

Please pray for the staff and cadets of Training Ship Stirling, Shard End and all Sea Cadet units in our diocese and for the chaplains that provide pastoral care to adult volunteers and young people. Please pray for strengthening of links between chaplains serving the Forces community and that the Armed Forces Covenant be honoured in Birmingham.

William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536

Today there is an induction day for new clergy at Bishops Croft. Pray for these new curates and vicars as they begin their ministry in our diocese; that they would quickly settle into their new roles, feel supported by excellent relationships and have a clear vision for the work ahead that God has called them to.

Today is the 'World Day for Decent Work'. Please pray for those around the world and locally, who work in atrocious conditions for little reward. Pray that politicians, leaders and employers can see that they have a role in engendering work that is a fulfilment of divine potential.

The West Midlands Combined Authority is beginning its work on regional issues: transport, jobs, mental health and public sector reform. Please pray for its leaders, staff and relationships with local communities in its area. Please pray for those preparing to stand as Mayor for next year.

Anglican Communion

Sunday 2 October: The Church of the Province of West Africa
The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA,
Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi

Monday 3 October: Hyderabad - (Pakistan) The Rt Revd
Kaleem John

Tuesday 4 October: Ibadan - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Most Revd Joseph
Akinfenwa

Wednesday 5 October: Ibadan North - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd
Segun Okubadejo

Thursday 6 October: Ibadan South - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd
Jacob Ajetunmobi

Friday 7 October: Ibba - (Minye, Sudan) The Rt Revd Wilson Elisa
Kamani; Idah - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Musa

Saturday 8 October: Idaho - (IX, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd
Brian Thom

Sunday 2 October The environment

(Prayer from "Laudato Si",
encyclical letter of Pope
Francis on Care for our
Common Home, 2015)



We pray for the environment at the start of the month remembering St Francis who lived out an integral ecology with joy and authenticity, showing particular concern for God's creation and the poor. We thank God for the influence of St Francis today and that like him we may seek simple lifestyles that do not cost the earth.

*God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!*

We pray for all those who govern at local, national and global levels, particularly thinking of our own Council leaders. Please pray for all attending the Conservative Party Conference at the ICC in Birmingham this week. Pray for those who facilitate learning and the staff at the ICC who work to make conferences successful and bring national and international visitors to Birmingham.

Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

Please pray for the churches who are 'in facilitation' with a 'Growing Younger Facilitator'. Pray for wisdom as they go through this process and a sense of expectation as they move towards developing a more vibrant children's and families' ministry.