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## **Ash Wednesday - 22nd February 2012**

Bishop Jonathan of Lichfield is encouraging parishes to use **Ash Wednesday** as a day of prayer for the Diocese. He would like parishes to consider using the priorities at the heart of the Diocesan Mission Statement as a focus for prayer.

The strap line is: Lichfield Diocese Going for Growth

And the 5 Themes for Growth are:

1. Discovering the Heart of God
2. Growing Disciples
3. Reaching New generations
4. Transforming Communities
5. Practising Generosity

The church will be open from 11.00am til 3.00pm.

Beginning at 11.00am, and then every hour until 3.00pm - each theme will be prayed for an hour.

The sessions will begin with a short reflection followed by times of silence for reflection.

Come and go as you are able.

Because this is 'hot off the press', I am looking for volunteers to help me set up prayer stations in and around the Church, and people to lead a reflection at the start of each session.

If I begin and end the day, I need 3 more people to volunteer to lead reflections.

If you can help, please contact Revd David O'Brien.

With Ash Wednesday signalling the beginning of lent, I also propose to use the 5 Themes for Growth as reflections for our **Lent Bible Studies**. These will take place on Monday Evenings 7.30pm at the Vicarage. Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Everybody Welcome

*Revd David*

**PS** There will still be a **Service of Ashing** in the evening at **7.30pm**.