

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 233

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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 6th October: *(William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536)*

Reveal to us your saving word, O God, that like your servant William Tyndale we might hear its call to repentance and new life.

Plant in our hearts that same consuming passion to bring the scriptures to all people in their native tongue, and the strength to endure amidst all obstacles; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday 7th: *We mark the first anniversary of the most recent Israel-Gaza conflict:*

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pray for all who will take part in the Bishop's Staff Residential, beginning today until Thursday.

Tuesday 8th: *We remember today, our companion diocese of Qu'Appelle, Canada:*

Pray for Bishop Helen and all the Diocesan staff, especially Revd Mike, at home poorly; Ven Catherine, convalescing following a knee operation; and pray for her as she prepares to retire early next year;

Pray also for Cindy Seiferling, Diocese Executive Administrative Assistant who retires at Christmas this year.

Give thanks that Swift Current has a new priest, Revd Shepherd Munzara and his family from Zimbabwe, and pray they settle well into a new way of life. Pray for their continued growth and faith journey, and for the continued relationship with their Indigenous communities.

Wednesday 9th: *(Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250)*

Pray for Revd Debbie Loughran, formerly Vicar of Oakengates, Priorslee and Wrockwardine Wood and Rural Dean of Telford Deanery; who will be licensed as Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, St George and St Hilda, Jesmond.

Thursday 10th: *(Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644)*

Pray for Revd Preb Ben Whitmore, Vicar of Penn, commissioned last week as Rural Dean of Wednesbury Deanery, and whose appointment as Canon Missioner for Lichfield Cathedral was also announced last week.

Pray for Revd Richard Marshall, formerly Chaplain of Kings Cof E Academy in Kidsgrove, who was licensed as Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Over, Winsford last month.

Friday 11th: *(Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675)*

Pray for Revd Chris Davies, formerly Team Vicar of Bloxwich, preparing to be licensed on 17th October as Rector of Lichfield St Chad.

Give thanks for the ministry of Revd Catherine Matlock, Pioneer Missioner, and pray for her as she leaves the diocese next week.

Saturday 12th: *(Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915)*

Pray for a [National Week of Prayer](#), beginning today - a partnership of Christian ministries brought together by the Holy Spirit with a united vision, committing to pray for the nations and let faith rise; a week to remember the good things God has done, and is doing in this country, with thanksgiving, worship and praise.

'Therefore, tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Return to me," declares the Lord, "and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.' Zechariah 1:3

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