



Autumn Gathering

Our next in person Gathering is on Saturday 7th November at Doxey. The venue will be open with tea and coffee available from 10am and the meeting will start at 10.30am.

Please bring packed lunches.

An opening service will be followed by the usual business meeting and after lunch our own Megan Pittwood will be speaking.

Homeless Appeal

As in previous years, we hope our members will join together donating socks, gloves, scarves etc. for our local homeless charities because Life Does Really Suck Without Socks.

Please bring any donations to the Autumn Gathering. Let's set ourselves a goal of 150 pairs of socks for our 150th Year!



Deb's Notes

Even though we are in the midst of our celebratory year, planning is underway for 2027.

We hope as many members as possible can join us for the Autumn gathering where the usual paperwork will be distributed.

Let's continue to pray for Bishop Michael and Julia's future and our incoming 100th Bishop of Lichfield.

Deb's 150 Challenge

During 2026, our 150th Year, I am trying to attend 150 events. Every month I will let you know how far I've got. So far...

114. Branch meeting
115. Garden party at home
116. PCC meeting
117. Faith zoom
118. New online branch
119. Waterfall branch
120. Trustee meeting
121. Britain & Ireland zoom
122. Cluster meeting
123. Provincial management meeting
124. Quiet day in Oswestry
125. Prisons meeting
126. 150th Check-in zoom
127. Modern Day Slavery zoom
128. Finance planning meeting
129. Joint National Communion
130. Installation of new vicar at St Andrew and St Thomas, Doxey
131. General finance meeting
132. Penkridge celebratory service
133. Provincial management meeting
134. Finance management call
135. Bishop Michael's farewell service

Newsletter Articles

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

Prisons Week

Running from 11th to 17th October, our prayers centre around prisoners, their families, and prison staff.

Matthew 22: 1-14

ALL ARE INVITED

There's a place for you

A poster is available with guidance for each day's prayers. Please see the website or ask the office.

www.prisonsworld.org

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If you have any written Christmas cards for prisoners, please bring them to the Autumn Gathering.

Road Trip

Our Road Trip around the Walsall Archdeaconry is now in planning, and we hope to meet and share prayers with as many groups as possible.

The Road Trip is planned for Thursday 15th October, and Deb will be phoning around to confirm times in coming week.

24 Hours of Prayer

We join again with the Diocese in supporting 24 hours dedicated to Prayer on 21st – 22nd October. Our time slots will be publicised on Facebook once they are confirmed.

Excitingly, we hope to be joining in person with Richard Barratt, who will be based at Shallowford House.

Upcoming Prayer Diary Dates

5th October – Prayers for Stone Deanery

12th October – Prayers for Prisons week (11th-17th)

19th October – Prayers for Parents week (19th-23rd)

26th October – Prayers for Tutbury Deanery

4th November – Remembrance week

Our New Online Branch

Our new online branch meets on the first Thursday of each month on zoom at 2pm. The link to join via zoom is available.

Any member, Diocesan or Branch, can join in this new fellowship and prayer group.

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We are now taking orders for Christmas, calendars, diaries etc. Please get in touch with Ann, Deb, or the office. Orders received before 15th October will be available for collection at the Autumn Gathering.

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.