



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

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS**  
**24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**



*Pentecost – Whit Sunday 24th May*

**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**

***Note: Lynne is on annual leave 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May inclusive***





## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost - Whit Sunday



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

The Revd Ashley Hines

St Mary's 11:00 Parish Eucharist

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**Bible Lessons:** Acts 2: 1-21 p1093 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 p1153 John 20: 19-23 p1089

**COLLECT (BCP) Pentecost** *God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.*

**COLLECT (CW) Pentecost** *Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire, strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

St Giles' 10:30 Benefice Service

The Revd Ashley Hines

### **CONGREGATIONS FROM ALL THREE CHURCHES**

**Bible Lessons:** Isaiah 40: 12-17,27-end p724 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end p1001 Matthew 28: 16-end p1085

**COLLECT (BCP) Trinity Sunday** *Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.*



**COLLECT (CW) Trinity Sunday** *Holy God, faithful and unchanging; enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Visit of Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist

The Revd Ashley Hines

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi – Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion

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

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.*

**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:** On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Lord we pray for the ministry of the Churches Tent at Staffordshire County Show. We lift before you all those who may venture inside, and especially those who may hesitate to do so. Please guide and inspire the team in the different ways they serve there, so that all those that visit may receive a warm welcome, and that some may want to get to know you more.

We pray for the Mission and Discipleship Enablers Network; that those working in mission teams from dioceses across the country can learn from and support each other in the common priority "To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday".

We join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in [Praying for the 34,000](#); Lord we pray to see more people coming to know you and wanting to further their discipleship journey of always wanting to further their walk with you.

A prayer of King David from Psalm 122 - pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good."

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June is World Environment Day and so we pray the most recent Eco Prayer from our Environment Team: "Heavenly Father, you have taught us, through your servant St Francis, that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; tread lightly upon it; and cherish resources; that our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, and your name be glorified through all that you have made. Amen."

**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:** 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; tins of fruit; tins of tomatoes; jam, peanut butter, honey etc; tinned ham, corned beef, chicken or beef. 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.

### **TWO NEW GROUPS STARTING AT ST GILES' CHURCH!**

On Monday 1st June 2026 two new and informal groups will be starting in the social space at the back of St Giles' church, and it's hoped that both will become a monthly event on the calendar, every first Monday of the month. At 10:00 am there will be a Prayer Meeting. All are welcome to attend – no experience necessary! Then at 10:30 am we will be starting an informal Bereavement Group. We hope that this will give people the opportunity to chat with those who have also lost a loved one, whether that is a partner, child or pet. Grief can be isolating and sometimes we cannot share our feelings with our families or friends. Our journeys are all different, but we hope that you will find strength and encouragement as you learn to live with your loss.

### **ROTARY SPECTACLES UPDATE**

Rotary Redundant Spectacles for Africa - so far this year we have collected approaching 800 pairs of redundant spectacles for the Rotary International initiative which sends them to West Africa. At this moment I have 450 pairs boxed ready for dispatch. Obviously half of what we collect come from the Lichfield Branch of Vision Express and from David Arthur Opticians in Lichfield's Market Street, but the other half come from thoughtful donations from at least seven local church congregations. To me this is practical Christianity, in that it is helping people who are, in effect, disadvantaged 'neighbours'; and it is also avoiding unnecessary items being sent to landfill. Thank you for your continued support. Trevor James.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St Giles' churchyard nature count, with churchyard and church tours, plus plant sale, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm (Contact Gillian Davis 01543 433037).

Three-parishes Beetle Drive in St Giles' Church Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June (Contact Jane Boyle 07843 077575).

Dance the Decades, with DJ Paul, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm in St Giles' Church Hall (Tickets from Megan Barr 07870 100005).

Sheepwash Farm Tractor and Trailer ride on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June (Contact Gillian Davis 01543 433037).

Hints 'Rock Tribute Night' on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July (Contact Jane Boyle 07843 077575).

Hints Annual Parish Walk on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August starting at 10.30 am from St Bart's Church (Contact Jane Boyle 07843 077575).