



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
2nd & 9th February 2025**



**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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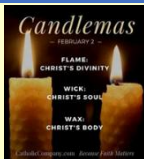
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For baptism and wedding bookings and other enquiries

Office hours: Thursdays 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Please telephone beforehand to avoid a wasted journey





Sunday 2nd February – Epiphany 4 – Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)

St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist

St Bart's 18:30 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

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Bible Lessons: Malachi 3: 1-5 p961 Hebrews 2: 14-end p1202 Luke 2: 22-40 p1028

COLLECT (BCP) Epiphany 4 Almighty and ever living God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT (CW) Epiphany 4 Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.



Wednesday 5th February

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Sunday 9th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Worship

Gill Hollis

St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Bible Lessons: Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-end) p690 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 p1155 Luke 5: 1-11 p1032



COLLECT (BCP) Epiphany 5 O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT (CW) Epiphany 5 Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost; guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday 14th February – St Valentine's Day



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 Viktoria Korniychuk (Trainee nurse from the Ukraine).

As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously along with the people & leaders of Russia; and that the ceasefire holds in full and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

Lichfield Diocese: We pray for all of our Church Schools located in Lichfield Deanery; for each of the staff and volunteers who work there, both teaching and otherwise; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

We pray for the initiative of Pioneering Parishes, for their vision of 'Culture Change & Practice'. Please guide and inspire us on what changes of culture we need to make ourselves, to develop a pioneering culture and a mixed ecology of church.

We pray for '[Being tentmakers in the marketplace](#)', on 1st February, the latest gathering of the Community of Evangelists, as we explore and celebrate the ministry of the Churches Tent at the Staffordshire County Show.

We pray for Alex Wolvers, as she's commissioned to lead the '[Encounter](#)' programme in Stoke.

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: All those known to us
Promoted to glory: Patricia Gladys Bateman

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. Our most needed items at the moment are long life milk, tinned tomatoes, long life fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned carrots/peas/sweetcorn, long life custard. There is a collection point at St Giles' Church, 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. If you are not on the email list for these services and would like to take part, please contact Gill Hollis on 01543 432107.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

On Sunday 2nd February 2025 Lichfield Cathedral will present a Candlemas Carol Service at 6 pm. Celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple through readings interspersed with carols and hymns.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7th March 2025 at St Michael's Church, Greenhill, Lichfield, at 10.30 am and 7.00 pm. The service this year has been planned by the Christian women of the Cook Islands, a group of 15 islands, spread over nearly 800,000 square miles in the Pacific Ocean. The service is based on Psalm 139, and they have taken 'I made you wonderful' as their theme. They write 'God knows us intimately and we are special to God in our uniqueness. When we open the doors of our hearts to this truth everything in our life changes. We glow from within, and we begin treating others as beloved children of God. Through this service we hope people will be spiritually uplifted as they come to trust the great love of God.' We invite all to join us at one of the services both of which will be followed with refreshments. For further information email peterjane@gmail.com.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S LENT THEME FOR 2025 IS LIVING HOPE

In Lent we journey with Jesus on the difficult and thorny road that leads all the way to the cross on Good Friday – and beyond, to the transformation of Easter Day. God invites us to bring to him our own journey through everyday life. In the disappointment of daily setbacks and the pain of deeper hurts, we discover that God is present with us. And God promises a future where all things are healed and made new. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world. Further information to follow!