



Welcome from our Parish
Priest and Vicar

The Revd Dr. Jason Phillips

Whether you are just visiting, have recently moved to the area or have been here some time, we would like to welcome you to the Anglican Church of St Giles' Whittington.

We hope that you will not only appreciate the peace, tranquillity & God centeredness of our lovely grade 2 listed building and beautifully kept churchyard but will also feel able to enjoy the warmth and hospitality of the people that comprise the church community itself. We hope that you might even consider joining us for some of our services or events.

Our aim is to worship and respond to God and to be a loving presence to those in our village. We offer a range of different worship services taking the best of tradition and contemporary forms. We would also love to welcome you to some of our social activities that take place throughout the year, our retreat days and Christian faith study groups.

We also aim to support a range of charitable and social action groups and so we support mission partners in Nepal, Lichfield foodbank and The Council for Christians and Jews for example.

Our building is open every day during daylight hours.



The Church



Weddings

A wedding at St Giles' is an unforgettable experience; a wonderful place to celebrate your wedding. Make your marriage service special and a day to remember at this beautiful church location. Close to a range of inspiring reception venues, the traditional village church and rural location make this a truly romantic setting that you and your guests will love.



Baptisms

Baptism or Christening (which means Christian-making) is a very happy event in the life of a child or adult. The church community welcomes your interest in seeking baptism and looks forward to sharing in this very important occasion with you. A baptism service is not just a very special day for family members, relatives and friends to enjoy, but the beginning of a life-long journey with God, and association with God's Church.

Sunbeams

For pre-school children with their parents; parent and child praise and play. Alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am. Term time only. See website / Facebook for details.



Messy Church

Come and join us for some messy fun! For parents and primary school aged children to enjoy together. Second Saturdays at 3.00 pm. See website / Facebook for details

A brief history of the Church Building

Whittington Church, which stands on the highest point of the village, was built about the 13th century using red sandstone quarried in Hopwas Wood. However, the base of the tower is all that remains of that building. The spire was erected after the Reformation. While the nave was rebuilt in 1761 after the building was almost destroyed by fire. The chancel was added in 1880.

The dark oak pulpit, was originally given to Lichfield Cathedral in 1671 and remained there for 118 years until bought for the neighbouring church at Elford. It was removed from there in 1848 and lay unused in store before installation in St Giles' in 1922.

The organ is a two-manual instrument built about 1920 as a memorial to villagers killed in the First World War. On the front of the organ pipes is a brass plate made from a shell case brought from the Mons battlefield, this is inscribed with the names of the young men from the village who were killed during the war. The organ was overhauled and moved to the balcony in 1956 and converted to full digital control in 2013.

North and south windows of the chancel contain interesting fragments of medieval painted glass that may have come from Burton Abbey. A recent addition is a window that depicts the church, the legend of St Giles and the hind and the Staffordshire countryside. Villagers subscribed towards this window to mark the millennium.

Two old bells still hang in the tower, the clock bell cast in 1618 and the sanctus bell cast in 1630. In 1991 a ring of six bells, dating from 1875, was transferred from St James, Islington, and installed in a locally built frame. Two bells were added in 2008 to complete the octave.

The churchyard is notable for its display of spring-flowering bulbs and for the grave of Thomas Spencer. He was a founder of Marks & Spencer Ltd and the adjacent church hall is named after him.

Services at St Giles'



1st Sunday 09.30 Parish Eucharist (Choral)
18.30 Evening Worship

2nd Sunday 10.00 Parish Praise Service
18.30 Evening Worship

3rd Sunday 09.30 Parish Eucharist
18.30 Evening Worship (choral)

4th Sunday 09.30 Celtic Parish Eucharist
18.30 Evening Worship

5th Sunday 09.30 Parish Eucharist
18.30 Evening Worship

8.00 every Sunday: Said Eucharist(BCP)

Weekdays

Wednesdays 09:30 Weekday said Eucharist

Services are also held on some Feast Days (e.g. Epiphany, Ascension Day, Ash Wednesday, Corpus Christi) at one of the churches in the group.

Monthly

Last Tuesday at 20.00 Quiet Space reflective service

Other Regular Events

19.30 Mondays Community Choir

19.30 Wednesdays Bell Ringing practice

10.30 Thursdays Coffee Stop

14.00 Thursdays Whist for Pleasure

19.45 Thursdays Church Choir

19.30 last Friday monthly Flicks in the Sticks

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ST GILES' CHURCH



WHITTINGTON

We are an inclusive Anglican Church



May God's blessing be upon you

A place for people of all faiths and none to be still,

A place to come close to God,

A place to reflect and be peaceful,

A Christian place to worship together,

A place to enjoy the company of others.