



LEICESTER
MARTIN'S
CATHEDRAL

Monthly Prayer Diary
October 2009

Please use this prayer diary to help you pray for the life, work and wider ministry of Leicester Cathedral, its staff and community.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

(Ephesians: 6, 18)

Thursday 1st October

Pray for the Venerable Richard Atkinson, Archdeacon, Jane Easton, Diocesan Secretary and the staff of Church House and Bishop's Lodge.

Continue to pray for the Pilgrims Association Conference, and for Canon David Monteith and Janet Ingram attending the last day today.

Pray for all those attending and taking part in the Harp Recital at St Nicholas' Church today.

Friday 2nd October

Pray for the students, both, returning to and starting their first year at our city universities this week, pray particularly for all those attending the Breathe installation at De Montfort University Freshers' Week.

Pray for today's Environment Discussion Event with Bishop Tim and local MPs at the cathedral today, pray for wisdom and discernment in finding our Christian response to the environmental issues facing our city and world today.

Saturday 3rd October

Pray for all those, including several from the Cathedral community who are studying the Certificate of Christian Discipleship course through the Diocesan School for Ministry.

Sunday 4th October

Pray for the Right Revd Bishop Tim Stevens, Bishop of Leicester, the Right Revd Bishop Christopher Boyle, Assistant Bishop, and the Right Revd Colin Scott, Honorary Assistant Bishop.

Pray for the Friends of Leicester Cathedral, as they attend evensong this afternoon.

Monday 5th October

*May God
Almighty direct
our days in his
peace, and grant
us the gifts of his
blessing; may he
deliver us in all
our troubles, an
establish our
minds in the
tranquillity of his
peace; may he so
guide us through
things temporal
that we finally
lose, not the
things eternal.
(Gregorian
Sacramentary 6th
Century)*

Pray for the full meeting of the Cathedral Community Committee, and for their chair Dr Edward Bampton.

Pray for the Christ in the Centre Committee, and the Retail / Workplace Chaplaincy Prayer meeting, both taking place today.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
(1 Peter 1; 3-4)*

Tuesday 6th October

Pray for the Very Revd Vivienne Faull, Dean of Leicester.

Pray for the St Martin's Cathedral Properties Board meeting, looking at Business Plan proposals for St Martin's House, and also

for the Square Group, working with Jo Griffin-Shaw of Pick Everard in drawing up a master plan for the Square.

Pray for Canon Barry Naylor and all those attending the "Love's Labour" Study Day on Evangelism at Southwark Cathedral today.

Wednesday 7th October

Pray for those students and schools visiting today, with the Leicester Business Company looking at roles and jobs in the Cathedral Community.

Pray for the Mission Partnership Coordinators' Meeting today and for the continued development of mission partnerships and the Shaped by God process.; pray also for the Estate and Inner City Clergy meeting today.

Thursday 8th October

Pray for Trevor Thurston-Smith, Bishops Chaplain to People with HIV. Pray for the "LiFE", Leicester Fresh Expressions, meeting today and for all those involved in Fresh Expressions of Church, throughout the diocese. Pray for all those attending the Mission Shaped ministry course this year.

Friday 9th October

Pray for the Cathedral staff, Francis Brown, Julie Tyler, Chris Flemming, Julia Unna, and Claire Recordon.

Pray for today's meeting of the Education Focus Group working on visit programmes for schools to the Cathedral.

Saturday 10th October

Pray for the Cathedral Square Project staff team: Pete Hobson, Danni Blair, Stephanie Henderson-Barrett and Tony Prince, pray for the continued development of this project.

Sunday 11th October

As we celebrate our Diocesan Harvest Service, pray for our farming communities throughout Leicester, and for all involved

in the manufacture provision, and distribution of food. Pray for our "ThanksGIVING", and for discernment and generosity as we all consider our giving to the life, work and ministry of this Cathedral.

Monday 12th October

*Unless the eye catch fire
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch
fire
God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire
God will not be known.
(William Blake)*

Lord our God, You breathe new life into your people, inspire us as we develop cathedral Square so that it may be full of new life. Help us to make it a place of welcome, a place where all people can flourish, a place of prayer, of laughter, and of wonder, a place which gives glory to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Cathedral Square Prayer)

Pray for our Youth and Children's work, for LYC, Leicester Youth Cathedral, CHALK, Children at Leicester 'K'athedral, for Janet Ingram and her ministry within the Cathedral.

Tuesday 13th October

Pray for today's meeting of the Cathedral Council.

Pray for the Cathedral Vergers, Peter Collett, David Spencer and Kevin Tinklin.

Wednesday 14th October

Pray for the Godly Play Network to be held in the Cathedral, to support

those beginning or continuing this story-telling in their churches or schools.

Thursday 15th October

Pray for Julie-Ann Heath, Workplace Chaplain.

Pray for today's meeting of the City Deanery Synod, pray for David Brookes and Elizabeth Wayne as members of Deanery Synod.

Friday 16th October

Pray for the Canon David Monteith, Cannon Chancellor.

Pray for the Education Focus Group, meeting today.

Saturday 17th October

Pray for today's Called Together service, and for all those called to a Licensed Lay Ministry within our diocese.

Pray for the Cathedral Wardens, Canon Myra Chamberlain, Canon Michael Black, Colin Entwistle and Canon George Joseph.

Pray for the Cathedral Sides-people and welcomers.

Sunday 18th October

Pray for the Canons Theologian of Leicester Cathedral, Tony Thistleton, Andrew Wingate, Judith Maltby and Tim Jenkins.

Pray for Terence Cocks, Archivist and Phillip Dixon, Archaeologist and

all concerned with the Cathedrals history.

Monday 19th October – Luke, Evangelist.

Pray for our boy and girl choristers and for the Cathedral Songmen.

Pray for all those attending the Workplace Chaplaincy Lunch at St Nicholas' today, pray for this important and developing area of outreach and ministry and for the Cathedrals place in this work.

Tuesday 20th October

*Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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.
(Common Worship)*

Pray for today's meetings of the Finance Committee and the Cathedral Chapter.

Pray for Jonathan Gregory, Director of Music, Simon Headley, Assistant Organist, David Cowen, Associate Organist and Matt Haynes, Animateur.

Wednesday 21st October

Pray for Canon Stephen Foster, Canon Precentor.

Pray for the congregation and community at St Margaret's Church and for their Standing Committee meeting today.

Pray for the Campaign for Human Rights in the Philippines Lecture and Discussion with the mother of a disappeared journalist today, pray for Canon Barry Naylor in his role as Honorary President of this campaign.

Thursday 22nd October

Pray for the Cathedral Servers, Matthew Newman, Head Server and Clive Watts, Deputy Head.

Pray for the Cathedral Bell-ringers, Chris Rudge, Captain of the Tower.

Pray for the volunteers and staff of Cards For Good Causes and for the shop within the Cathedral, give thanks for the money raised for so many charities through this initiative. In particular give thanks for 50 years of Cards For Good Causes including 10 years here at Leicester Cathedral.

Friday 23rd October

Pray for the Cathedral Sub-Deacons, Edward Bampton, Claire Bampton, Ann Reddecliffe, Kathryn Noble, Diana Belton and Richard Belton.

Saturday 24th October

*My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.
(Luke 2: 30-32)*

Pray for Dr Michael Phillips, Reader and for Don Letts Reader Emeritus.

Pray for the Christian Aid Music Day at St. Margaret's Church today, pray for the continuing work of Christian Aid throughout the world.

Sunday 25th October

Pray for the St Peters Singers visiting the Cathedral today and singing as part of our worship at both Cathedral Eucharist

and Evensong.

Monday 26th October

Pray for Canon Barry Naylor, Urban Canon.

Tuesday 27th October

Give thanks for the many volunteers involved with Leicester Cathedral, for all they do to maintain this Cathedral Church, its life, ministry and mission

Wednesday 28th October – Simon and Jude, Apostles.

Pray for the churches of Leicester city centre; in particular pray for today's Abbey and Holy Spirit Team staff meeting.

Thursday 29th October

Pray for the Cathedrals preparations and planning for the Advent season and for the many additional services and concerts that will be held during this time. Pray especially for the liturgy and music department during this busy period of planning and preparation.

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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.

(Common Worship)

Friday 30th October – All Saints Day

Pray for the Leicester Cathedral Chapter, as they meet together for an away day, this evening and tomorrow, pray for wisdom, guidance and discernment in their deliberations.

Saturday 31st October

Pray for Robert O'Brien, one of our Cathedral Belringers, and for Sarah Smeaton, to be married at the Cathedral today, give thanks for their marriage and pray for their future lives together.

Almighty God, you called Saint Martin to the Christian way by revealing to him the powerful love of Jesus Christ in compassion for the poor and destitute:

Bless this Cathedral Church, that in the offering of ourselves to you, many lives will be enriched and fulfilled by the abundant gifts of your Holy spirit, in love and joy and peace that last forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen