



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
15th & 22nd 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 15th February – Sunday before Lent - Quinquagesima



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)
with Baptism of Joseph Love-Wilson in the service

The Revd Ashley Hines

St Mary's 11:00 Morning Prayer (BCP 1662)

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St Bart's 18:30 Evensong (BCP 1662)

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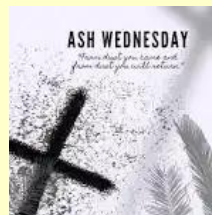
Bible Lessons: Exodus 24: 12-end p82 2 Peter 1: 16--end p1222 Matthew 17: 1-9 p984

COLLECT (BCP) Sunday before Lent *O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.*

COLLECT (CW) Sunday before Lent *Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives; set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

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



Sunday 22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

The Revd Ashley Hines

St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

Bible Lessons: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 p4 Romans 5: 12-19 p1132 Matthew 4: 1-11 p967

COLLECT (BCP) Lent 1 *O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.*

COLLECT (CW) Lent 1 *Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.*



Wednesday 25th February

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

Friday 27th February – George Herbert

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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and The Church of Ireland.*

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 6th – 12 noon Thursday 7th May 2026*

A traditional Collect for Ash Wednesday: Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Lichfield Deanery and give thanks for all the people who give up their time to serve the churches there; for our retired clergy, readers and authorised lay ministers in all that they do. And for all the volunteers who support and grow the life of our churches, in Lichfield, our other 26 Deaneries, and beyond.

We pray for the [Creative Grief Workshops on Living with Loss](#), taking place at Shallowford House on 21st and 28th. We pray for all those attending who may be struggling after the loss of a loved one, that they may find some measure of comfort and that you may prompt those around them to offer appropriate support as they need it.

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

money, which we are using to buy essentials to keep our service going. Our most needed items at the moment are Long life Milk, Tins of Fruit, Tins of Tuna, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes. 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. There is one on Ash Wednesday 18th February, a Zoom Compline at 8:30 pm. If you are not on the email list for these services and would like to take part, please contact Gill Hollis on 01543 432107.

Leading up to Easter there will be Prayer Stations at the back of St Giles' church, which will change each week, starting on 22nd February.

ST BART'S CHURCH HINTS – URGENT APPEAL!

An urgent appeal from our Vicar, the Rev Ashley Hines:

Like many other small, rural churches, our wonderful St Bartholomew's Church is in real trouble. Despite all the fundraising events we have been holding recently and are planning for this year, our cashflow forecast suggests that funds will run out by the end of this year. Our costs have been exceeding our income for several years now and this really will be the final year where we have enough cash in the bank to survive unless something drastically changes.

I know that in this day and age many of you may not be religious or even attend our services, but that doesn't mean you might not benefit from taking comfort from the church at times of trouble or loss at some point in the future. Perhaps you have children who are growing up in the village who might one day like to get married here or have children of their own who would be christened in our church. You probably already use the churchyard for recreation, using the public footpath when walking your dogs. Please help us now before it is too late and we lose this cherished hub of the community for good. You could help to make a difference to our financial shortfall by setting up a small standing order each month, helping to save this beloved building and the services it provides. Please do consider this or even consider making a one-off donation. Whatever you can afford may not only benefit the church but may also benefit you, your families, and future generations to come.

Bank transfer details are available from our Treasurer, Jane Boyle, telephone 07843 077575 or email janeboylee@hotmail.com.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Parish Walk - An 8 mile walk that takes in all three churches in our Parish- Hints to Weeford to Whittington, and this year will finish up in Whittington at the Dog Inn for some well-earned refreshments. Summer date and further details to be confirmed, everyone is welcome to join us so get your walking shoes ready!

Summer Rock Tribute- Jayne and her fantastic team will be entertaining us again with a tribute to some of the best rock legends like Bon Jovi, Queen, the Rolling Stones and many more. Further details will be coming as soon as we have a date.