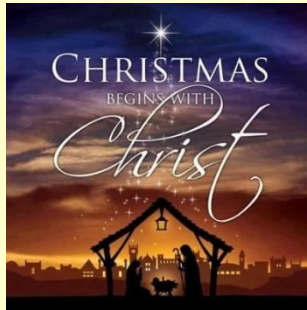




**The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints**

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS  
21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 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**



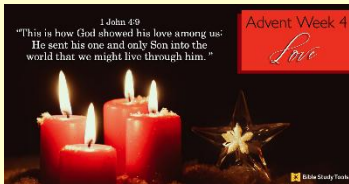


## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Advent 4

St Giles’	09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Mary’s	16:00 Christingle & Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Bart’s	18:00 Christingle & Carol Service	The Revd Ashley Hines

**Bible Lessons:** Isaiah 7: 10-16 p692 Romans 1: 1-7 p1128 Matthew 1: 18-end p965

**COLLECT (BCP) Advent 4** *O Lord, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end.*



**COLLECT (CW) Advent 4** *Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

St Giles’	09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines
	16:00 Christingle/Family Service	Steve Lane & Megan Barr
	21:00 Christmas Eve Service	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Bart’s	18:00 Crib Service	The Revd Ashley Hines



## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

St Giles’	10:00 Christmas Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines
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**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St  
Stephen – Boxing Day**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St  
John – Apostle & Evangelist**



## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1**

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

The Revd Ashley Hines &  
Helen Mullins

**Bible Lessons:** Jeremiah 31: 15-17 p792 1 Corinthians 1: 26-29 p1145 Matthew 2: 13-18 p966

***COLLECT (BCP) Christmas 1*** Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

***COLLECT (CW) Christmas 1*** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love; gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer

Helen Mullins

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

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi and The Anglican Church of Canada.*

**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:** Lord, we thank you for all the churches holding special services, for the Christingles, crib services, midnight communions, carol services, or any other celebrations. Please help each of us find time to reflect on 'the reason for the season'.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

***A prayer from Common Worship: Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.***

On 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen's day, we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; and on St John the Evangelist's day on 27<sup>th</sup> we pray for all our churches dedicated specifically to his full title and for all those just dedicated to 'St John', for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and the communities they serve.

### **Prayer Cycle: Week 5. Community facilities and institutions in Whittington:**

The Parish Council; the Church Council; St Giles' Church and the Thomas Spencer Hall; the Defence Medical Services; the Primary School; St Giles' Hospice; the Village Hall; Langton Surgery; the Home Care Service; Stubby Leas Home; Whittington Pre-school; Sheepwash Farm Day Nursey; village shops; The Bell, The Dog, The Horse and Jockey, The Plough; Bit End Field; Whittington Heath Golf Club; Darnford Moors Golf Club; the canal; the railway.

### **Prayer Cycle: Week 6. Organisations in Whittington:**

Bowling Club; Cricket Club; F.C. – F.A. Community Club; Craft Club; St Giles' Church Bell Ringing; Whittington & District History Society; Whittington Players; Flower Arranging Society; Mike Leonard Bridge Club; Women's Institute; Wednesday Club; Coffee Stop; Ladies' Lunch Club; Men's' Lunch Group; Whittington Fairtrade; Uniformed organisations: Scout Group – Scouts, Cubs, Beavers; District Guides – Rainbow, Guides, Brownies; Whittington Rangers; Trefoil Guild; Guide Depot; Sunbeams at St Giles; Mothers' Union; Whittington Pre-School; Jungle Club; Cruse Bereavement Care; The Samaritans; Langton Medical Group; St Giles' Hospice; St Giles' Church Flower Arrangers; Good Neighbour Scheme; Whittington Baby and Toddler Group.

**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 Wraps, Cereal, Small jars of coffee, Biscuits, snacks and cereal bars, Tins of tuna. 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.

### ST GILES ENTERTAINS

A reminder that the Advent Windows Trail through the village, ending at St Giles' Church, is running through to 23rd December, with windows lit between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. Maps are available from Main Street Café, and refreshments (drinks and edibles!) will be offered in church between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. Any donations that you wish to make (not obligatory!) will be split between Lichfield foodbank and St Giles' Church. We look forward to seeing you, your children, your grandchildren, and even your great-grandchildren, in church over the next week. Plenty more exciting events planned for 2026...thank you for your support during 2025.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD – A REMINDER AND A JANUARY DATE

**Reminder!** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 4.00 pm, the annual 'Carols in the Market Square' will be hosted by St Michael's Church. everyone welcome!

**January!** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January 2026. There will be a service at Wade Street Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm. Save the date!

### LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

An invitation from Lichfield Cathedral: We're having a Birthday Party for Jesus. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 11:00 – 12:30, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD. Want to bring a gift for Jesus? Let's share His love! All gifts will be donated to Pathways Project – supporting families and young people in need.

### 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!

**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.

The Parochial Church Councils, Parish Wardens and congregations of St Giles' church Whittington, St Mary's church Weeford, and St Bartholomew's church Hints would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful new year 2025!



We hope to see many of you at our Christmas services – EVERYBODY WELCOME!

