

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

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



**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 1<sup>st</sup> February – Presentation of Christ (Candlemas) – Epiphany 4 - Septuagesima



St Giles'	09:30	Parish Eucharist (CW)	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Bart's	11:00	Parish Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines

**Bible Lessons:** Malachi 3: 1-5 p961 Hebrews 2: 14-end p1202 Luke 2: 22-40 p1028  
**COLLECT (BCP) Septuagesima** O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**COLLECT (CW) Presentation** 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 4<sup>th</sup> February**

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



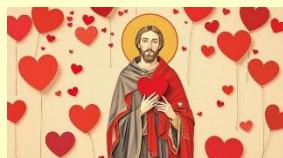
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima

St Giles'	08:00	Parish Eucharist (BCP 1662)	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Giles'	09:30	Morning Worship	Gill Hollis
St Giles'	18:00	Evening Prayer	Gill Hollis
St Mary's	11:00	Parish Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines

**Bible Lessons:** Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3 p3 Romans 8: 18-25 p1135 Matthew 6: 25-end p971

**COLLECT (BCP) 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent** O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**COLLECT (CW) 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image; teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February – St Valentine

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

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of England and Hong Kong**

**Sheng Kung Hui**

**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: ADVANCE NOTICE Diocesan Day of Prayer 12 noon Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Lord, we lift up Lichfield deanery to you. We pray for each church, benefice, parish and community within it that over this coming year they may feel the stir of your holy spirit within their hearts and for those who don't yet know you, give them the courage to want to know more. Lord, give your leaders whatever calling they have in their lives, to see these people who might want to know more and welcome them with warmth, kindness and love. Prepare our hearts and minds, Lord, to be ready when they come.

*Help us to continue to embrace and develop our churches and our congregations in the current pioneering parishes journey. Lord, enable us to prayerfully understand what our values are as individual parishes and benefices and how we might share these with others, learning to live them out every day. Lord, we thank you that you know what we need to be, reveal that to us through the power of your holy spirit. Change is hard Lord, but we ask for your healing and comfort as we journey through these things.*

Lord, please help us to never want to stop listening, exploring new possibilities, caring for the vulnerable in our midst, or wanting to help more people come to know you better.

Lord, we pray for your blessing on all our relationships, both personal and professional; teach us to welcome your love and light into them. Jesus, help us to remember that you came to give us life in all its fullness and that you will never leave or forsake us. Grant us the wisdom to turn to you for guidance whenever we need it.

**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:** Angela Brookhouse

**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.

## **HEATING AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

A MESSAGE FROM DAVID CLARKE, CHURCH WARDEN, ST GILES' CHURCH, WHITTINGTON:

Do you enjoy coming into our warm church? We are proud to be able to offer a church where you don't have to prepare for visiting by putting on several extra layers of clothing. We want to keep it that way! Our gas-fired boilers are getting on for 15 years old, and whilst they are working well just now, and are serviced every year, they clearly won't last for ever. In addition, heat distribution within the church is less than effective with only four radiators to heat a very large and poorly insulated space. Furthermore, Lichfield Diocese will demand that we have explored every opportunity to be greener and more efficient in our energy usage. The Parochial Church Council is determined to have a plan in place for our heating and energy usage for when the day comes that we need to make changes. We are putting together a small sub-committee to explore all the possibilities, both in terms of heat-delivery systems and potential sources of funding. **Do you have the skills to help us? Are you committed to an environmentally friendly solution? Interested? - please contact me now!**

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## **LENT COURSE**

The Lent Course this year will be six sessions on The Nicene Creed, facilitated by The Revd Ashley Hines. These will take place at 1 pm on Wednesdays during Lent at St Giles' church Whittington, using the social space at the back of church. No booking is necessary. The first session on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February will be led by Val Edwards from St Bartholomew's church Hints, who will be sharing her knowledge of icons. All are welcome! Further information from Revd Ashley: 01543 387687 or 07831 766604.

## **MAD, BAD OR GOOD?**

Author Ian Walford recently launched his book 'Mad, Bad or Good?' at Wade Street Church. The novel relates to the Christian heritage of Staffordshire, and profits from sales go to charity. Ian wondered whether churches or other organisations in the area which have bookstalls might like to stock a few copies of the book - on a sale or return basis. Anybody who wishes to follow up on this should get in touch with Ian direct at his email address: [ian2.walford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ian2.walford@hotmail.co.uk).