

Sunday 5th October 2025

16th Sunday after Trinity



DIOCESE OF
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 05th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Harvest Festival

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

4.00pm Holy Communion

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

Collect – 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

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 16

137

Lamentations 1.1-6

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10



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

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

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

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

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

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

Contact Details

Interim Minister: Revd Dr Tom Atfield

07453 527751

revdtom@yahoo.com

Licensed Reader: Christopher Harris

07941 961461

cjharrissinging@btinternet.com

Newsletter Editor: Christopher Harris

07941 961461

newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk

Licensed Reader: Kerry Debenham

01952 615367 (9.30-12)

admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk

Administrator: Kerry Debenham

01952 615367 (9.30-12)

admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk

Ecumenical Coordinator & Lay Funeral Minister:

Sue Rawlings

07715173634 Suerawlings12@gmail.com

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading

2nd Reading

Gospel

Harvest Services

05th October Trinity 16

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Philippians 4.4-9

John 6.25-35

05th October Lamentations 1.1-6

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

12th October Trinity 17

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Luke 17.11-19

19th October Trinity 18

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	06/10	Mark 12.28-34	Acts 19.8-20
Tuesday	07/10	Mark 12.35-end	Acts 19.21-end
Wednesday	08/10	Mark 13.1-13	Acts 20.1-16
Thursday	09/10	Mark 13.14-23	Acts 20.17-end
Friday	10/10	Mark 13.24-31	Acts 21.1-16
Saturday	11/10	Mark 13.32-end	Acts 21.17-36
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 at Holy Trinity Oakengates (1st Tuesday of each month)
- 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)

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

Additional Dates for Diaries

Mon	06/10	11.30am	Funeral of Brian Haynes at Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood
Wed	08/10	12.30pm	Funeral of Mary Harlow at Our Lady of the Rosary, Trench
Sat	11/10	6.00pm	Harvest Supper & Concert Wombridge Church
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	06/11	7.30pm	Concert by Key Change Choir at Holy Trinity Oakengates

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Muriel Gillam, Brian Haynes, Mary Harlow, 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.

Those whose years mind we keep

Priorslee

- 05/10 Richard Bailey, Iris Avery, Evelyn Goode, Linda James, Denis Warrender
- 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

- 05/10 Christopher George, Letitia Pidgeon, Arthur Speed, Doris Elkes, Vera Jones, Robert Jones, Howard Harper, George Lineton, Elizabeth Mottershaw, Julie Williams, Neville Jones, Alan Lovage, George Harris
- 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

- 05/10 Robert Jones, William (Bill) Wootton, Muriel Green, Thomas Evans, Lou Prescott, Margaret Brayne
- 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!

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/lzoEh>
#CyberProtect



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>

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.

We have learnt with sadness, of the death of Mrs Mary Harlow. Mary was well known locally within the wider Christian community. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday 8th October at 12.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Trench.

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.

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

Ecumenical Service

Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates
Monday 13th October
1.00pm

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.



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.



Wombridge Harvest Supper & concert by the Hadley & District Orpheus Male Voice Choir

Sat 11th October
 Supper from 6pm in the Parish Centre and concert commencing in Church at 7pm

Supper of Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings, followed by coffee & cake

Tickets £8 (Children £4)
 Contact Chris on 07930245773

Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood



Family Praise

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

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 😊

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

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 bottle & 1" 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





Available at: Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood

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

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.

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!

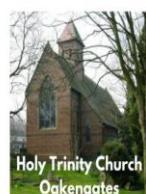
Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ

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.

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



**Wednesday
12 - 2 pm**

St. Peter's Priorslee Community

Every Thursday

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



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



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.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Its not too late to apply for your place at college!

Are you wondering what to do now?

Are you looking to further your education?

....then take a look at **Telford College!**

Attend the next open event Monday 6th October 5pm-730pm

<https://telfordcollege.ac.uk/events/open-event-october/>

Whether you are a school leaver or looking to upskill, let Telford College help you reach your potential and unlock a world of possibilities.

Apply now.....

Formed in 2017 from the merger of TCAT and New College Telford.

A lively and supportive campus purpose-built to offer one of the widest ranges of course choices anywhere in the region – from academic and vocational to apprenticeships, and much more!

Take a look at the website at www.telfordcollege.ac.uk for more information.

Proud to be named among the top 25% of providers nationally, with 96% of students receiving offers from their 1st choice university.



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.

The poster features a blue and white design with a central image of an open tomb. Above the image, the text reads 'Dawley Baptist Church' and 'Jesus the Evidence'. Below the image, a blue box contains the text: '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.' Below this, another blue box states: 'The evening will be presented by Derek McIntyre. Come, listen and find answers to your questions.' At the bottom, a white box provides the date and time: '28th October 7.30pm' and the location: 'Dawley Baptist Church, Park Road, Dawley Bank TF4 2BE'. A contact number '07534 452843' and website 'dawleybaptist.org.uk' are also listed.

SAVES
LISTENS
LOVES
LEARNES

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 285

discipleship
vocation
evangelism

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.

Sunday 5th October:

We commence a series of prayers for Tutbury Deanery, and do so by praying for each of the church schools located there; for All Saints Primary in Rangemore, for Holy Trinity Primary in Burton, for Needwood Primary in Newborough, for Richard Wakefield Primary in Tutbury, and for St Augustine's Academy in Draycott in the Clay. Lord, please rest your hand upon the staff and volunteers who work in all of our schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Monday 6th: *(William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Tutbury Deanery by lifting before you those churches currently in Vacancy. We pray for the beautiful village churches in the ART Benefice, those of Anslow Holy Trinity, Rolleston St Mary, and Tutbury St Mary. So too we pray for another beautiful village church on our borders with Derbyshire in Stretton St Mary, and its sister church of Burton St Chad. We pray that these vacancies may soon come to an end, with the right people found to work with these churches to lead them forward in their journey with you.

Tuesday 7th:

Lord, today we pray for the '[Welcome to the table - Connecting through Dementia](#)' gathering taking place in the Cathedral; may that and other opportunities serve to strengthen supporting relationships amongst those who care for and support those afflicted by dementia. So too we pray for today's [Consultation with the Walsall Assessors](#), for wisdom, compassion, and courage in making whatever decisions may have to be taken, and we also pray for a positive and helpful experience for all those attending the [Afternoon Tea with Evening Prayer](#) at St Chad's House in Leek.

Wednesday 8th:

We lift before you the Education Team's [Welcome to New School Leaders](#) happening today, for helpful ideas to be shared and constructive relationships to be formed. We pray for another [Consultation with Assessors, this time with those of Salop Archdeaconry](#), for your loving hand to guide the discussions held and decisions made. Lastly Lord, we thank you for this afternoon's gathering of the Community of Evangelists taking place in Whitchurch, and the chance to celebrate the many different ways they are using to enable people to '[Encounter Jesus in a market town](#)'.

Thursday 9th: *(Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250.*

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253.)

Lord, we pray for the '[We don't do it that way here](#)' session taking place in Lichfield, for constructive conversations about the way that churches do things, so that helpful changes may be enabled to flourish. We also lift before you this morning's gathering of the [Additional Needs Group](#), for a supportive experience for all those that care for children and young people with additional needs.

Friday 10th: *(Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644. Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674)*

Once again praying for Tutbury deanery, we raise before you some of Burton's town centre churches, for their own worshipping congregations and for the communities they serve. We pray for St Modwen's in the market place and with the college also nearby, for all those who gather in those places. We pray too for St John the Divine Horninglow and its sister church of St Paul's Burton, serving places like the local hospital and the town hall; please bless all those that work in those places as they serve the town and its people.

Saturday 11th: *(Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675. James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century.)*

We continue our prayers for Tutbury deanery by lifting before you some of the churches in the delightful villages to the south and west of Burton, for The Holy Angels church in Hoar Cross, and for their ministry and opportunities with the adjacent Hall. So too we pray for the benefice comprising of the two All Saints churches in Newborough and Rangemore, for St Augustine's in Draycott in the Clay, and St Werburgh's in Hanbury. Please keep your loving hand over all these churches and the communities that they serve.

**To get these prayer points delivered to your mobile automatically via the free PrayerMate app on iOS & Android [click here](#)
For prayer resources for the worldwide church see the Anglican cycle of prayer: anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx**