

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 232

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As well as prayers for [Generosity Week](#); we pray for the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we also continue to 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 29th September: *(Michael and All Angels)*

God of awe and wonder, creator of both night and day, you count the number of the stars and call them all by their names. Help us to cherish your abundant creation, grateful for the gift that it is to us, living in harmony with our common home, through him who is the firstborn of all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for Robert Mountford, leading 24 hours of prayer beginning at lunchtime today, for 29 senior church leaders of the West Midlands, including Bishops Michael, Sarah and Matthew; that they may all experience a great sense of unity.

Monday 30th: *(Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420)*

May the mystery of your providence lead us to that heavenly city where all peoples will receive your generosity, and find their true joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for members of Bishop's Council as they prepare to meet tomorrow, may they be blessed with wisdom, discernment, as they consider important matters in the life of our diocese.

Tuesday 1st October: *(Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885)*

O Lord, from whom all good things come: grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for members of [the Community of Evangelists](#) gathering today at St John's Church, Abbey Hulton, and for Revd Malcolm Mycock who will be sharing with them about his ministry.

Wednesday 2nd:

God of abundance, the author and giver of all good things; grant us a gracious and humble heart, that we may give you glory through offering the first fruits of our lives, and grow more into the likeness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We give thanks for the ministry and service of those clergy retiring this week:

Revd Jeremy Sylvester (Team Rector of Darlaston & Moxley, Rural Dean of Wednesbury, link with Diocese of Matlosane)

Revd Preb Helen Morby (Rector of Edgmond with Kynnersley and Preston Wealdmoors; Tibberton with Bolas Magna and Waters Upton) Revd Peter Smith, Vicar of Penn Fields.

Thursday 3rd: *(George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958)*

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks for the ministry of those taking up posts outside the diocese:

Revd Vikki Day, Army Chaplain to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Revd Andy Ackroyd, Vicar of the Parish of St Michael's Madeley in the Hereford Diocese.

Friday 4th: *(Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226)*

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for new students joining Shrewsbury College this term – from the local area, across the UK and overseas - that this will be a time of excitement and settling quickly into a new routine and environment; that they will feel welcome and make friends easily. Pray for students moving onto another year of their course, that all who come into contact with Shrewsbury College feel part of the caring community we strive to create. (Provided by Sian Squire, 'unofficial chaplain')

Saturday 5th:

Pray for all who have recently moved to new posts in the diocese and ask God's blessing on their future ministry:

Revd Iain Lingwood, Associate Vicar (Assistant Curate) at the Church at the Green, Arborfield.

Revd Marie Meredith, Vicar of Great Wyrley.

Revd Graham Wigley, Vicar of Emmanuel Wyld Green and Associate Priest at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield.

Revd Lynne Dean, Associate Minister of Abbots Bromley, Blithfield, Colton, Colwich & Great Haywood.

Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, Assistant Bishop in the diocese, formerly Suffragan Bishop of Aston in Birmingham.

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