

Please pray for 'Carols for the Business Community' happening at lunchtime and after work today in the cathedral. Organised and promoted by ChaplaincyPlus, both services draw hundreds from the business community to celebrate Christmas and hear a clear Christian message. Please pray that the truth will be clearly heard by all.

Prayer is central to the work of Mothers' Union. Each day, at midday, members pause to pray. The Wave of Prayer is an expression of commitment to partners throughout the world. Please pray that members may be strengthened to stand up for justice and peace and be signs of God's reconciling love in the world.

Please pray for The Revd Canon Faith Claringbull in her role as Director of Ordinands. Give thanks for the bubbling up of new vocations throughout Church of England - Birmingham and pray that resources will be found to fund the 50% increase in new clergy for which Archbishop Justin is asking.

The Revd Toby Crowe, Elmdon Church, asks for prayers as they look at ways of developing their evangelistic work amongst children and families. Specifically, please ask God to give them the resources of both leaders and finance that they need to do this, in the best and most effective way.

## Sunday 11 December Advent

A year ago Moseley Deanery enjoyed a truly uplifting Pilgrimage to St Philip's Cathedral, as part of the tercentenary celebrations. For those who arrived early there was the added bonus of joining in Christingle making, and for those who just happened to visit the cathedral that day



we hope that there was a real sense of being welcomed into a vibrant and faithful Christian community. Prayer and creative activities were set up at stations around the cathedral, and the worship helped us to prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas.

Please pray with us that all who venture up to and through the doors of our churches this Advent will know they are welcome and that God is here.

Bishop David is attending the meeting of the House of Bishops at Lambeth Palace today. We pray for the presentations, updates and discussions that will take place. We pray for the bishops as they discern and set the overall vision for the church.

### Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

The Revd Ian Shelton, Area Dean, Warley writes: *Please pray for churches where readers and wardens bear primary pastoral and administrative responsibility at present, and also for the exploration of how the Jesus Shaped People initiative might be developed in the context of Warley deanery.*

## Anglican Communion

**Sunday 11 December:** Kericho - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Jackson Ole Sapit

**Monday 12 December:** Khartoum - (Northern, Sudan) The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo

**Tuesday 13 December:** Bishop of Kibondo - (Tanzania)

**Wednesday 14 December:** Kibungo - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ntazinda

**Thursday 15 December:** Kigali - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Louis Muvunyi

**Friday 16 December:** Kigeme - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Mvunabandi

**Saturday 17 December:** Kigezi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Bagamuhunda