

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 8th December: *(The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

We pray this week for Telford Deanery; for Revd Stuart Howes to be commissioned next month as Rural Dean, along with Assistant Revd Tom Atfield and for Lay Chair Mr Richard Page. Please pray for Churches in Interregnum: Loving God, we lift before You the churches in vacancy within the Telford Deanery. Grant patience and guidance to all as they await new leadership, trusting in Your perfect timing. Bless those who work tirelessly during this time of transition—clergy, wardens, and congregations—sustaining them with Your strength and wisdom. We give thanks for their dedication and faithfulness, praying they may continue to share Your love and hope in their communities. Lead them in unity and prepare the way for all that is to come. Amen.

Monday 9th:

Pray for those taking up new roles across the diocese:

For Revd Suzan Williams licensed today as Priest in Charge of Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team, Hereford Diocese; giving thanks for her ministry as Rector of Whittington and West Felton with Haughton, and Rural Dean of Oswestry Deanery.

For Revd Philip Garrett who was licensed last month as Curate in the Potteries Team.

Tuesday 10th:

We continue to pray for Telford Deanery with a prayer for the Chapter:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the clergy and lay leaders of the Telford Deanery Chapter, for their calling, dedication, and service to Your Church. May Your Spirit inspire us to grow ever closer in unity and fellowship, celebrating the diversity of our gifts while working together for Your kingdom. Guide our conversations and decisions, that they may reflect Your wisdom and love. Strengthen the bonds between us, and help us to encourage and support one another in faith, mission, and ministry. Amen.

Wednesday 11th:

Pray for Energy for Peace - During World War II, a group of people would stop whatever they were doing at a certain time each night to pray for peace, safety and security of everyone. They did this every day and it was as if the city stood still, such was the power of prayer. Now again some are organizing, a group of people globally, to spend a minute praying for the security of our countries, for an end to the problems that oppress and suppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our rulers, praying every day at 3pm UK time. Perhaps consider setting your alarm to join them?

Thursday 12th:

We continue to pray for Telford Deanery with a prayer for the Telford area:

Lord Jesus, we pray for Telford, that Your name may be known and glorified across this community. Stir hearts to seek You, and let faith rise in every corner of this town. Empower Your Church to boldly proclaim Your Gospel, showing Your love in word and action. May lives be transformed, hope renewed, and joy found in knowing You. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may be faithful witnesses, drawing many into a relationship with You, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Friday 13th: *(Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304)*

Pray for Pastor Samuel Ntoyimondo, Church of England Chaplain at HMP Swinfen Hall, as he prepares to retire in March. He says: 'It has been a time of blessings, and I praise the Lord for all He has enabled me to do for the glory of His name.

Pray for the right candidate as my successor for the Anglican chaplain now that the post is declared vacant from 01.03.2025 following my full retirement from the Prison Service. after 14 years as Anglican chaplain in different prisons both adults and young offenders.'

Saturday 14th: *(John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591)*

Pray for those preparing to host [Lichfield Cathedral's Light Show](#) next week, for volunteers and choirs as well as the technical team. Pray for all who will visit, that they will be touched by the message of the 12 Days of Christmas trail outside, and by the opportunities for reflection inside the cathedral.