

SEPTEMBER 2025

Diocesan 24 Hours of Prayer

We are again taking part in this event, though our slot is very early morning. Why not join one of the slots, ours, your deaneries, or even our overseas links. The timetable can be found on the diocesan website.

Our prayer sessions are 4.30am and 7.30am on Thursday 2nd October.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85290644727?pwd=F6h8nuUaFSEqEfU1XjEjL9r67CMnhI.1>

The Gathering

On Saturday 1st November we gather at Doxey for our last meeting of this year, the Autumn Gathering. 10am for coffee/tea, 10:30am start until 2pm finish. Enjoy fellowship as we eat lunch, remembering to pack your own.

After the business meeting and lunch there will be a session to interact with trustees answering questions and sharing information for 2026.

There will also be paperwork to take away for branches regarding membership renewal and end of year reporting.

VOLUNTEERS

We'd love to have more people involved in planning the future of our dioceses work.

- writing a prayer
- delivering a Christmas card
- relaying news about the Mothers Union
- making tea and coffee at meetings
- helping with MUE (our shop)
- represent Lichfield in online meetings (only a few a year)

If we depend on a very small number of members, we are unable to showcase our involvement in our communities.

Deb's Notes

I know for many we are coming into our busiest time of the year, but it is also the time many people turn to prayer. Our daily prayers, I'm sure, cover such a multitude of subjects, and each have our own prayer style. I invite all to revisit the five individuals we prayed for during thy kingdom come or even pick an area of need you don't usually include.

Prisons week this year falls on the 12th -18th October and the theme is 'God's word is not chained!'. For me this year takes on a fresh perspective as my branch was lucky enough to be invited into our local young offender's institution to share an afternoon tea. Its some years since I spent some time there but was made to feel comfortable and welcome. Our prayers in branch are for all inmates, families, workers and clergy but now especially focus on those we met and got to know a little more.

I am, as usual, out and about this month visiting branches and speaking at services but I am also looking forward to being with everyone who will be at our Autumn Gathering. See you there.



Newsletter Articles

Please continue to send your news, photos, and information about events to the office to be included in the next newsletter.

Quiet Day

Thank you to Val Hicks who led, and St. Chad's who hosted, our September Quiet Day. I'm sure those who attended enjoyed this time of self-reflection and fellowship. Next year we plan to hold more quiet days around the diocese why not join us or even think about hosting.



Prisons Week

12th – 18th October

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of change. We thank you that no matter how far people drift away or have fallen, through finding you we can always change. Help us recognise opportunities to reconnect and share your words of love. Amen

Upcoming Diary Dates

September 29 th	Prayers for Stoke deanery
October 6 th	Prayers for Stone deanery
October 13 th	Prayers around Prisons week
October 20 th	Prayers for Lichfield Trustees
October 27 th	Prayers for Tutbury deanery
November 1 st	Autumn Gathering
November 3 rd	Prayers for Uttoxeter deanery

Christmas cards

Please help us ensure we can deliver cards to all those in prison who wish to receive one. Many cards are still needed, as well as help to drop them off at the prisons.

Wording for the cards: **'with love and prayers from the Mothers' Union'**.

Cards need to be in the office for 3rd November.

Recycling

Any donations of jewellery, watches, mobile phones, currency or stamps will be gratefully received.

Prayers

To request prayers for yourself, someone else, or any situation, please contact Deb or the Office.

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Please call if you intend to visit to ensure Adrian is available.