



**The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints**

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS**  
**14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**



*Tuesday 23rd April*

**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**





## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 3



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)

The Revd Mal Hawksworth

St Mary's 11:30 Morning Worship

Dr Trevor James

**Bible Lessons:** Acts 3: 12-19 p1095 1 John 3: 1-7 p1226 Luke 24: 36b-48 p1062

**COLLECT (BCP) Easter 3** *Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**COLLECT (CW) Easter 3** *Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope; strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.*

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter 4

St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)

The Revd Mal Hawksworth

St Mary's 11:30 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

St Bart's 18:30 Evening Prayer

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**Bible Lessons:** Acts 4: 5-12 p1095 1 John 3: 16-end p1227 John 10: 11-18 p1076

**COLLECT (BCP) Easter 2** *Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**COLLECT (CW) Easter 2** *Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep; teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.*

### The emblem of England



- The national flower of England is the rose. The flower has been adopted as England's emblem since the time of the Wars of the Roses - civil wars (1455-1485) between the royal house of Lancaster (whose emblem was a red rose) and the royal house of York (whose emblem was a white rose).

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## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George, Patron Saint of England

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – St Mark the Evangelist

Mark the Evangelist's [symbol](#) is the [winged lion](#).

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

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and The Anglican Church of Australia. [We pray for Michael and Jan Gott \(Evangelists\)](#) and [Viktorija 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. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

**Lichfield Diocese:** Give thanks for all involved in chaplaincy ministry across the diocese. Pray for those to be licensed this week, especially for Revd Mark Kinder, until recently Chaplain to HMP Stoke Heath Young Offenders Institute, and to be licensed as Managing Chaplain for Brinsford His Majesty's Prison/Youth Offenders Institute. Pray also for Revd Preb Sarah Schofield, Chaplain at Wolverhampton University and Prebendary of Weeford, as she is licensed as Assistant Rural Dean of Wolverhampton Deanery.

Give thanks for the team at Shallowford House and for its ministry as a Retreat House.

Pray for Bishop Jonathan, stepping down as Acting Bishop of Wolverhampton, but continuing to serve as Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese.

Pray for Revd Julia Cody and Revd Jim Trood licensed as Associate Archdeacons; serving alongside Archdeacon Julian until his retirement on 8th May, when they will become Acting Archdeacons until a new Archdeacon of Walsall is appointed.

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

*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. Amen.*

### **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.

### **Prayer Cycle: Week 8. The Parish of Hints (Population c.200):**

Bangley Lane, Brockhurst Lane, Hints Lane, School Lane, Watling Street.

**Community facilities in Hints:** St Bartholomew's Church, the Village Hall.

**Organisations in Hints:** Hints and Canwell Parish Council; the Church Council, Village Hall Committee, Events Committee, Kids Club, Gardening Guild.

**We pray by name for:** Cath Gibbs

**Promoted to glory:** Mark Horton, David Gumbley, Ellena Lock

### **LICHFIELD FOODBANK**

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**

All of our regular services are now in person for the foreseeable future. However, occasional services will still continue to be offered on Zoom. These will be advertised or notified by Gill Hollis when a service is due to be held. If you are not on the email list for these services and would like to take part, please contact Gill on 01543 432107.

### **FUNDRAISING FOR ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

A couple of dates for your diary in aid of raising funds for St Bart's. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of June we will be undertaking the 13-mile Parish walk again, from St Bart's to Weeford then Whittington before heading to the Tame Otter in Hopwas for a well-earned break before the final push home up the hill! You can either come and join us for a £25 donation or instead sponsor some of the others who are undertaking this challenge. Donations can be made via our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jane-boyle-stbarts-hints>.

In addition, there will be the Rock Choir returning to St Bart's on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October so come along and have a much easier time, singing along to some of the favourite songs from over the last few decades. Refreshments will also be available. Tickets can be booked through Jane Boyle 07843 077575.

And finally, we are hoping to finalise details for an ABBA tribute night in St Bart's, more information to follow soon. This will be something very different and promises to be a lot of fun. All the above help us to keep our village church open so do come and support or help where you can.

### **100 CLUB DRAW**

The latest draw of the 100 Club took place on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the lucky winners are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	number 55	Ros Chester	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	number 62	Val Evans	£20.00

Thank you all for your continued support!

### **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](mailto: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.