

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 237

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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, Israel and the wider Middle East.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: *(Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600)*

On this [International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church](#), as members of the global Church, let us join together in prayer for members of our persecuted family.

Pray for strength (Ephesians 3:16-19), provision (Philippians 4:19: ), and for the gospel to advance (Philippians 1:9-11).

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>:

Give thanks for Clare Whitney, and the service she has given to the diocese for the last 2 years as Ministerial Learning and Development Officer and pray God's blessing on her for the future.

Pray for Naomi Robinson entering full time ministry for the first time and joining the diocese as Flourish Enabler.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>:

We pray this week for Shrewsbury and Wrekin Deanery; for the Rural Dean vacancy, for Assistants Revd Fi Iddon and Revd Lisa Knight and for Lay Chair Mr Rob Surl.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for the churches of the Shrewsbury and Wrekin deanery. Thank you in particular for the ways in which churches are able to work together. We give thanks for the many opportunities to minister in schools and share the love of Jesus with both pupils and staff. We pray for continued opportunities to engage in schools through assemblies, lessons, lunchtime clubs and pastoral support.

May many children come to know of your amazing love for each of us. Amen

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>: *(William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944)*

*We continue to pray for Shrewsbury and Wrekin Deanery:*

Loving God, we thank you for all who minister in our churches in the Shrewsbury and Wrekin deanery. We are particularly mindful of, and thankful for, those who so willingly and freely give of their time to serve in various ways. We ask that their service would be a blessing to many and that you would encourage them as they serve. At this time, we pray specifically for those ministering in a church in interregnum (or soon to be): All Saints, The Abbey, Haughmond and Wrekin and Meole Brace, that they would know your wisdom and guidance. Amen.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>: *(Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739)*

God, the Saviour of all,

you sent your bishop Willibrord from this land to proclaim the good news to many peoples and confirm them in their faith:

help us also to witness to your steadfast love by word and deed

so that your Church may increase and grow strong in holiness;

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.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: *(The Saints and Martyrs of England)* *We continue to pray for Shrewsbury and Wrekin Deanery:*

We give thanks for all those who serve as healthcare chaplains. We bring before you Pat Aldred and Harry Edwards of the Shrewsbury and Wrekin Deanery who are chaplains at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Severn Hospice respectively. Would you equip, guide and sustain them as they minister among patients and staff alike. Direct their words, actions and prayers as they seek to be Your hands and feet in those places. Amen.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>: *(Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440)*

Pray for the various vacancies across the diocese:

For churches and benefices seeking to call clergy – that God would give wisdom to all concerned to enable the right people to be matched to the appropriate vacancy.

For lay roles - opportunities to use specific skills to work with children and young people and in chaplaincy and advisory roles. For the appointment of two Archdeacons, to serve Salop and Walsall.

Give thanks for the wise leadership given by Julie Jones and pray for the recruitment of a new diocesan CEO.