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Prayers for the Archbishop's visit

We asked our church schools to write some prayers for the Archbishop's visit based around his three priorities.

We chose two winners on the theme of prayer. Please do use these in your pew sheets and as a way to publicise and pray for the visit.

Show me how to pray

Let me take the light of your love forth into the world, O Lord, and shine it into the darkness of sin. Let me show to the people whose lives are enshrouded in the midst of uncertainty and despair, the loving friendship that Jesus Christ your Son showed to us in the brief time he spent on this earth before ascending to join you at his glorious resurrection.

Let me learn to trust you with all my heart and teach others to do the same. Teach me to be accepting but at the same time to know, say and do what is right and what is your biding. Remind me that fear need not be mine as you will always stand by my shoulder and advise me of how to live; protect me from harm that may come by me, and encircle me with your ever forgiving love.

Please keep us, the sheep of the good shepherd, to the straight and true path that leads to your kingdom of eternal joy. Through the meanders of life lead us Lord, and guide us past the temptation of evil. Though the road may be hard and at times may be bleak, keep us striving Father, striving towards the very glowing core of your greatness.

Amen

*Olive Rowe aged 10
Pendock CE Primary*

A prayer about prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for giving us the ability to pray for ourselves and others.
Sorry that sometimes we don't make room to pray in our lives, so please please help us to pray more regularly.
We ask you Lord to keep listening and sticking with us.

Amen

*Natalie Parsons. aged 10
St James CE Primary, Wollaston*

Watch Youth Officer, Simon Hill explain what's happening at [Craft, stories and fun for families in Redditch](#) when the Archbishop visits.

Archbishop Justin in conversation with BBC Radio 2's Jeremy Vine

Friday 7 October, 7pm Worcester Arena WR2 5JN ([Map](#))



This is a great opportunity to bring friends to come and listen to the Archbishop talk about his life and faith ‘in conversation’ with the BBC journalist, Jeremy Vine. Audience members will have the chance to ask questions and there will be a performance from a choir put together from local church schools. Tickets: £5 available from [Ticketline](#) or by phoning 0844 888 9991.

Jeremy Vine is presenter, broadcaster and journalist. He is best known as the host of his own BBC Radio 2 programme which presents news, views, interviews with live guests and popular music. He is known for his direct interview style, and exclusive reporting from war-torn areas throughout Africa.

Craft, stories and refreshments for families

Saturday 8 October, 1.30pm St Stephen’s Church,
Redditch B97 4DY ([Map](#))

Archbishop Justin will join this event for families, which will be based around the story of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14: 22-36).

Bring the children to have a go at the crafts, play on the bouncy castle, listen to the story told by the Archbishop, and enjoy tea and cake together.

Prayer walk and Songs of Praise event

Sunday 9 October, 2.30pm Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Dudley
DY5 1QX ([Map](#))

Archbishop Justin will be walking around Merry Hill shopping centre, offering to pray for those visiting. We hope that lots of people from parishes will then join us for a short ‘songs of praise’ type event, with prayers, songs and a short reflection from the Archbishop.

Come along and let’s show that the Christian community is flourishing in Dudley and the surrounding areas!



Archbishop of Canterbury's visit - we need your prayers!

7 - 9 October 2016

We would love people across the Diocese to be **praying continuously for the duration of the Archbishop's visit!**

There is a [24/7 prayer calendar](#) set up for parishes and individuals to sign up for 1 hour slots. Please [email Sam](#) to let her know when you'd like to do.

Find out more below about the three public events during the Archbishop's visit, which we hope as many people as possible will support.

We have a [dedicated page on the website](#) for the visit. [Download the poster](#) and share this [short video](#) to help promote these events.



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