



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

THREE WEEKS - SUNDAYS
15th, 22nd & 29th August 2021



We are three inclusive Anglican churches where you are always welcome
May God's blessing be upon you

We believe in an inclusive Church - church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race, age or sexuality. We believe in an hospitable Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is inherently Eucharistic and sacramental, scripturally faithful but open to new insights; which seeks to proclaim and apply the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

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For baptism and wedding bookings and other enquiries

Office hours: Thursdays 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Please telephone beforehand to avoid a wasted journey

PLEASE NOTE LYNNE IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE 22-28 AUGUST 2021





Sunday 15th August 2021 – Trinity 11 – The Blessed Virgin Mary



St Giles' 09:30 Said Eucharist (CW) The Revd Mal Hawksworth
St Mary's 11:30 Said Eucharist for Patronal Festival The Revd Val Hicks
St Bart's 18:30 Evening Worship Dr Trevor James

Bible Lessons: Isaiah 61: 10-end p748 Galatians 4: 4-7 p1170 Luke 1: 46-55 p1026

COLLECT (BCP) Trinity 11 *O God, who declares thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) The Blessed Virgin Mary *Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son; grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.*

Friday 20th August Wedding of Peter Kidd & Cheska Brown at St Mary's Weeford

Saturday 21st August Wedding of Dean Geoghegan & Louise Mellor at St Mary's Weeford



Sunday August 22nd 2021 – Trinity 12

St Giles' 09:30 Said Eucharist (BCP 1662) The Revd Canon Brian Maguire
St Mary's 11:30 Said Eucharist The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

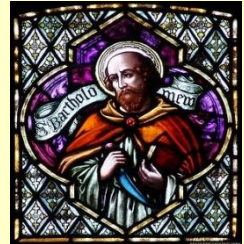
Bible Lessons: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43 p345 Ephesians 6: 10-20 p1177 John 6: 58-69 p1071

COLLECT (BCP) Trinity 12 *Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Trinity 12 *God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us; remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

St Bart's 18:30 Tuesday 24th August
Evening Compline for Patronal Festival
Dr Trevor James

A Prayer to Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, for **Grace**. O Glorious Saint Bartholomew, Jesus called you a person without guile and you saw in this word a sign that he was the Son of God and King of Israel. Obtain for us the grace to be ever guileless and innocent as doves. At the same time, help us to have your gift of faith to see the Divine hand in the events of daily life.



Sunday August 29th 2021 – Trinity 13

St Giles' 09:30 Said Eucharist (BCP 1662) The Revd Canon Brian Maguire
11:00 Baptism of Alfie Deakin The Revd Canon Pat Maguire
St Mary's 11:30 Said Eucharist The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 p679 James 1: 17-end p1213 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 p1010

COLLECT (BCP) Trinity 13 *Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Trinity 13 *Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



We pray by name for:

Margaret Lenton, Pat Gumbley, Baby Teddy Roy Wigley

Promoted to glory:

Janine Brammer

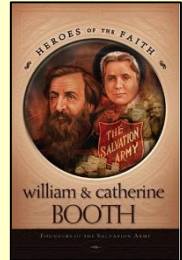
In faith and love we pray and respond to the needs of the world...

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Anglican Church of South America and Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

For the Diocese of Kuching within the Province of S E Asia, for Diocesan Bishop Donald Jute and for his responsibilities within the wider Anglican Communion; for Assistant Bishop Nelson Ugas; for the Zoom Global Conversation which took place on 11th with Lichfield Diocese; we join in the month of Prayer for Malaysia leading up to Malaysia Day on 16th September.

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE BOOTH – JOINT FOUNDERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY. “While women weep, as they do now, I’ll fight. While little children go hungry, as they do now, I’ll fight. While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I’ll fight. While there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I’ll fight. I’ll fight to the very end!”



Lichfield Diocese: Our prayers take forwards the ‘SHAPING FOR MISSION’ Deanery focus. As ‘People of Hope’ we remain mindful of the implications of Covid-19, both locally and globally.

‘Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to bless our advocacy at the EU. We pray that the EU Member States, which have demonstrated their commitment to protecting human rights through the new sanctions programme, would speak out against injustice and stand united on behalf of all facing discrimination on account of their religious beliefs’. *(Taken from the Christian Solidarity Worldwide Prayer Diary, used by several parishes throughout the Diocese).*

Give thanks that so many people within the Lichfield Deanery have come back to church after the long Pandemic, and for genuine enthusiasm and a willingness to co-operate among the congregations as we consider new ideas, as well as reviving old activities. We pray at this time of change in the Lichfield Deanery for those in interregnum, especially ourselves, for the challenges of extra work for Churchwardens, parish profiles, selection process, for guidance, patience, the ability to seek the views of others, listening to and understanding each other.

We give thanks that we are now able to celebrate weddings and baptisms - joyful occasions bringing our churches alive again with hope for the future. We ask for guidance in choosing the right ministers who can lead us through change and help us tackle the challenges of meeting the needs of existing parishioners and encouraging and welcoming new individuals and families - with a real desire to tell our communities about God’s love for them.

Prayer Cycle: Week 5. Community facilities and institutions in Whittington:

The Parish Council; the Church Council; St Giles' Church and the Thomas Spencer Hall; the Defence Medical Services; the Primary School; St Giles' Hospice; the Village Hall; Langton Surgery; the Home Care Service; Stubby Leas Home; Whittington Pre-school; Elswick Nursery; village shops; The Bell, The Dog, The Horse and Jockey, The Plough; Bit End Field; Whittington Heath Golf Club; Darnford Moors Golf Club; the canal; the railway.

Prayer Cycle: Week 6. Organisations in Whittington:

Bowling Club; Cricket Club; F.C. – F.A. Community Club; Craft Club; St Giles' Church Bell Ringing; Whittington & District History Society; Whittington Players; Flower Arranging Society; Mike Leonard Bridge Club; Women's Institute; Wednesday Club; Coffee Stop; Ladies' Lunch Club; Men's' Lunch Group; Whittington Fairtrade; Uniformed organisations: Scout Group – Scouts, Cubs, Beavers; District Guides – Rainbow, Guides, Brownies; Whittington Rangers; Trefoil Guild; Guide Depot; Sunbeams at St Giles; Mothers' Union; Whittington Pre-School; Jungle Club; Cruse Bereavement Care; The Samaritans; Langton Medical Group; St Giles' Hospice; St Giles' Church Flower Arrangers; Good Neighbour Scheme; Whittington Baby and Toddler Group.

Prayer Cycle: Week 7. The Parish of Weeford (Population c.450):

Tamworth Road Packington, Jerry's Lane, Levett Road, Knox's Grave Lane, Flats Lane, Watling Street, Weeford Village, Little Hay Lane, Swinfen: Barkers Lane, Heart of the Country, London Road, Old London Road, Swinfen Hall Estate.

Community facilities and institutions in Weeford:

Weeford Parish Council; Swinfen and Packington Parish Council; St Mary's Church; the Church Council; The Old School House Restaurant; Swinfen Young Offenders Institution; Swinfen Hall Hotel; Heart of the Country; The Old Stables.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR ST GILES' CHURCH

Following lengthy discussions, the Churchwarden and the PCC have decided to maintain the current Covid-restrictions for Sunday services at St Giles'. This is in response to the high level of cases in the general population and is in line with many other activities in Whittington that are being scaled back, postponed or cancelled. It is our aim to keep our congregation and their families as safe as possible as far as it is within our gift.

Details will follow for St Mary's and St Bartholomew's in due course after their PCCs have met.

LICHFIELD FOODBANK

Our most-needed items are: tinned soup, tinned meat and jam. There is a collection point in the Whittington newsagents as well as at Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and the Co-op in Lichfield. Thank you!

PARISH NEWS EDITOR VACANCY

Ken Booker writes: **Calling all budding writers!**

“After almost seven years of editing the ‘Parish News’ magazine I feel the time has come for ‘fresh blood’ to take the magazine into 2022. I must say I have enjoyed the challenge of seeking out articles, which I hope have proven to be of some interest to readers, and hopefully this will continue with the appointment of a new editor. The magazine is currently published monthly, and all the church calendar information is timely forwarded to the editor by Lynne Mills who has been a constant support to me in my role here. Since the Covid-19 crisis the magazine has been online only with all editions uploaded to a OneDrive storage area which is made accessible to all members of the public. Once life returns to some normality, I imagine the magazine will return to hardcopy print. At this stage it is simply a case of forwarding the pdf copy to our professional printers. Advertisers are approached around October time and most of them generously renew their 12-month support ready for the January publication. I will be continuing as editor until the December Issue and am more than happy to run through what the position entails to anyone who feels they would like to consider helping the parishes in this voluntary role.”

Contact: Ken Booker 01543 432855 Email: parishnews@bfgweb.co.uk

WORSHIP ONLINE

Online provision remains via our YouTube page (see below). Alternatively, you can contact our parish Reader Gill Hollis on 01543 432107 and request to be added to her e-mailing list or included in our St Giles’ WhatsApp group.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0KnuUe7DF8KzQ1tYYZN_nQ

You can follow regular prayers and services for our three parishes at:

<https://tinyurl.com/st-giles-services>

At home you are encouraged to make use of the wide range of resources on our Church website especially under the spirituality and Bible sections.

<http://ourvillagechurch.org.uk/spirituality/>

Lichfield Cathedral continues to stream worship daily - you can join online from [Diocese of Lichfield | Diocesan services online \(anglican.org\)](#)

ENABLING CHURCH

At least 1 in 6 people in our communities (significantly more in those aged 60+) are impacted by difficulties with mobility, vision, hearing, or living with some kind of physical or mental disability - many of them hidden. Are you one of these 1 in 6 people with a lived experience of a disability? The [Enabling Church](#) team would love you to join their network. They will be offering regular online meetings to help people share

their experiences and build relationships with others from around the diocese. Email them at Enabling.Church@lichfield.anglican.org

RIDE & STRIDE 2021

Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts all over England. It takes place this year on **Saturday 11th September**. Participants are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10 am and 6 pm. The money is used to make grants to churches for repairs and essential maintenance. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker is returned to their home church. Find out more about how to get involved in Staffordshire Ride & Stride.

<https://staffordshirehistoricchurcheistrust.org/contact-us/>

Ride and Stride Day is also the best time in the year to visit churches and find them open throughout the day.

St Giles' Church will be participating and will be open during the full hours of **10.00 am to 6.00 pm**. If any church members are interested in being a welcomer for some or all of that time, please contact Simon Donnan simondonnan@outlook.com

All riders and striders are invited to take part!



CHOIRS' FESTIVAL - GOD'S CHURCH FOR GOD'S WORLD

9th OCTOBER 2021 1.45 – 6.30 PM (SERVICE AT 5.30 PM) LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

The Royal School of Church Music presents this musical extravaganza. This builds on the success of the 2013-2019 Festivals where we followed the format of Evensong, but the music consisted primarily of anthems that would be useful in any context. Director: Benjamin Lamb, Director of Music, Lichfield Cathedral.

Further information: c.lamb@lichfieldcathedralschool.com, telephone 07747 444047.

Admission – please book in advance and purchase your festival book from the RSCM shop – the cost is £7.25 for non-members; after individual member discount £5.44 and affiliate member discount £5.44. The books are available for purchase from the RSCM online shop. Please use this link:

<https://www.rscmshop.com/books/S0181/gods-church-for-gods-world---music-sunday-festival-book>

We will ask for donations on the day to cover the cost of refreshments.

THE ANGELS KEEP THEIR ANCIENT PLACES

Between Sunday September 26th and Sunday October 3rd, St. Michael-on-Greenhill in Lichfield is planning a Michaelmas celebration, primarily to mark the restarting of many of its activities as the pandemic eases. A series of events is being planned that should appeal to a wide variety of different groups. The overall title is *"The angels keep their ancient places"* from the Francis Thompson poem *"In no strange land"* and most of the events will (perhaps unsurprisingly given the church dedication), be angel themed. There will of course be services of worship, including the Patronal Service on September 26th and a Harvest Family Praise on October 3rd with the usual tin collection for the Food Bank; an "angel trail" in church for children and families; a series of evening talks, each with some sort of angelic connection, ranging across art, theology and history; and tours of the church and churchyard. A provisional programme can be found on the church web site at <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/the-angels-keep-their-ancient-places.html> . Do look and put those events that interest you in the diary. More details will be available over the coming weeks – including details of the booking system that will be used for the evening talks and tours.

CHURCH OFFICERS' TRAINING

There will be Church Officers' Training on Saturday 16th October 2021 from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Zoom. More details will be available nearer the time.

LLF COURSE FOR LEADERS

We are running a diocesan Living In Love & Faith course for leaders beginning on Thursday 16th September. It's a chance to experience the course for yourself before you run one locally - or to help you make your mind up about running one!

It will run every Thursday, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, from 16th September to 14th October on Zoom. Please attend all five sessions if possible; numbers will be limited. Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpc-irqD8oH9zVfCoj49bjLx8Htb5agKhU>

The time frame for church-wide engagement for Living in Love & Faith has been extended to allow responses until April 2022. This will benefit churches who plan to run LLF courses in early 2022, including during Lent.

Please get in touch with diocesan LLF Advocate Pete Bate pete.bate@lichfield.anglican.org if you need to discuss LLF further or visit our LLF webpage

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/our-faith/living-in-love-and-faith/>



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