

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 248

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Sunday 19th January: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095)*

Once again in Penkrige, we bring you prayers for Codsall and Codsall Wood; for St Nicholas' that we have people stepping up to positions of authority; and for St Peters that we try to discern the future with very small numbers and growing elderly congregation and commuter community.

Monday 20th: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349)*

In Brewood and Bishopswood in Penkrige, we thank you for the carrying out of a positive vision day. We pray now for the steps to implement the ideas, and for the identification of personnel to take on positions of leadership in these churches, as well as in churches more generally.

Tuesday 21st: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304)*

Lord, today we specifically for the [Unconscious Bias](#) session led by the diocese with the latest research on Equality Diversity Inclusion and how this may be impacted by unconscious bias.

Wednesday 22nd: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304)*

Today we pray for the Growing Faith Team's [Meet and Greet session](#); for a productive gathering that may bear positive fruit in the future.

Thursday 23rd: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)*

Once more in Penkrige, we lift before you Shareshill and Featherstone and the decision to begin the process of closing the church building in Shareshill. In Essington, we pray for more people willing and able to take on leadership roles in the church.

Friday 24th: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622)*

Today we near the conclusion of our prayers in Penkrige Deanery and especially we pray for Paul Farthing, and the new church and communities he is about to work with; as he is licensed this day to serve in Coven and their church of St Paul.

Saturday 25th: *(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Conversion of Paul)*

Lord, we lift before you all of our Church Schools located in Penkrige Deanery; for each of the schools in Bednall, Bishopswood, for both the first and middle schools in Brewood, in Codsall, Coven, Dunston, Essington, Penkrige, Shareshill, and Wheaton Aston. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work there, both teaching and otherwise; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

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Sunday 26th January: *(Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul)*

Lord, we start to pray today for Hodnet Deanery in North-East Shropshire, that they may grow closer together as a deanery and work together more effectively. Especially, as Timothy and Titus served alongside Paul, we pray that the right people to be Assistant Rural Dean and Deanery Secretary may soon emerge to serve alongside Rural Dean Catherine McBride and Lay Chair Laurina Rushworth.

Monday 27th:

Today we pray for CPAS' ['Arrow Reloaded' conference](#), starting today in Swanwick and continuing until Thursday. As they look back on 25 years of the Arrow Programme, we pray you will grant them wisdom and discernment on assessing what has gone before, and vision for what may come in the future.

Tuesday 28th: *(Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274)*

We pray for the initiative of Pioneering Parishes, and specifically today for the webinar on ['Culture Change & Practice'](#). Please guide and inspire us on what changes of culture we need to make ourselves.

Wednesday 29th:

Again we pray for Pioneering Parishes today, and this evening their ['First Steps'](#) Webinar. May you please guide each of us in the steps we must take, whether the 'first' or 'next' step.

Thursday 30th: *(Charles, King and Martyr, 1649)*

Lord, on the day we remember 'King Charles the Martyr', we pray for the one church in the diocese dedicated to him in Newtown in Shropshire. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on this church and community. We also pray for three different training events taking place today, the Education Team's day of training on ['Understanding Christianity'](#), for the Enabling All Church Warden Cafe on ['Making Your Building Accessible'](#), and the Good Faith Partnership's webinar on [Social Prescribing](#).

Friday 31st: *(John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888)*

We pray for Hodnet deanery's Youth focus to push ahead in a reimagined and more focussed way, and that direction and funds will come together as necessary. As they try to focus on work in primary schools, we lift before you all of our Church Schools located in that Deanery; for each of the primary schools in Adderley, Moreton Say, and Norton-in-Hales.

Saturday 1st February: *(Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525)*

Today we pray for ['Being tentmakers in the marketplace'](#), the latest gathering of the Community of Evangelists, as we explore and celebrate the ministry of the Church Tent at the Stafford County Show. Today, we also pray for Alex Wolvers, as she's commissioned to lead the ['Encounter'](#) programme in Stoke.