The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
15th & 22nd March 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

Making God's Love Real
Loving God.
Loving Our Community & World.
Loving One Another.

Sunday 15th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

St Giles'	09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Mary's	11:00 Morning Prayer (BCP 1662)	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Bart's	18:30 Evensong (BCP 1662)	The Revd Ashley Hines

Bible Lessons: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end p271 Colossians 3: 12-17 p1184 John 19: 25b-27 p1088

COLLECT (BCP) Lent 4 *Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished; by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

COLLECT (CW) Mothering Sunday *God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick

Wednesday 18th March

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

Sunday 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide

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: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 p868 Romans 8: 6-11 p1134 John 11: 1-45 p1077

COLLECT (BCP) Lent 5 *We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Lent 5 *Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world; lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Wednesday 25th March – The Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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 of Kenya and The Anglican Church of Korea.*

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***

Lord, we lift before you Diocesan Synod as it meets on 14th March in Aldridge. We pray for wisdom and guidance, for courage and discernment, so that in all the areas the diocese may face they may become opportunities rather than challenges. Lord, please help us to seek, serve, and build your Kingdom in this place. Also on 14th, the online session on Pioneering Parishes, exploring 'Values Setting and Embedding'. Lord, please guide each one of us to the values we should set for ourselves and help us to embed them in our lives.

We pray for the retreat at Shallowford House on 16th March in preparation for Holy Week and Easter; 'Hung on the Tree'. We pray for all those that are taking part, that the day will support them as they pause and reflect on both your journey and theirs. As we journey through the Lenten wilderness towards Easter, please help each of us find time to spend with you Lord.

On St Patrick's Day 17th March, we pray his 'Breastplate' prayer, and pray you will ever more stay with us and at work in us and through us:

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

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: Douglas Wincup, John Rowe

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, Fruit juice, Tins of sardines or salmon, Tinned custard, Cereal bars and biscuit snacks. 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.

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.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL - FUN & FAITH: A JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 31ST March, 11:00 – 12:30. Bring the children to Lichfield Cathedral for a special walk through Holy Week, a gentle and engaging journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. As we move through the Cathedral together, children will explore the story of Easter through storytelling, hands-on activities, and interactive stations designed to bring each day of Holy Week to life. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to engage with the meaning of Holy Week in a creative, welcoming, and age-appropriate way. The activity is ideal for pre-school and primary-aged children, but all the family are welcome to join in. We will meet just inside the entrance by the Great West Doors before 11:00, ready to begin our walk together through the Cathedral. Entry is by donation and all are welcome.

A message from the Dean of Lichfield Cathedral: We warmly invite you to a full and varied programme to carry us from the dark, wet days of winter into the hope-filled days of Spring. Don't miss the final chance to see the 5,000-year-old Fenland Black Oak Table before it moves to Blackburn Cathedral, and hear from its creator, Hamish Low, on 27th March. Join our Lent sessions each Wednesday around the table to reflect on the power of shared meals, Jesus' teachings, and what it means to be a true community.

Lent leads us into Holy Week and Easter – the most important week in the Church's year. Journey with us as we learn how God transforms betrayal, despair and death into faith, hope and life. If you've never attended services through Holy Week, you've missed not just beautiful music and moving readings but a chance to reflect on some of the deepest questions about death and life. Do join us. No previous experience necessary.

Spring also brings candlelit concerts, organ recitals, and exhibitions like *The Longest Yarn*, celebrating history, creativity, and community. We look forward to welcoming you this Spring to your Cathedral. Well-behaved dogs are welcome to visit, too!

ADVANCE NOTICE: Saturday 6th June, Beetle Drive Evening, 6.00 pm at The Thomas Spencer Church Hall, Whittington. WATCH THIS SPACE!