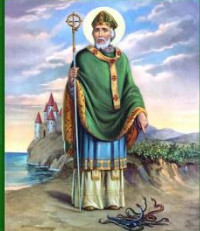




The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
17th & 24th March 2024

St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St Patrick Prayer
As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before
me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!

**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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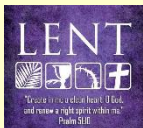
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For baptism and wedding bookings and other enquiries

Office hours: Thursdays 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Please telephone beforehand to avoid a wasted journey





Sunday 17th March – Lent 5 - Passiontide

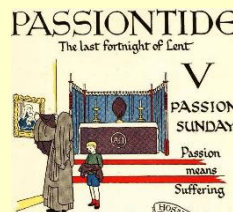


St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (BCP 1662) The Revd Paul Harrison
 St Mary's 11:30 Parish Eucharist The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes
 St Bart's 18:30 Parish Eucharist The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 p793 Hebrews 5: 5-10 p1204 John 12: 20-33 p1080

COLLECT (BCP) Lent 5 *We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Lent 5 *Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world; lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.*



Saturday 23rd March

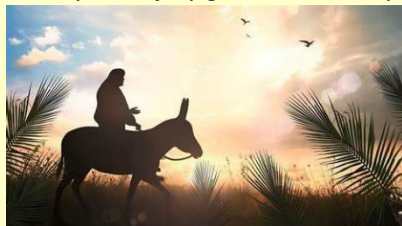
St Mary's 16:00 Wedding of Christopher Bishop & Samantha Goddard

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW) The Revd Canon Brian Maguire
 11:15 Baptism of Jesse Caddy The Revd Canon Pat Maguire
 St Mary's 11:30 Parish Eucharist The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Isaiah 50: 4-9a p737 Philippians 2: 5-11 p1179 Mark 14: 1 – 15: end p1020

COLLECT (BCP) Palm Sunday *Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*



COLLECT (CW) Palm Sunday *True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah; grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.*

Saturday 30th March – Easter Eve

St Mary's 13:00 Wedding of Lee Jones & Alexandria Swift

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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for The Church in Wales and The Church of the Province of West Africa. 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 all the churches within the Lichfield Deanery over the Easter Period and for all those who will hear the message of redemption and salvation through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We pray too for all the many outreach activities that will be taking place.

Give thanks for the gifts, calling & work of all those involved in Pioneer Ministry and Fresh Expressions. Pray for those facilitating, developing and supporting Greenhouses in Lichfield Diocese; for guidance & encouragement as they coach and nurture Greenhouse teams and communities across Walsall, Shropshire & Stafford Episcopal Areas.

Pray for the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global, ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation, which will be happening this year from 9th - 19th May. Pray for the team as they launch the 2024 resources online, including the new Prayer Journal and Novena, daily films, children's resources and content from The Way UK for young people.

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 recommitment of members of the Community of St Chad: Be with us, Lord, as we seek to follow in the footsteps of your servant Chad, whose humility and prayerfulness attracted so many to your kingdom. Let our lives, like his, reflect the light of Christ and the hope of faith. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer Cycle: Week 3. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,400):

South Sector: Main Street, The Green, Langton Crescent, Fisherwick Road, Babbington Close, Beechwood, Cloister Walk, Vicarage Lane, Common Lane.

Prayer Cycle: Week 4. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,400):

West Sector: Back Lane, Pass Avenue, Blacksmith Lane, Chapel Lane, Huddlesford Lane, Bramley Way, Church Street, Cappers Lane, Darnford Lane, Lichfield Road, Sandy Lane, Jockey Hill, Freeford Estate.

We pray by name for: Mark Horton, David Gumbley, Cath Gibbs
Promoted to glory: Kay Boggis, 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

- **Sunday 24 March** – Palm Sunday.
- **Friday 29 March** – Good Friday ‘Walk of Witness’ leaves Whittington pharmacy at 8.15am.
- **Sunday 31 March** – Easter Day.
- **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’.
- **Saturday 31 August** – Wedding of Eden Gray and Edward Leese at St Giles’.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Revd Sharon Greensmith, Master of St John’s Lichfield, is looking for seven volunteers to read at the above service on Good Friday evening, 7.30 pm at Lichfield Cathedral. The readings are all from Mark’s Gospel so nothing too difficult! If anyone is willing to read, please could they contact Sharon on her email address master@stjohnslichfield.org.

PSALM ROAR

20th April 10:00-16:00 - Shrewsbury St George's. Many younger Christians are keen to see a revival of singing the songs of Jesus. St George's Shrewsbury invites you to a day of learning and singing psalms. This will be robust, enthusiastic singing, often in four-parts. No music skills required! Information and booking at www.psalmaroar.org.