



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
12th & 19th April 2026



Feast Day of St George 23rd April

**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 12th April – Easter 2



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

Bible Lessons: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 p1093 1 Peter 1: 3-9 p1217 John 20: 19-end p1089

COLLECT (BCP) Easter 2 *Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Easter 2 *Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred; open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.*



Wednesday 15th April

St Giles'	09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines
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Sunday 19th April – Easter 3

St Giles'	09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Giles'	13:00 Baptism of Arabella-Mae Sanders	The Revd Ashley Hines
St Mary's	11:00 Morning Prayer (BCP 1662)	The Revd Brian Rostill
St Bart's	18:30 Evensong (BCP 1662)	The Revd Ashley Hines

Bible Lessons: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 p1093 1 Peter 1: 17-23 p1217 Luke 24: 13-35 p1061

COLLECT (BCP) Easter 3 *Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

COLLECT (CW) Easter 3 *Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope; strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.*



Wednesday 22nd April

St Giles'	09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist	The Revd Ashley Hines
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Thursday 23rd April – St George

Saturday 25th April – St Mark the Evangelist

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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola and The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).*

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*

We pray for the ministries of Churches Together in Lichfield and for 'CLASP', Churches Linked Across Staffordshire and the Potteries. We thank you for all the different denominations working together across the cities and pray for ever-greater understanding and cooperation to work together for your glory and your mission.

On 9th April we remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer and we thank you for his enduring example of courage and faithfulness in standing firm against injustice - including paying the ultimate cost. As Bonhoeffer famously wrote about 'The Cost of Discipleship', we pray you will grant us greater understanding of that cost - and the security of the knowledge that however difficult the discipleship journey may be, you will always walk it right alongside us.

On 11th April we remember George Selwyn, the first Bishop of New Zealand and the ninety-first Bishop of Lichfield. We thank you for his enduring legacy, and that through the lectures held in his name we continue to grapple with difficult issues. Today we lift before you our ninety-ninth Bishop, as Bishop Michael prepares to retire later this year.

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 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – ST GILES' CHURCH

The APCM will take place at 10:45 am on 19th April 2026 in church. The APCM is a crucial event in the parochial calendar, serving as a platform for the election of churchwardens and other lay members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). It is also a time for the church to discuss and make decisions regarding its mission, witness, and service in the parish. It is a chance for the church to reflect on its goals and to elect new members who are committed to the church's values and mission. It is a significant event that not only fulfils legal requirements but also fosters community engagement and governance within the church.

Will all leaders of groups/organisations let Jane Jones have two copies of their reports by 12th April. The reports can be left in church or emailed to janeh2jones@outlook.com.

The APCM at St Mary's church Weeford will take place at 12 noon on Sunday 10th May in church and the APCM at St Bartholomew's church Hints will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 6th May in church.

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

April's Flicks in the Sticks at St Giles' Whittington is "The Choral" (2025) at 7:30 pm. This is a fictional story by Alan Bennett, but it's heavily inspired by the real-life experiences of the Huddersfield Choral Society during World War I. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam and Alun Armstrong. Free crisps! Free popcorn! Free drinks! Free to view!

Advance Notice: May's Flicks in the Sticks will be on Friday 1st May and will be "The Ballad of Wallis Island", a 2025 British comedy-drama film.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF BEETLE DRIVE!

The second of our joint games' nights shared between St Giles' Whittington, St Mary's Weeford and St Bartholomew's Hints will take place on Saturday 6th June in The Thomas Spencer Church Hall, Whittington, at 6:00 pm. Following on from the success of the bingo night, we are hosting a Beetle Drive. Meet lots of new people as you whizz from table to table for the next round. Lots of prizes to be won plus a raffle and of course the bar will be open. Everyone is welcome so bring the little ones along as well, they will love throwing the dice and getting to draw the beetles. Tickets will be priced at £10 for adults and £5.00 for children under 12 (includes all games plus one FREE drink from the bar and a donation to church funds). To book, please contact- Jane Boyle - janeboylee@hotmail.com- 07843 077575.