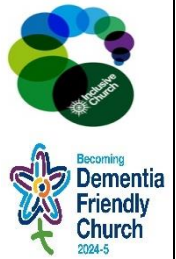




Sunday 17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day



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

Christ is risen – He is risen indeed – Alleluia!!

Services Sunday 17th May

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

11.00am Morning Worship

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

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

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME

After consultation with members of the congregation at St Peters it has been decided to change the service time for the afternoon services so they will start at 3pm in the Chapel at Holy Trinity Academy. This will also be a benefit in the darker months of the year so that people can be home before it gets dark.

Collect – 7th Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Sunday Readings

Psalm	68.1-10, 32-end
1 st Reading	Acts 1.6-14
2 nd Reading	1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11
Gospel	John 17.1-11



Services Sunday 24th May – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

3.00pm Holy Communion
(please note change of time...)

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

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

Services Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

Holy Trinity Oakengates

No Service

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No Service

St Georges Telford

6.00pm Choral Evensong *cancelled!*

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

No Service

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

No Service

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

10.30am Benefice Service & Baptism

Services Sunday 7th June

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

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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

Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Anne Plimmer, Annette Piercey, Barbara Brogan, Mary Hollingshead 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 and those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship. We offer prayers for people of countries affected by conflict, persecution and natural disaster.

At this time please pray for:

- Christian Aid and the work they carry out.
- Those taking SATS, GCSE's and examinations at this time
- Those living with dementia, the work of the Alzheimer's Society
- The unrest across the world and that peace will prevail over all
- Peace in our lives, our country and our world
- Pastoral care within the Benefice
- Our Church PCC's as they plan for the future
- Our Bishops Michael & Sarah and Archdeacon Nick



You have committed to our care those who live in this Benefice, Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to hear your voice and to follow you that we, and all your disciples, may grow in faith and love. Inspire, equip and enable us to play our part in your mission that your kingdom may come here in this Diocese.

We cannot know all the different people around us, but we ask that your Holy Spirit will guide us to those situations where we can minister something of your love and compassion. Help us to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and bring practical solutions to problems we encounter, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Sunday Readings	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
24 May <i>Pentecost</i>	Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21	John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39
31 May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end	2 Corinthians 13.11-end	Matthew 28.16-end
7 June <i>Trinity 1</i>	Genesis 12.1-9	Romans 4.13-end	Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

Daily Readings		Morning	Evening
Monday	18/05	Luke 7.36-end	1 John 2.18-end
Tuesday	19/05	Luke 8.1-15	1 John 3.1-10
Wednesday	20/05	Luke 8.16-25	1 John 3.11-end
Thursday	21/05	Luke 8.26-39	1 John 4.1-6
Friday	22/05	Luke 8.40-end	1 John 4.7-end
Saturday	23/05	Luke 9.1-17	John 15.26—16.5
Monday	25/05	Luke 9.18-27	Romans 1.1-17
Tuesday	26/05	Luke 9.28-36	Romans 1.18-end
Wednesday	27/05	Luke 9.37-50	Romans 2.1-16
Thursday	28/05	Luke 9.51-end	Romans 2.17-end
Friday	29/05	Luke 10.1-16	Romans 3.1-20
Saturday	30/05	Luke 10.17-24	Mark 1.1-13



Those whose years mind we keep

Priorslee

- 17 May** Lily Toll, Alfred Cadman, Barry Palin, William Hewson, Graham Fox, David Nicholas
24 May Derrick Dean, Walter Thompson, Margaret Ecclestone, Leslie Tyler, George Beynon, David Beynon, Lucy Beynon, Elsie Bassett, Leonard Whitehead
31 May Abbie Everitt, Bertie Dunston, Evelyn Jones

Oakengates

- 17 May** Jean Powell, James Dixon, Michael Tonks, Debra Elcocks, Thomas Barnes, Steven Elliot, Frederick Tranter, Constance Lewis, John Twigg, Frank Davies, Edwin Poole, Hannah Jones, Samuel Jukes
24 May Mandy Jones, Horace Gough, Tom Hargreaves, John Dawson, Cyril Wilkes, Thomas Hotchkiss, Callum Goring-Buckley, Frankie-Lea Goring-Buckley, Lea Shuttleworth, Kathleen Goddard, Eric Brown
31 May Minnie Biddulph, Alice Pearce, Minnie Walker, Mark Lyford, Harold Stokes, Dennis Talbot, William North, Dorothy York, Barry Riley

Wrockwardine Wood

- 17 May** Gordon Williams, Stephaine Petruszak, Gwendoline Johnson, Kimberley J McConnell, Charlie Oliver, Elizabeth Hyde, Raymond Price, Boswell Withers Johnson, Ruby Pritchard, Keith Latham, Alice Pearce, Frederick Silvester, Mark Jones, Frederick Millington, Jill Lynch, Robert Anstey, Deborah Fletcher, John Stanley, Barry Owen
24 May Maud Steventon, George Hall, William (Bill) Adlington, Millicent (Marie) Pownall, Reginald Holland, David McCutcheon, Reginald Pascall, Barry Naughton, John Burt, Ronald Bennett, Stefan Petruszak
31 May Elisabeth Sykes, Anthony (Tony) Maher, Charles Thorpe, John (Jack) Kingscott, Gladys Pratt, Alan Colby, Mark Beetlestone, Peter Oakley, Bryan Taylor, Ethel Lowe, Clark Biggs, Noah Latham, Barbara North, Ivy Bates, Alice Ralphs, Anthony Miller

Donnington Wood

- 17 May** William Hayward, Thomas Roberts, Allan Ellis, Joyce Wilde
24 May Richard Softley, Eileen Lackland, Harry Wilde, Edward Downing
31 May Luke Davies, Ronald Lord, Bernard Allen, Amelia Maley, Elizabeth Biddulph, Alice Stewart, Kevan Davies, Joan Shaw

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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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

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 HT W/Wood (Term time only)
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
12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates
7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4th Wed each month)
- Thu 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 10-11.00am St Georges Church open for chat & refreshments
12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1st Friday)
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3rd Saturday of month)

Additional Dates for Diaries

- Tue 19/05 10.30am Community Coffee Morning at Wombridge Church Parish Centre
- Tue 19/05 2.30pm Burial of Ashes of Ellen Roberts ay Holy Trinity Oakengates
- Wed 20/05 11.30am Funeral of Anne Plimmer at St Georges Church
- Wed 27/05 12.30pm Burial of Ashes of Doreen Glassey at St Georges Church
- Fri 29/05 12.30pm Funeral of Annette Piercey at Telford Crematorium
- Sat 30/05 11.00am Burial of Ashes of Carol Peake at St Matthews Donnington Wood

Future dates for the Year

Wombridge Church: 2026 Plan

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| Tue 19th May | 10.30am - 12.00pm | Community Coffee morning |
| Sat 11th July | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | The Ronnies |
| Tue 4 th Aug | | Outing to Molverley Church & lunch |
| Sat 19th Sep | 8.30am - 11.00am | Autumn Breakfast Bazaar |
| Sat 17th Oct | 6.00pm | Harvest Supper & Hadley & District MVC Concert |
| Sat 14th Nov | 6.00pm - 8.00pm | Beetle and Fish 'n' chips |
| Sat 5th Dec | 8.30am - 11.00am | Christmas Breakfast Bazaar |
| Sat 19th Dec | 4.00pm - 6.00pm | Christmas party |

St Peters Priorslee: 2026 Plan

Sat 6th June	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Posh Puddings & Entertainment at Priorslee Scout HQ
Sun 28 th June	4.00pm	Patronal Festival Service at Holy Trinity Academy
Sun 27 th Sept	4.00pm	Harvest Festival Service at Holy Trinity Academy
Sat 3 rd Oct	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Harvest Supper at Priorslee Scout HQ
Sat 28 th Nov	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Christmas Craft Fair at Priorslee Scout HQ
Thu 24 th Dec	1.00pm - 2.00pm 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Christmas Bring & Share Lunch at Place of Welcome followed by Christmas Eve Service at Priorslee Scout HQ

Holy Trinity Oakengates: 2026 Plan

Thur 25 th Jun	7.30pm	Key Change Choir Concert
Sat 4 th July	8.30am	Outing to Stratford
Sat 12 th Sept		Ride & Stride
Sat 3 rd Oct		Harvest Supper & Quiz
Sun 13 th Dec		Concert by the Ronnies

APCM's

Your Annual Parochial Church Meetings are currently taking place with some already happened. These are opportunities for us to look back over the last year and look forward to the next in a prayerful and thoughtful way. Dates as follows:-

Sun 26 th April	9.30am	St Georges Church during morning service
Sun 10 th May	10.30am	Holy Trinity Oakengates
Sun 10 th May	12.00pm	St Matthew's Donnington Wood
Wed 13 th May	1.30pm	St Peter's Priorslee at 3 Church Road TF29HF
Wed 13 th May	10.30am	Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
Tue 19 th May	12.30pm	Wombridge Church

These meetings allow us to see the big picture in a way that may not be possible at other times. APCM's are also the time to celebrate our shared ministries and commission people for the year ahead.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

The date for this year's visitation is Tuesday 7th July 2026 and the venue is St Mary Magdalene, Vicarage Fields, High Street, Albrighton. 6.30pm for registration, service at 7.30pm. It is important that ALL Churchwardens attend this service to be sworn into office. Please put the date and time in your diary.

SAFEGUARDING

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the utmost 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.

For more information: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding.php>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>

To report a Benefice concern please contact admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and Kerry will direct you to the relevant safeguarding officer.

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. Our Ministers are also available for Services at the Crematorium, contact your Funeral Directors for arrangements.

NEW BENEFICE ADMIN OFFICE OPENING TIMES

There will be a change to the hours where Kerry can be contacted in the office. The new hours will be 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday and Tuesday.

Kerry can be contacted by email – admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and phone – 01952 615367 She will respond to you promptly. Should you require printing or office help just give her a call or email and she will arrange to meet you at the office during these times.

BIBLE CHAT GROUP

The Bible Chat Group meet weekly at St Matthew's Church Donnington Wood on Wednesdays at 11.30am. The group uses the themes from the Everyday Faith App as a basis for discussion. If you would like to join these discussions please do attend as new friends are always welcome.

EVERYDAY FAITH APP

Everyday Faith is a Church of England app offering daily readings, reflections, responses and prayers under various themes; with each theme looking at where and how we meet God as we go about our lives. Faith is found in our joys and cares, in our challenges and conflicts as we lean into God's presence and guidance. You can download Everyday Faith from your app store.

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Messy church is taking a break in the East Telford Benefice

Messy church is taking a break and will return in September with a new time of 12:00 till 2pm. We are looking to build a new team of people who are happy to commit to joining Fiona and Kerry for the planning of sessions and helping one Saturday a month.

It has been difficult to maintain with such a small team, and we are hoping to be refreshed and ready to return with a new team in September. Please contact Fiona or Kerry if you are able to help.

We would also be grateful for helpers in setting up on the morning and tidying away after so if you didn't feel you wanted to help at the crafts but were happy to support with that or maybe in helping prep the lunch there is a role for you.

We know many of our churches have older people who have served for many years and are no longer up for helping out but we would be grateful if everyone could help with praying for Messy Church, the building of the new team and of course the families who come along. Kerry and Fiona are also happy to come along to your churches to talk about Messy Church and what it is and how when we are there, we can sow those first seeds in the children who join us and maybe even encourage the faith of some of the adults. If you have a service you would like us to attend just let us know.

Compline via Zoom

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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.*



Wombridge summer trip to Molverley Church followed by lunch - everyone welcome!

On Tuesday 4th August we will be visiting the beautiful timber-framed St Peter's Church in the village of Molverley, Shropshire. The current church was constructed in 1406 and is one of the oldest of its type in the UK. Set in a stunning position on the banks of the River Vyrnwy the location has been a place of worship for over 1,000 years and is a rare example of an early English church constructed of timber, wattle and daub. After the visit we will enjoy lunch together at a local venue. Lifts are available for this visit.



If you are interested, please contact Chris on 07930245773.



All are welcome to come along.

The next Service will be on
Monday 22nd June at 1.00pm
Venue to be confirmed

For more information about Ecumenical events
please contact Sue Rawlings.
07715173634suerawlings12@gmail.com

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 27th May
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.

Free Community Lunch
On the first Friday of each
month

12.30pm to 2.00pm

Wombridge Parish Centre

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 😊

Summer Trio of Teatime Treats



An Indulgence of Posh Puddings
Delicious food and live entertainment
Saturday 6th June • 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, Priorslee, TF2 9QQ
Adults £10.00 each (Choice of 3 desserts)
Tickets available from Fiona 07873 343008
or message via FaceBook - St Peter's Church Priorslee
email - stpeterspriorslee@btinternet.com

Holy Trinity Oakengates

presents

**Key Change Choir
in Concert**

An evening of Song

Thursday 25th June 2026 at 7-30pm



**YOUTH & CHILDREN'S LEADERS
GATHERING**

Date: Thursday 4th June
Location: Telford Minster
6pm - 7pm - Prayer & Worship
7pm - Dinner & Networking
Join us for an evening of celebration as we
support one another and seek God together.
Use the QR Code to book in

catalyst together Telford & Wrekin

Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates

Trip to Stratford upon Avon

Saturday 4th July

Meet at church 8.30am – Return 5.30pm

Tickets £20.00 per person

Contact Louvain Gatford 07806 447226

All proceeds to church funds



Community Coffee Morning

Tue 19th May

10.30am to 12.00pm

Wombridge Parish Centre

£2 for a cake and unlimited hot drinks!

Bric-a-brac, cakes, books, raffle, tombola, free quiz and ... a very warm welcome ☺



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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/

Pontesbury Garden Trail 17th May

Range of gardens open on Pontesbury Hill & nearby. On street parking in the village.

Church open: St George's SY5 0PP £7

(NEW) Sheinwood Manor 17th May

Sheinton Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6NR 2pm-5pm

Enchanted garden surrounded by woodland. Church open: St Peter & St Paul ST5 6DN £7

Stokesay Court 31st May

Onibury, Craven Arms SY7 9BD, 2-5pm.

This grand Victorian mansion with 20-acre grounds landscaped by E H Milner in 1892 were the setting for the award-winning film Atonement. Gardens feature a fountain lake and grotto, fine Rhododendrons, arboretum, pools and woodland walks.

Church: St Michael and All Angels SY7 9AW £6

Burcot Manor 7th June

Wrockwardine, Wellington, TF6 5DW, 2pm-5pm

The garden of herbaceous borders and shrubs wraps around the manor house with views to the Wrekin. Woodland walk and extensive walnut grove. Church open: St Peter's TF6 5DD. £7

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

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

Holy Trinity Church
Wrothamdown Wood

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

PLACE OF WELCOME

St. Peter's Priorslee Community

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

From the Deanery & Lichfield Diocese

Dementia Action Week Prayer

God of love,

I am not muddled, forgetful or angry really inside:
that's just how people may see me sometimes.

I am still a traveller like others but on a new unseen path,
holding a hand out to You.
I thank You for holding it.

And I am thankful for others' help, even touching my fingertips or simply connecting in their thoughts and prayers.

Your love holds, touches and connects us all.

Amen

Written by Jeremy Stretton,
Dementia Coordinator,
St Mary's Church Ellesmere



The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ippgrave, Bishop of Lichfield, says:

Praying for one another is the foundation of our life together before God, and it is something that transcends any limitations of words. As the work of the Holy Spirit within us, prayer reaches from and to the deepest parts of our souls, beyond all that we know of ourselves. I commend this simple prayer which reminds us of this mysterious and gracious reality in our lives.

Diocese of Lichfield Dementia-Friendly Churches and Schools Network

For Diocese of Lichfield Dementia-Friendly Church and School information and resources, see <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/inclusion/dementia-friendly-church/> and <https://www.ldbe.co.uk/becoming-dementia-friendly-schools/> or contact Sarah Thorpe, Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, Diocese of Lichfield sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org and 0798 224 8949



DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD



Week Beginning 17th May 2026

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 317

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, Iran and the wider Middle East.



Seeking the
Kingdom

Sunday 17th May:

Lord, as Dementia Action Week starts tomorrow, we lift before you all those we know and love that are living with it, and all those that care for them.

And a specific prayer for the week from Jeremy Stretton of St Mary's Ellesmere;

God of love, I am not muddled, forgetful or angry really inside: that's just how people may see me sometimes. I am still a traveller like others but on a new unseen path, holding a hand out to You. I thank You for holding it. And I am thankful for others' help, even touching my fingertips or simply connecting in their thoughts and prayers. Your love holds, touches and connects us all. Amen.

Monday 18th:

Lord, we pray for today's '[Soulspace](#)' workshop in Lichfield, exploring the possibilities of offering worship or other spiritual elements into existing social action or community activities. Lord, please grant us discernment and creativity when working in our communities so that opportunities to share our love for you may never be forced inappropriately, but also never go untaken.

Tuesday 19th: *(Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988)*

Lord, we lift before you today's gathering of the Mission and Discipleship Enablers Network; we pray that, by meeting together, those working in mission teams from dioceses across the country can learn from and support each other in the common priority "To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday".

So too we pray for today's Wolverhampton Area Mission and Pastoral Committee, please grant wisdom and discernment over all the decisions that may have to be taken.

Wednesday 20th: *(Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804)*

We pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee as it gathers this afternoon, please guide and inspire all those involved in the decisions that have to be made. Lord, please guide each of us to use your buildings for your purposes. This evening we also pray for the diocese's group of Discipleship Enablers as they explore Christian Life in Practice; please continue to guide both them and us in helping how we live our lives on earth to become that little bit closer to how you lived yours.

Thursday 21st: *(Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330)*

We join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship today in [Praying for the 34,000](#); Lord we indeed pray to see more people coming to know you, and wanting to further their discipleship journey of always wanting to further their walk you.

Also, as we remember St Helena's role in protecting the holy places of Jerusalem, a prayer of King David from Psalm 122;

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Friday 22nd:

Today we pray for Jonathan Nicholas as he is licensed at All Saints Alrewas in Lichfield. Lord, please guide Jonathan as he settles in this church and starts to serve both here and at St Stephen's Fradley, and bless him with positive relationships in these churches and communities where he serves to build your Kingdom in these places.

Saturday 23rd:

Today we pray for Jenny Mayo as she is licensed at St Mark's Shelfield in Walsall. Lord, please guide Jenny as she moves across Walsall, and bless her with positive relationships in the church and community where she serves to build your Kingdom in that place.

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