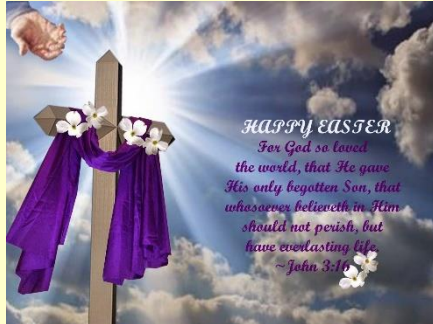




The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
31st March & 7th April 2024



**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.

Church Contact: Parish Administrator: Lynne Mills 07721 767963

lynnewwh@outlook.com

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





Sunday 31st March – Easter Day



St Giles'	09:30	Parish Eucharist (CW)	The Revd Canon Brian Maguire
St Bart's	10:00	Parish Eucharist	The Ven Dr Susan Weller
St Mary's	11:30	Parish Eucharist	The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Acts 10: 34-43 p1104 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 p1155 John 20: 1-18 p1089

COLLECT (BCP) Easter Day Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



COLLECT (CW) Easter Day God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell; fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; grant us to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 7th April – Easter 2

St Giles'	09:30	Parish Eucharist (CW)	The Revd Paul Harrison
	11:15	Baptism of Charlotte Hughes	The Revd Paul Harrison
St Mary's	11:30	Parish Eucharist	The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes
St Bart's	18:30	Parish Eucharist	The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Acts 4: 32-35 p1096 1 John 1: 1 – 2:2 p1224 John 20: 19-end p1089

COLLECT (BCP) Easter 2 Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



COLLECT (CW) Easter 2 Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred; open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, for the praise of God the Father.

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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies and The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England. We pray for Michael and Jan Gott (Evangelists) and Viktoria Korniychuk (Trainee nurse from the Ukraine).*

We remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously along with the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Give thanks for Revd Jeremy Sylvester, Revd Cath Leighton and Revd Mandy Walker, who lead the working group for Lichfield's companion link with the Diocese of Matlosane, South Africa. Pray for them on their return from visiting Bishop Steve Diseko and our brothers and sisters in Matlosane; that their visit will have been mutually beneficial, with friendships formed and deepened and that all will have enjoyed good times of fellowship.

Lichfield Diocese: Pray for PCCs across the diocese, giving thanks for the time and dedication of so many to this role. As preparations are made for the election of Churchwardens and APCMs; pray that God will inspire people of His choosing to serve in this way. Give thanks for Church Wardens, especially David Clarke at St Giles' and Lloyd Ansermoz at St Bart's, and pray that God will enable and strengthen them in the responsibilities they bear, particularly in parishes in vacancy.

Diocesan 24-hour Day of Prayer, Wednesday 1st / Thursday 2nd May 2024, contact [Denise Keen](#) to sign up to lead a session.

Pray for the work of the diocesan Racial Justice and Inclusion Task Group.

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; Sheepwash Farm Day Nursey; 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.

We pray by name for: Mark Horton, David Gumbley, Cath Gibbs
Promoted to glory: Anita (Ann) Cooper

LICHFIELD FOODBANK

Our most needed items are currently crisps and snacks, jars of pasta sauce and cereals. Thank you to everyone who is continuing to donate food and also to all those who donate money, which we are using to buy essentials to keep our service going. There is a collection point at the back of church, which is open daily, as well as at Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and the Co-op in Lichfield. Thank you!

WORSHIP ONLINE

During Holy Week Zoom Compline will be offered on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March at 20:30 by our Lay Reader, Gill Hollis. If you are not on the email list for these services and would like to take part, please contact Gill on 01543 432107.

KEY DATES AT ST GILES'

- **Sunday 12 May** – St Giles' APCM at 11.00am.
- **Tuesday 14 May** – Likely date that Revd Ashley Hines and her husband, Roger, will move into the vicarage.
- **Wednesday 15 May** – Meeting with Adrian Mathias (architect) and Steve Cooper of Cooper-Whyte Conservation Ltd regarding St Giles' reordering, at 9.30am.
- **Thursday 23 May** – Ashley's licensing service in St Giles' at 6.00pm.
- **Monday 3 June** – Cooper-Whyte start on site – vestry toilet out of use.
- **Sunday 9 June** – Lichfield Cathedral Chamber Choir in concert in St Giles' at 6.00pm.
- **Monday 10 June** – Cooper-Whyte commence removing pews under the gallery.
- **W/C Monday 26 August** – Cooper-Whyte finish at St Giles'.

BEETLE DRIVE AT HINTS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Beetle Drive on the 24th of February. It was such a fun night, and everyone had a great time. We managed to raise a fantastic £213.94 towards St Bart's so thanks again to everyone involved. We have more events planned for the rest of the year with the Parish Walk on Saturday 29th June and we are very lucky to have the Rock Choir returning on the 12th of October so watch this space for more details closer to the time. It takes a fair amount of money to keep our church open and in a good state of repair, we rely heavily on fundraising and donations, so any additional support is always very welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD

Christmas Day Together 2024 - Our experienced cook has retired and so we need someone to cook the Christmas Day lunch at Wade Street church this year. If you have had experience of catering for around 60/70 people and have the relevant food hygiene certificate, please contact Gaynor Baldwin on 07989055965 or email gaynorbaldwin@aol.com. We also need a small group of people to help prepare the vegetables etc on Christmas Eve for the lunch and help cook on Christmas Day. To find out more please contact Gaynor.