

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 56

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Our prayers take forwards the 'SHAPING FOR MISSION' Deanery focus. As 'People of Hope' we remain mindful of the implications of Covid-19, both locally and globally.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> April:** (*Mark the Evangelist*) We give thanks for the Diocesan Day of Prayer and for all who participated in prayer; today we pray for the **Oswestry Deanery**, for Rural Dean-Paul Darlington, Assistant Rural Dean – Harvey Gibbons and Lay Chair- Jacqui Clarke; praying for the town of Oswestry and all the surrounding villages including those which straddle the Welsh border; for ministry within the 20 churches and for good links with the 8 church schools.

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>:** **Shaping for Mission:** for the SfM facilitator Steve Hollinghurst and for the SfM team; for confidence in the gospel and making it known; for all matters around multi-generational church; for wisdom to see the best way forward with all the buildings to be used for discipleship, evangelism and training.

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>:** (*Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*) for Matt Barkley in his role as Pioneer Youth Minister for Oswestry Rural Youth Church; that he may be resourced and guided by God's Spirit in this ministry; praising God for the growth seen during 2020 and the relationships made with families and young people; that relationships may be made by local churches with those who have had little contact previously with their local church and have connected through ORYC events and are now seeking.



**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>:** (*Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841*) pray for Matthew Gobbett, a former St Chad's Volunteer from Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan, who was based at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry; giving thanks for the positive experience of Christian formation he received and for him as he discerns God's way forward; for the Bishop of Qu'Appelle Rob Hardwick as he retires in July.



**Thur 29<sup>th</sup>:** (*Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380*) for the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital and for Revd Simon Airey in his work as Chaplain; for all who have experienced high levels of stress over recent months and for the staff and patients as they adjust to changing circumstances.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:** (*Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*) **Schools:** For the eight church schools in the Deanery, for Oswestry School and the spiritual needs of the teachers and pupils giving thanks for the resumption of chapel services after a gap of over a year.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** (*Philip and James, Apostles*) for Oswestry Deanery as it moves towards the vision setting phase of Shaping for Mission; for those leading and participating in the centrally organised Vision Setting sessions.

For further resources for praying for the worldwide church see the Anglican Cycle of prayer: <https://bit.ly/3anQUWG>

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Diocesan Day of Prayer. For reports, photos and words of encouragement visit the Diocesan [Facebook Group](#)