taking up new posts this term, that God will sustain them and give them wisdom and guidance in the decisions they take.

Thursday 12th: *Prayer requests provided by Dr Stephen Lane, Chaplaincy Lead at Lichfield Cathedral School:*

Pray for the pupils, families, teachers and support staff of Lichfield Cathedral School as they celebrate the achievements of the summer exam series, and look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Pray for the school's chaplaincy team as they continue to offer pastoral support for the children, their families; and for all the staff. Pray for all members of the school as they seek to live out the commandment to love.

Friday 13th: *(John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407)*

Give thanks for those who work in chaplaincy in our schools, in various capacities and pray especially for: Debra Dyson-Rawlett Academy, Steve Lane-Lichfield Cathedral School, Phillip Gration-Ellesmere College, Lucinda Burns-Adcote School, Richard Marshall-The Kings Academy, Judith Clarkson-Meole Brace Primary, Darren Edge-Denstone College, Rob Goddard-Kingsland Community School, Merry Smith-Newport Junior School, Alex Aldous-Prestfelde School, Andrew Keulemans-Shrewsbury School, Lee Plummer-Wrekin College

Saturday 14th: *(Holy Cross Day)*

Pray for all those preparing to start college and university; that they quickly find friends and feel happy in their new environment. May they find the start of their courses fulfilling and exciting, adapt to the new ways of learning presented to them and may they enjoy the great opportunities offered to them.

Pray also for University Christian Unions, seeking to engage with those who join university.

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