



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS

23rd & 30th November 2025

Please note: St Giles' Church will be closed for redecoration from 24th November to 8th December inclusive



**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 23rd November – Sunday before Advent – Christ the King



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (BCP 1662)

The Revd Ashley Hines

St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist

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Bible Lessons: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 p782 Colossians 1: 11-20 p1182 Luke 23: 33-43 p1060



COLLECT (BCP) Sunday before Advent *Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Christ the King *God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.*

Wednesday 26th November – in the Church Hall

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday – St Andrew

St Mary's 10:00 Benefice Service

The Revd Ashley Hines

CONGREGATIONS FROM ALL THREE CHURCHES

Bible Lessons: Isaiah 2: 1-5 p686 Romans 13: 11-end p1140 Matthew 24: 36-44 p994

COLLECT (BCP) Advent Sunday *Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.*

COLLECT (CW) Advent Sunday *Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*



Wednesday 3rd December – in the Church Hall

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

Lichfield Diocese: Stir-up Sunday is the traditional day, the last Sunday before Advent (November 23rd), for families to gather and make Christmas pudding or cake by mixing all the ingredients and making a wish as they stir. The vintage collect: Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray on 24th for the meeting with the Assessors of Lichfield Archdeaconry, for each of the churches affected in the deaneries of Lichfield, Penkridge, Rugeley and Tamworth; for constructive discussions to be held and positive ways forward to be found. We pray for Lichfield's Archdeacon Sue, and a return to full health soon, and for the wider team in Lichfield Archdeaconry.

On 25th we pray for the online session of bite-size training on [Dementia-Friendly Church](#), for a helpful time enabling and encouraging more churches towards this invaluable ministry.

On Sunday 30th we remember 'the first called' in the Apostle Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland, and on Advent Sunday we start to look towards when you came to earth to live amongst us, and we can only thank you again that you came here to give each of us the opportunity to follow you, just like Andrew.

On Thursday 4th we pray for '[Introduction to Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring Collective Worship](#)' from the Education Team. For all those attending, we pray they may leave inspired by the privilege and opportunity of leading worship in our schools, and that so many of our children and young people may ultimately benefit from it.

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: Sarah Jane Lacey

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; cereal; jam, peanut butter, Nutella, honey; vegetables, tinned carrots & peas; tea bags x40s. 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.

REDUNDANT SPECTACLES FOR AFRICA

Message from Dr Trevor James: So far this calendar year, over 1,700 pairs of redundant spectacles have been dispatched to Africa through the Direct Rotary collection locally. The support that is being offered means that statistically we are well ahead of this time last year. Half of what is being dispatched comes from two Lichfield opticians, but the rest is being collected from at least seven church collecting points from St Michael-on-the-Greenhill to King's Bromley to Weeford and Stonnall. Thank you for your continued support: we will be continuing the collection in 2026. We are making a measurable difference.

Note: Weeford church congregation have collected 27 pairs of redundant spectacles for the appeal. They will be part of the next dispatch in two weeks' time and so should be in West Africa before Christmas.

ST GILES ENTERTAINS – FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note: St Giles' Church will be closed for redecoration from 24th November to 8th December inclusive. Therefore, there will not be a "Flicks in the Sticks" on 5th December.

Monday 15th – Tuesday 23rd December 'Advent Window Trail' around Whittington, finishing in St Giles' Church. Plenty more exciting events planned for 2026...thank you for your support during 2025.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Join us this Advent and Christmas for light, music and celebration for the whole family. Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. At this time, we look forward to the arrival of Jesus — the light who came into the world. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the Cathedral as, together, we journey from darkness to light.

Christmas Tree Festival — 4 December – 4 January - The aisles are lined with beautifully decorated trees by local schools, charities and businesses. Come and choose your favourite!

Christmas Light Service — Sunday 7 December, 15:30 As the light fades, we gather for carols and prayers as we light the Cathedral tree together.

Carols Around the Tree — Saturday 20 December, 14:00 & 15:00 Sing along with a live brass band to your favourite carols.

Crib Services — Christmas Eve, 13:30 & 15:00 Come dressed as your favourite character from the Nativity story and take part in this joyful retelling.