

The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS 28th September & 5th October 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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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 28th September – Trinity 15 – Creationtide



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (BCP 1662) The Revd Ashley Hines St Giles' 13:00 Baptism of Ophelia Mayoh The Revd Ashley Hines St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist The Revd Ashley Hines

<u>Bible Lessons</u>: Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 p793 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 p1194 Luke 16: 19-end p1050

COLLECT (BCP) Trinity 15 Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fail, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **COLLECT (CW) Trinity 15** Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to

your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 29th September – St Michael & All Ages

Wednesday 1st October - Creationtide

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist The Revd Ashley Hines

Saturday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi

St Giles' 12:30 Wedding of Jonathan Townsend & Laura Steadman The Revd Ashley Hines

Sunday 5th October - Trinity 16

St Giles' 10:30 Harvest Festival Benefice Service The Revd Ashley Hines

CONGREGATIONS FROM ALL THREE CHURCHES

Bible Lessons: Lamentations 1: 1-6 822 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 p1195 Luke 17: 5-10 p1051

COLLECT (BCP) Trinity 16 O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT (CW) Trinity 16 Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us; open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Wednesday 8th October

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist The Revd Ashley Hines

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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

Lichfield Diocese: The 24-hour Diocesan Day of Prayer is from noon on October 1st to noon on October 2nd. We thank you for the unceasing opportunities to meet with you and for all the people who have prepared sessions or will join in with them. Most of all Lord, we thank you that whenever we pray, we know you always listen. Thank you for this diocese, in all its places and forms, all the areas of work that it supports, whether they have been directly represented over the 24 hours or not. We thank you for all those people working for your Kingdom here who work diligently in the background.

We pray for 5 SIAMS Twilight Sessions for Governors of Church Schools starting on 24th, especially for our Deputy Director of Education Matthew Welton as he leads it, that those who take part may complete it feeling inspired and better equipped. We thank you for all those people who serve our schools as Governors and pray that you may continue to guide and energise them.

We pray for the Stoke Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast taking place in Bucknall on 27^{th} and we continue to lift up the city as their centenary celebrations continue, thanking you for all the people that serve it to make it the special place that it is.

We pray for the <u>Introduction to Mental Health and Well-Being</u> session happening in Wolverhampton on 3rd October. Please help all of those supporting people struggling with their mental health; and please help each of us recognise when we might be struggling and help us to seek appropriate support.

Prayer Cycle: Week 1. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,400):

North Sector: Brookhay Lane, Broad Lane, Whittington Hurst, Park Lane, Fisherwick Hall and Farm, Fisherwick Wood Lane, Burton Road, Noddington Lane, Swan Road, Neal Croft, Rock Farm Road, Bay Tree Walk, Darby Avenue, Dyott Avenue, Noddington Avenue.

Prayer Cycle: Week 2. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,400):

East Sector: Barley Croft, Middleton Road, Spring Lane, Fisherwick Close, Fisherwick Road (from Peel Bridge to Hademore), Falcon Drive, Kestrel Close, Merlin Way, Osprey Close, Peregrine Close, Elford Road (from Hademore to Stubby Leas), Tamhorn Park.

We pray by name for: All those known to us **Promoted to glory:** All those known to us

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 tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, carrots and peas, 1-litre cartons long life fruit juice, tea bags x 40. 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.

AUCTION OF GIFTS AND PROMISES

St Giles Entertains invites you to an auction of gifts and promises in the Thomas Spencer Church Hall on Friday 10th October 2025. Door open for supper and viewing at 7.15 pm and the auction starts at 8.00 pm approximately. Entry will be free and there will be food and drink for sale, including a licensed bar. Huge range of items to bid for, including - A round of golf for four at Whittington Golf Club, and another at Aston Wood Golf Club • Trip for two up Whittington Wind Turbine • A 30-minute microlight flight • A rare 'Sue Gopsill' rosebush, with its Family Tree supplied by the breeder • A wine tasting evening for 8 people • A drone aerial photo of your house or area, with canvas print option if desired. To book your place, please get in touch with David Clarke on 07836 334796, or Megan Barr on 07870 100005 or megbarr@yahoo.com.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Where thinking comes alive - For one extraordinary weekend, Lichfield Cathedral transforms into a vibrant hub of intellectual exploration and meaningful conversation. Drawing on centuries of Cathedral tradition as centres of learning and debate, Enlighten creates space for nourishing talks, nuanced discussion, unexpected connections, and breakthrough insights. Friday 26th - Sunday 28th September 2025. For the full programme and speaker details and tickets: For one extraordinary weekend - tickets now available! A Tudor Christmas with Alison Weir and Siobhan Clarke - Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7:30 pm in Lichfield Cathedral. Join bestselling historian Alison Weir and royal expert Siobhan Clarke for a festive evening exploring the rich traditions of a Tudor Christmas. Discover how carols, mince pies, mulled wine—and even Father Christmas—have roots in the 16th century. Book tickets: A Tudor Christmas with Alison Weir and Siobhan Clarke.

STUDY GROUP STARTING AT ST GILES'

On Wednesday 1st October, Revd Ashley will be starting a 6-week course looking at The Lord's Prayer; how it affects our prayer life and hopefully help us to move into a deeper understanding of what we mean when we say The Lord's Prayer. Were we simply meant to repeat it by rote or was Jesus trying to teach us something else? Contact Revd Ashley for further details: Mobile: 07831766604 or Landline: 01543 387687.