



Sunday 12th October 2025

17th Sunday after Trinity



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LICHFIELD



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad



Becoming
Dementia
Friendly
Church
2024-5

“We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate.”

Services Sunday 12th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

4.00pm Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

8.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Praise

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Morning Worship

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Collect – 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Collect – Harvest

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Psalm

1st Reading

2nd Reading

Gospel

Trinity 17

66.1-11

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Luke 17.11-19



Services Sunday 19th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

11.00am Morning Worship (New service)

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Holy Communion

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Services Sunday 26th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

4.00pm Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

12.30pm Baptism

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Morning Worship

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading

2nd Reading

Gospel

Harvest Services

19th October *Trinity 18*

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Philippians 4.4-9

John 6.25-35

Jeremiah 31.27-34

2 Timothy 3.14—4.5

Luke 18.1-8

26th October *Last after Trinity
Bible Sunday*

Joel 2.23-end
Isaiah 45.22-end

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
Romans 15.1-6

Luke 18.9-14
Luke 4.16-24

Daily Readings

Morning

Evening

Monday

13/10

Mark 14.1-11

Acts 21.37—22.21

Tuesday

14/10

Mark 14.12-25

Acts 22.22—23.11

Wednesday

15/10

Mark 14.26-42

Acts 23.12-end

Thursday

16/10

Mark 14.43-52

Acts 24.1-23

Friday

17/10

Mark 14.53-65

Acts 24.24—25.12

Saturday

18/10

Luke 10.1-9

Colossians 4.7-end

Luke the Evangelist

Monday

20/10

Mark 15.1-15

Acts 26.1-23

Tuesday

21/10

Mark 15.16-32

Acts 26.24-end

Wednesday

22/10

Mark 15.33-41

Acts 27.1-26

Thursday

23/10

Mark 15.42-end

Acts 27.27-end

Friday

24/10

Mark 16.1-8

Acts 28.1-16

Saturday

25/10

Mark 16.9-end

Acts 28.17-end

Monday

27/10

John 13.1-11

Philippians 1.1-11

Tuesday

28/10

Luke 6.12-16

Jude 1-4, 17-end

Simon & Jude Apostles

Wednesday

29/10

John 13.21-30

Philippians 2.1-13

Thursday

30/10

John 13.31-end

Philippians 2.14-end

Friday

31/10

John 14.1-14

Philippians 3.1—4.1

Saturday

01/11

John 14.15-end

Philippians 4.2-end



Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

- Mon 8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Tue 9.00-10.00am Prayer Group at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
7.00pm Whist in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1st Tue of month) at Maddocks Club
- Wed 8.45-10.30am Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
9.00-11.00am Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
9.15am Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church
10.30am Midweek Service at St Matthew's Donnington Wood
11.30am Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood
11.00am Midweek Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates
7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4th Wednesday of each month)
- Thu 10.00-12.00pm Tea & Talk Bereavement group (2nd Thursday) at HTWW
1.00-3.00pm Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)
1.00-3.00pm Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ
- Fri 12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1st Friday)
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 4.00-5.30pm Messy Church at HT Wrockwardine Wood (2nd Saturday of month)
11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3rd Saturday of month)

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Additional Dates for Diaries

- Sun 12/10 9.00am Hymn-a-thon St Georges Church
- Mon 13/10 7.00pm Meeting regarding World Day of Prayer at Our Lady of the Rosary, Trench
- Fri 17/10 10.30am Funeral of Richard Clay at Telford Crematorium
2.00pm Wedding at St Georges Church
- Tue 28/10 7.30pm Jesus the Evidence Dawley Baptist Church
- Thur 23/10 7.00pm Deanery Synod & Licencing of Rural Dean (Edgmond/Shifnal) HTWW
- Thur 06/11 7.30pm Concert by Key Change Choir at Holy Trinity Oakengates

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Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Richard Clay, Mary Nickless and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn.

May they know the hope of your promises and the comfort of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



In our prayers we remember the Church, its members and our community. We pray for those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital and those who are adjusting to changes in their lives. We also remember those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email regularly please contact newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk requesting you would like to receive it weekly, or can be found on our Website at WWW.Easttelfordbenefice.co.uk

Those whose years mind we keep

Priorslee

- 12/10 Donald Cattell, Daniel Robinson, Michael Joyce, Harold Hayward
19/10 Julia Leeke, Stanley Howells, Dorothy Davies, Doris Murray, Norman Ditchburn
26/10 George Hosking, Raymond Lowe, Norman Pagett, Neville Whitehead, Mary Houlston, Peggy Williams

Oakengates

- 12/10 Gladys Dunks, Roy Caton, T John Edwards, Nora Gatford, Floarie Massey, Victor Bailey, Annie Williams, Arthur Speed, Clifford Ball, Charles Thornton, Victor Griffiths
19/10 Frederick Martin, John Harnett, Phillip Wright, Christopher Sanders, Jim Green, Edward Meredith, Victor Griffiths, Hilda Muir, Stuart Baker, Robert Cadman
26/10 Arch Lewis, Raymond Crutchley, Doris Smith, Edward Ingham, John Roberts, Mary Perkin, Edna Talbot, James Boardman, Thomas Bagnall, Jean Littlewood, Margaret Gibson

Wrockwardine Wood

- 12/10 Gilbert Eaton, Sally Marsh, Horace (Ginge) Rowley, Michael Pagett, Charles Guy, Edith Mitton
19/10 Alan Dakin, Graham Perry, Sarah Fernley
26/10 Shaun O. Cheshire, Terry Wilcox, Doreen Bailey, Albert Hudson, Pauline Corby, Edward Roderick, Geoffrey Taylor, Kathleen (Kath) Rowley, Jennifer (Jenny) Brothwood

IMPORTANT.....BE AWARE!!!

If you get any emails alleging to be from Clergy or those in positions within the church that ask for money or vouchers or sounding unlikely please **ignore!**

We would never ask for these things. Please check with us via other means and never click the links. There are a lot of phishing emails around currently that we cannot do anything to stop. **Please be careful!**

A sample of the type of spam email that is being sent is:

"Good to hear from you, here is what I want you to do for me because I'm a little busy right now, conflicting priorities, I'm only available here for now. I have been working on incentives and I aimed at surprising some of our diligent staff with gift cards this week. This should be confidential until they all have the gift cards as it's a surprise. Can you get this done remotely and how soon?"

Please be extra vigilant and don't respond to emails like these!

PRAYING AT HOME

As we get older our involvement in local church life changes, and we find we have less time for physical activity but more time for prayer! We are a community of prayer – at home and in church. As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (extremely easy to join on a mobile phone with internet access) at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com Come, pray with us!

EVERYDAY FAITH

A resource available that may be helpful is the Church of England app called 'Everyday Faith'. It offers bitesize, yet in-depth, resources on relevant topics, that help us to find and follow God in everyday life. There is a daily reading, reflection, response and prayer. There is the option to listen as well as to read. The current theme is 'Refreshed'. If you feel you need refreshment, this app can be download from <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everydayfaith>

Ever received a suspicious email? 📧

📧 As of May 2025, over 42 million suspicious emails have been reported to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service, resulting in the removal of 400,000 scam websites by the NCSC.

🔍 Find out more about how to report suspicious emails, texts and websites: <https://orlo.uk/IzoEh>
#CyberProtect



BAPTISMS WEDDINGS & FUNERALS IN CHURCH

We are always excited to be able to celebrate Baptisms, welcome you for your Wedding or help you through a difficult time arranging a Funeral within our Churches. Funerals are welcomed in Church or at the Graveside and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood are able to livestream funerals. Please telephone Kerry, Benefice Administrator to discuss arrangements.

ECUMENICAL GATHERINGS

There is an opportunity to meet at an Ecumenical Service on Monday 13th October at 1.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates – theme 'Our Understanding of the Psalms'.

Advance notice...

the November gathering which will be a Quiet Morning on Friday 21st November between 9.00am -12.30pm at Wombridge Church – theme 'Our Relationship with God, Others & Ourselves'.

For more information about either of these Ecumenical events please contact Sue Rawlings.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The East Telford Benefice website has recently been experiencing problems and it hasn't been possible to update the information or publish the weekly newsletter link.

Most of the issues have now been ironed out and the website should now see updates over the coming weeks. Each of our churches do use www.achurchnearyou.com where you can access individual church information.

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE

We are introducing a new Sunday Service at 11.00am on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at Holy Trinity Academy. This service will be a Morning Worship Service ideal for families. Come along as we pray, sing and worship in the Chapel.

A warm welcome awaits you.....

The next service will be Sunday 19th October 11.00am



What? Crafts Games Stories
Fun and Food

Where ? Holy Trinity Church
Wrockwardine Wood TF27AH

When ? Saturdays 4.00-5.30pm

Dates for your Diary
13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December

Come and join our Messy
Church Team as we craft
and learn about God
finishing up with some
singing and food

Messy Church needs your help!

In September we welcomed 22 Children and 20 Adults to our Messy Church which runs for the benefice on the 2nd Saturday of the Month. Fiona and Kerry are looking to draw up a rota of helpers who would be able to help man a craft table and talk about God/Jesus to those who attend.

We have some wonderful parent helpers who are just at the beginning of their Christian journey and hope to have some of our wonderful congregation members come along and support them and help us out

If you think you would like to be part of the team why not come along to the next one on the 11th October at 4pm and see what we do and maybe explore how you could fit in. Just speak to Kerry or Fiona to find out more.

Our aim is to build a team so we can continue to run this as a monthly service, rather than taking it to a quarterly event.

WHIST UPDATE

Due to heating costs at Holy Trinity Church Oakengates, the monthly Whist event will be taking place throughout the winter months on the first Tuesday Evening of the month at 7pm at Maddocks Sports & Social Club. Players will be able to purchase tea, coffee or something stronger from the bar. Everyone welcome.

Compline via Zoom

As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline via Zoom at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com

TOMBOLA STALLS

Each of the churches in the Benefice are always in need of small quality items suitable for use on Tombola Stalls.

If you can offer items for these stalls then please pass them to churchwardens who will forward them to the events coordinators for each of the churches. *Thank You.*



Ecumenical Service

Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates
Monday 13th October
1.00pm

ST GEORGE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 7pm & 8pm at St George's Church.



The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd October and is open for all to attend. During the time together there may be a brief discussion about issues of the day and/or individual concerns and then there is a time of prayer. Sometimes a bible passage is read and following a brief discussion may be used as a focus for additional prayers.

**Free Community Lunch**
On the first Friday of each month
12.30pm to 2.00pm
Wombridge Parish Centre

**Friday 7th November**
Friday 5th December

**Thanks to sponsorship by the co-op**
All welcome to join us for a light lunch, dessert and hot drink – followed by a short game – pop in or stay for as long as you wish - everyone welcome ☺

Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood



Sunday 12th of October Harvest Festival 11am
Join us to celebrate
if you are able we would be grateful for a donation towards our Food Bank

**ST GEORGE'S
PARISH CHURCH**
Hymn-a-thon
**Sunday 12th
October**
9am to 12pm
In aid of Church Funds
*Choose your hymns and make
a donation in church or via
the link on our Facebook Page*
**All are welcome anytime to
join the singing**

Donate here:-<https://forms.gle/VM/hhCJCCU9VBihw7>

SAUSAGE SATURDAY

18TH OCTOBER 2025

11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH DONNINGTON WOOD

Sat Nav Ref TF2 7HP



The Children's Society

Children's charity

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Do you enjoy a hotdog/sausage sandwich and a nice cup of tea or coffee?

Do your children enjoy crafting or art, pop and biscuits?

Would you like to support The Children's Society?

If your answer is YES, then join us for breakfast and help us raise funds for this invaluable charity.

Sausage buttie & 1st cuppa for only £2.00.

All subsequent drinks are free!

This month's craft activity 'Letting in the Light' - Craft a 'stained glass' window using a variety of free resources

Raffle, bric-a-brac and book sale in aid of Church funds

Memory Menders to share some of their recycled items

Pop in for a cup of tea, our welcome is warm, and our friendship is free!

Holy Trinity Oakengates
presents

Key Change Choir
in Concert

An evening of Song

6th November 2025 at 7-30pm

Tickets available soon







Tech Made Friendly – 2025 locations

Free digital skills programme in Telford & Wrekin to residents aged 18+

Join our friendly, six session courses designed to help you feel confident using your device. Step by step guidance, in a supportive group session to help you master the basics including:

- Staying in touch using email, texts, phone or video calls
- Use the internet to find local news, services, events and more
- Access your health information & order repeat prescriptions online
- Take, view and share photos or documents with confidence
- Stay safe online: helpful tips to stay safe from scams

Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop. No device? Help may be available (conditions apply).

To book your place or find out more, www.telford.gov.uk/facetoface or call **01952 380000**

Available at:
Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood

Where	When	Session Time
Newport Community Library	Mon 29 th Sept - Mon 3 rd Nov	10.00 -11.30am
The Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	Mon 29 th Sept - Mon 3 rd Nov	1.30 - 3.00pm
Wrockwardine Village Hall	Tue 30 th Sept - Tue 4 th Nov	10.00 -11.30am
Oakengates Rest Room	Tue 30 th Sept - Tue 4 th Nov	1.30 - 3.00pm
Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood	Mon 10 th Nov - Mon 15 th Dec	10.00 -11.30am
Malinslee Healthcare Centre	Mon 10 th Nov - Mon 15 th Dec	1.30 – 3.00pm
Horsehay Village Hall	Wed 12 th Nov - Wed 17 th Dec	10.00 -11.30am
Tibberton Village Hall	Wed 12 th Nov - Wed 17 th Dec	1.30 - 3.00pm

CHURCH AUTUMN CLEAN

Can you help? The team at Wombridge Church have set the date of Saturday 25th October 10.00am-4.00pm the give the church a good autumn clean ready for the winter months. If you feel you are able to lend a hand there is a list in the church for you to put your name down or just pop in on the day. Even if you can only spare half an hour there will be something you can help with. We look forward to welcoming your help! Thank you in advance.

PRAY BAKE READ

PRAY....INTENTIONALLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL
BAKE....A CAKE FOR STAFF EVERY HALF TERM
READ....1:1 WITH A STUDENT ONCE A WEEK



Would you like to support children at The Lantern Academy, Ketley Bank by spending 1-2 hours a week with pupils listening to them read on a 1:1 (Thursday afternoons 1-3pm, Years 1 & 2 infants).

Why do we want to do this?

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and the many schools in our Benefice are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to them by serving them in a practical way. It really is that simple.

If you are interested please speak to Julia Ayers, or contact newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and your details will be passed to the organiser.

SAFEGUARDING

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the upmost importance. We have across all our churches committed to safeguarding and have adopted the national and diocesan safeguarding policies.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Coordinators, Churchwardens or the Benefice Admin office if you have any questions and concerns and understand that everyone has a role to play to ensure we achieve our aim of being a benefice who cares and protects all who visit.

PLACES of WELCOME at HTO, HTWW & St PETERS



This outreach is something which has helped bring our community together and we are always pleased when new people attend. The format is simple – a short service, a shared breakfast/lunch (toast, soup and roll or sandwiches), chat/board games/puzzles/craft etc.

Please do let your friends and neighbours know about these Places of Welcome especially those who live alone or those who are looking for a place to meet new people. You will find a warm welcome at each of these Places of Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ

Tea & Toast Warm space
Food bank & Clothes bank

Open each Wednesday
9.00 - 11.00

We would love to make you welcome at our Warm space Tea & Toast each Wednesday. Come in have a cuppa chat with our volunteers.

get to know some new people, browse the clothing and request a food parcel just ask one of the volunteers

Tea & Toast

we are grateful for the support of our local parish councillors who support our warm space



Wednesday
12 - 2 pm

PLACE OF WELCOME

St. Peter's Priorslee Community

Every Thursday
at Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ
1.00pm - 3.00pm



Dementia Friends

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

Living with dementia at any time brings challenges.

The Alzheimer's Society are working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. They do this by giving help to those living with dementia today, and providing hope for the future.

If you need support and advice, Alzheimer's Society is here for you.

You can call the support line on 0333 150 3456 and find lots more advice and support here:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>

As part of the action plan for our Benefice Churches for Dementia Friendly Church it has been suggested we publish monthly in our newsletters information which offers help in what 'not' to say to someone living with Dementia. We will be using information from the Alzheimers association website.

Things to avoid saying to somebody with dementia

4. Try not to let your emotions take over: 'I've just told you that'

It can be difficult answering the same question several times, especially when you are trying to keep frustration or upset from your voice.

However, reminding the person that you have just answered their question will not help them retain the information for next time, it is likely to just remind them of their condition. This can be distressing for you both. Bear in mind, that for them, it is likely to feel like the first time they have asked the question.

Try this instead:

Try to remember that the person cannot help repeating themselves. It is important for them to feel heard and understood.

Answer repeated questions calmly and patiently, with an even tone of voice. If you feel the need, take a break, and remove yourself from the conversation for a while.



OPEN GARDENS IN SHROPSHIRE

Do you enjoy gardens? Over the next few weeks there are some beautiful ones to visit.

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST www.shropshirehct.org.uk/

The Leasowes, Garden and Arboretum 19th October

– The Leasowes Farm, Cound, Shrewsbury, SY5 6AF 10-5pm.

Church: St Peter's. £6 entry

From the Deanery & Diocese

MEETING - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

You are invited to join a discussion and organising group regarding the preparation for the World Day of Prayer taking place on 6th March 2026 with resources devised by women of Nigeria.

If you are interested in joining this planning meeting please contact Sue Rawlings or attend on Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Trench. It would be great if anyone of Nigerian descent would like to join in the planning.

TELFORD DEANERY SYNOD & LICENCING OF RURAL DEAN EDMOND/SHIFNAL

This month's Telford Deanery Synod meeting looks a little different, as we will be welcoming Archdeacon Nick to the meeting as he will be licensing Revd Stuart as interim Rural Dean for Edmond and Shifnal Deanery as part of the evening. The evening will be open not only to the synod members for both deaneries but to anyone from any of the churches who would like to attend.

It would be great to see members of each of our church congregations represented so please take this as your individual invitation. Thursday 23rd October, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start at Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood.

If you could let Kerry Debenham know if you are attending it helps for the refreshments on the night as Kerry will need to ensure there is enough cake and biscuits to go round.

Our usual deanery business will be short with the time being given to the licencing and to the speaker for the evening Sarah Thorpe who is the Diocesan lead for Dementia Friendly Church. Please do feel encouraged to attend as it would be wonderful to see both our deaneries coming together and us championing becoming Dementia Friendly Deaneries.

Dawley Baptist Church

Jesus the Evidence

There is a wealth of evidence pointing to Jesus being the Son of God. **Jesus the Evidence** draws upon current historical, textual and archaeological research to present this evidence in a clear, rational manner - accessible to atheists, agnostics and Christians alike.

The evening will be presented by Derek McIntyre. Come, listen and find answers to your questions.

28th October 7.30pm

Dawley Baptist Church, Park Road, Dawley Bank TF4 2BE

07534 452843 dawleybaptist.org.uk

JESUS THE EVIDENCE

A fantastic opportunity is coming to Dawley Baptist Church on Tuesday 28th October 2025: a powerful presentation of Jesus – The evidence

This clear, rational and engaging event is designed to reach everyone – whether they are Christians, not sure about faith, agnostics, or atheists.

It's a chance to explore the evidence for Jesus in an open and thoughtful way.

For more information: dawleybaptist.org.uk

Contact: 07534 452843



Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 287

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', 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 and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

discipleship
vocation
evangelism

Sunday 19th October: *(Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812)*

Lord, we commence a series of prayers for Walsall deanery by lifting before you all of our Church Schools there, for All Saints National Academy in Bloxwich and for Cooper and Jordan in Aldridge; for the three Blue Coat schools in the town centre - Infant, Junior, and Academy; for Birchills Community Academy, Leamore Christ Church Primary, and for Little Bloxwich Primary; and for those primary schools that share their name with their nearest church - St John's Walsall Wood, St Margaret's Great Barr, and for St Michael's Pelsall. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Monday 20th:

We pray for the Bishop's Staff Residential as it starts today and continues throughout the week. Please bless our leaders as they gather and guide and inspire them as they look to the future.

We also pray for our Education Team's training day at Telford Minster geared around '[Essential Knowledge for Working in a Church School](#)'. Lord, may all those that come receive exactly that and more to strengthen their understanding of the opportunities inherent in the relationship between a Church School and its local church, and how they may work together to benefit their local community.

Tuesday 21st:

Lord, we bring before you this morning's webinar on [Building Community Partnerships Through Places of Welcome](#). Please bless and guide Carrie Blount and Lesley Bovington as they lead the session, and inspire us all on ways we can do more to foster more positive community partnerships with our neighbours, and how we may offer genuine welcome to those around us who may most benefit from it.

Wednesday 22nd:

Today we specifically pray for Walsall deanery's Lay Chapter, for its leader Anita Edwards, the deanery's new licensed Reader Steve Wallace, and all of our lay leaders in Walsall and beyond. We thank you for their faithful ministry and pray you may hold them close to your heart that they may know your presence in their daily lives as they serve our churches and communities.

Thursday 23rd:

Lord, we lift before you this evening the Inaugural Robert Beckford Lecture at the Queens Foundation as part of Black History Month. As he reflects on '[Where do we go from here?](#)' (subtitled 'A 'Fass' Christianity for a time of 'Ginnal'.), may you please help each one of us to reflect on our own journeys, and continue to guide us where they may lead in the future.

Friday 24th:

As we continue to pray for Walsall deanery, we pray for those churches currently without a vicar; for St Andrew's Birchills, St Margaret's Great Barr, St Mark's Shelfield, and for St Mary's Tynings Lane. Lord, we thank you for those folk continuing to faithfully serve these churches at this time, may you bless them with renewed vigour. We pray that each of them may soon have new leaders to guide them forward.

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

After praying for Walsall's churches in Vacancy yesterday, today we thank you for where new vicars have been recently appointed, for Holy Ascension Lower Farm and for St Thomas' Mossley, and for St Peter's Stafford Street; thank you for Amanda Mallen and Gareth Manser respectively, may you inspire and guide them in their new roles as they serve their local communities.