



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
7th & 14th December 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 7th December –Advent 2

St Giles' **NO SERVICE AT ST GILES' CHURCH TODAY**

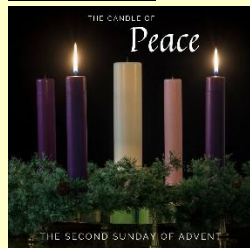
1000 Barn Nativity at Sheepwash Farm

Steve Lane

St Bart's 18:30 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Bible Lessons: Isaiah 11: 1-10 p696 Romans 15: 4-13 p1141 Matthew 3: 1-12 p967



COLLECT (BCP) Advent 2 *Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

COLLECT (CW) Advent *Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.*

Wednesday 10th December

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Sunday 14th December - Advent 3

St Giles' 08:00 Parish Eucharist (BCP 1662)

The Revd Ashley Hines

09:30 Morning Worship

Gill Hollis

18:00 Service of Lessons & Carols

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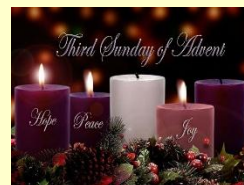
St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Bible Lessons: Isaiah 35: 1-10 p719 James 5: 7-10 p1216 Matthew 11: 2-11 p976

COLLECT (BCP) Advent 3 *O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.*

COLLECT (CW) Advent 3 *God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.*



Wednesday 17th December

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 Church of Bangladesh and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.*

We pray for Michael and Jan Gott (Evangelists) and Viktoria Korniyshuk (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: Inspired by Whole Life Discipleship, a prayer from St Patrick's Breastplate for all those amidst their daily labours in whatever setting. Offer to God the places of your day, the people you will meet, and the ways you will spend your time, that God may be glorified, and Christ revealed, in all you are and all that you do.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.

We pray for the [Advent Retreat Day](#) being led by Bishop Michael at St Chad's House in Leek on Tuesday 9th. We pray for a rewarding experience for all those taking part, for everyone to find a period of quality time with you in their own way as they prepare for the joys, challenges, and opportunities in the weeks to come.

We pray for Andrew Stead as he is licensed to serve as the new Master of St John's Hospital on Thursday 11th. We thank you for his ministry at the Cathedral, and as he makes the short geographical journey across the city of Lichfield, we pray that as he establishes himself into his new setting, that you may surprise him with new opportunities that he may never have imagined.

On Saturday 13th we remember one of Lichfield's celebrated former sons, an offering from a much-valued daughter - the Archdeacon of Lichfield, Sue Weller; Born in Lichfield in 1709, Samuel Johnson was renowned for his exceptional ability with words, becoming known as Doctor Johnson. Rooted in his faith in Christ, he often expressed how we put our faith into practice. His words, writing and sermons frequently addressed themes of Christian ethics, such as charity, pride, wisdom, and compassion. e.g. 'The morality of an action depends on the motive from which we act.' and 'The road to hell is paved with good intentions.'

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: 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.

NEW START TIME - 10.00 am - BARN NATIVITY - 7th DECEMBER - SHEEPWASH FARM

Please note this new start time for the Barn Nativity at Sheepwash Farm. There will be no morning services at any of our three churches to enable full participation at this event.

St Bart's will have an evening eucharist at **6:30 pm** instead of the usual **11:00 am** first Sunday service, there will be a Eucharist and we'll be launching our annual Smellies and Sweeties appeal for donations for the Pathway Project which aims to provide a few Christmas luxuries (nice toiletries and chocolate selection boxes) for the victims of domestic violence who have sought safety at the refuge in Lichfield.

ST GILES ENTERTAINS – FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

CAROLS IN WEEFORD CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE!! As part of our community spirit, we are delighted to be hosting, along with the residents of St Mary's Barns, "Carols in Church" on Tuesday 16th December at 7:15 pm. Come along, join us in St Mary's Church. With guest organist Fred Smith. As the residents are kindly providing mulled wine and mince pies we could do with an "idea" of numbers PLEASE, so if you could email or text Janice, if you are "hoping" to come it would help janice39@yahoo.co.uk 07816104932. Would you like to be sure we sing your favourite carol? Please let us know beforehand.

THANK YOU FROM ST BART'S

Macmillan coffee morning - A certificate has been presented to St Bart's Church and friends. This year £620 was fundraised. Thanks to everyone who supported - the Walking Group, the Art Group, the Village Hall and everyone else.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SHOW

Experience the joy of Christmas in every note at the Christmas Light Show! [Book your tickets](#) After exploring the spectacular light displays around the Cathedral Close, step inside where a local community choir will fill the Cathedral with festive carols. From timeless classics to seasonal favourites, their music provides the perfect soundtrack to the evening.