

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, Israel and the wider Middle East.

Sunday 20th October: *A prayer for unity during [Black History Month](#):*

Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending racism and injustice;
creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday 21st:

Give thanks for the ministry of [St Chad's](#) Retreat House in Leek, and pray for all who will be taking part today in a guided quiet day led by Bishop Matthew. Pray also for those who will enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat tomorrow followed by Midday Prayer in the beautiful chapel.

Tuesday 22nd:

We pray for Edgmond and Shifnal Deanery, for Rural Dean Revd Matthew Lefroy, Assistant Revd Mary Thomas and Lay Chair Mr Malcolm Maclean; giving thanks for the formation of a joint council for the parishes of Beckbury, Badger, Kemberton, Sutton Maddock, Ryton and Stockton; and for the agreement between St Andrew's, Shifnal and Shifnal Methodist Church as they join forces to reach the town more effectively. Give thanks for the ministry of Revd Zoe Heming at St Andrew's, Church Aston as she takes up a new post at Newcastle Cathedral and for the ministry of Revd Helen Morby at Edgmond, Kinnersley, Preston, Tibberton, Great Bolas and Waters Upton and pray for God's blessing on her as she begins her retirement.

Wednesday 23rd: *We continue to pray for Edgmond and Shifnal Deanery:*

Lord God, we pray for the parishes that are now in vacancy in the deanery (Beckbury Benefice, Edgmond Benefice, Church Aston and Tong.)

May you uphold and sustain all those who minister in them and, as thoughts turn to the search for their new incumbents, we pray that you would guide the recruitment process in each case. Please would you open the ears and hearts of those whom you are calling to these roles. Amen.

Thursday 24th: *We continue to pray for Edgmond and Shifnal Deanery:*

Lord God, we continue to ask that you would help us to find ways of collaborating appropriately across the deanery and that you would encourage each parish, and the deanery together, as we seek to engage with the guiding principles and the goals of the 'Shaping for Mission' Diocesan Strategic framework.

Help us to be thankful for what you are already doing, obedient to your call on each of us and excited about what the future may hold as we seek to proclaim your kingdom in east Shropshire. Amen

Friday 25th: *(Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287)*

Pray for Bishop Steve Diseko and our companion diocese of Matlosane, South Africa.

Give thanks for the commitment of the priests, finding ways to ensure all their congregations feel loved and cared for by their priest despite the distances they have to travel, and less than weekly opportunities to visit.

Pray for them as they pray and give home communion to local people after the Sunday service.

Pray also for members of the Mother's Union which is very active in this area of South Africa, as they assist many families in need across the townships where they live themselves.

Saturday 26th: *(Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664; and brother of St Chad)*

Everlasting God, whose servant Cedd carried the good news of your Son to the people of Essex:

grant that, as we commemorate his service, we may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts and manifest its light in all our ways; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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