



Sunday December 17th 2017
Third of Advent



St Giles', Whittington

08.00 SAID EUCHARIST (BCP 1662) *Fr Jason*
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end p748 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 p1188 John 1: 6-8, 19-28 p1063
09.30 **NO SERVICE** at St Giles' – please attend Barn Nativity / 9 lessons
11.00 BARN NATIVITY AT SHEEPWASH FARM *Clair Kirk & Steve Lane*
18.30 Traditional Candlelit NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS *Fr Jason*

St. Mary's, Weeford

12.40 BAPTISM OF KELLY DAY *Fr Jason*
13.15 BAPTISM OF JENSEN BICKLEY *Fr Jason*
15.00 PARISH CAROL SERVICE with CHRISTINGLE *Fr Jason*

St. Bartholomew's, Hints

18.30 Re-arranged PARISH CAROL SERVICE Warden and PCC

December 17th – December 23rd 2017

Sunday	14.30	Bridge with Friends	Thomas Spencer Church Hall
Monday	19.30	Community Choir	
Tuesday	09.30-13.00	Elswick School carols and nativity at St Giles'	
Wednesday	09.30	Weekday Eucharist	<i>Fr Jason</i>
		Coffee Stop Christmas Lunch	Thomas Spencer Church Hall
	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice	
Thursday		NO COFFEE STOP	
	14.00	Whist for Pleasure	Thomas Spencer Church Hall

Service of Wholeness, Rest and Peace



Sunday 28th January, at 6.30 pm
St Giles' Church
Prayer, Silence, Music,
Contemplation, Encounter
For further details, contact:
Gill Hollis or Fr Jason
(01543 432107)
All are welcome!



Visit our website: www.ourvillagechurch.org.uk



Next Sunday December 24th 2017: Fourth of Advent – Christmas Eve

Have you Invited and brought someone to church this week? Invite someone for Christmas services now! We are all responsible for growing God's church.

St Giles'

08.00 Said Eucharist (BCP 1662) *Fr Jason*
09.30 Lesser Carols with Godparents' Sunday (no Eucharist) *Fr Jason*
16.00 Crib Service *Clair Kirk & Steve Lane*
23.30 Christmas Eucharist *Fr Jason*

St Mary's

20.00 Christmas Eucharist *Fr Jason*

St Bartholomew's

18.00 Christmas Eucharist *Fr Jason*

DEVELOP YOUR FAITH BY JOINING IN WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

1 Carol Singing at Morrisons Churches Together in Lichfield, Thursday 21st December 6.45-8.00 pm. Meet in the foyer. Singing for **Christian Aid**.

2 Thank you to the kind donors who have enabled the production of Eucharist Service Booklets for St Giles Hospice. A real blessing this Christmas. Thank you!

3 Food Bank Special needs are: long-life UHT milk, long-life orange juice and Christmas stocking fillers (gold coins, chocolate Santas, etc.). Thank you for your contributions, which are greatly appreciated.

4 On Fire Mission Prayer Ministry Training Day, Saturday 10th February, All Saints Church, Warwick, 10.15 am to 4.00 pm. Free to all.

5 Christian/Muslim Storytelling *Food for the Journey* present a day for lay people 9.30am – 4.00pm on Saturday 9th June at Yarnfield. Details: Dot Clayton on wolvodot@hotmail.com.

6 Proposed Memory Café (Dementia Friendly) in Lichfield – maybe interested in helping with this ecumenical project in its set up or serving as a volunteer (refreshments and chat!)? Training provided. Contact Revd Linda Collins 07915 091128 or lindacollins@hotmail.co.uk.

7 Flicks in the Sticks will be back on 26th January 2018. We wish to thank all our supporters.

8 Advance warning – slight change of service time 2018 at St Giles From January 2018 the Parish Praise service will start at 9.30 a.m. and not 10.00 a.m. The service will also be on the 3rd week and not the 2nd of every month.

9 Prayer Experiment 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7.30-8.30 pm in St Giles' Church. No previous experience necessary! Why not come along and give it a try?

9 January 13 February 13 March

10 Help from domestic violence *Pathways* Lichfield for women and children victims, 24 hr helpline – 01543 676800, *Mankind* for male victims 01823 334244 (10-4pm, 7-9 pm).

In love and faith let us pray for the needs of the world...

Advent 3; O Sapientia; Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928

Countries: Israel, Venezuela, Haiti, Spain, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Lithuania.

World Wide Anglican Communion - for insight and wisdom for members of the Lambeth Design Group preparing for the next Lambeth Conference taking place in 2020; For The Episcopal Church in Wyoming and The Rt Revd John Smylie.

All God's Children: We pray for our Jewish Brothers and Sisters as they celebrate the Feast of Hanukkah and that the light of their devotions will be a light to all. We pray for blessings for Chief Rabbi Mirvis, Rabbi Mark Solomon, Rabbi Jacobi and the Jewish communities of Birmingham, Derby and Leicester and all Jews living in Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield that God's blessing be upon them. For our Bishop Michael in his work as National Chair of The Council for Christians and Jews.

Local: Lichfield Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad. The Dean Adrian Dorber; the Cathedral staff; for the work, daily life and mission of the Cathedral.

Words of blessing: La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor del Padre y la comunión del Espíritu Santo este con todos vosotros.

Prayer Cycle: Week 4. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,500):

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, DMS Whittington.

Special Focus: St Giles' Hospice

- For those who are feeling alone & daunted at the prospect of Christmas without their loved one.
- For those who are watching and waiting with a loved one who is close to death at this time.
- For all the staff and volunteers at St Giles' Hospice and Hospice home teams and fundraisers.
- For Martin Hill- spiritual Coordinator and for Fr Jason and all the Chaplains.



For those that are needing prayer for body, mind or spirit:

Mark Hibbert
Charlotte
Neil



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

*The Lord has told you what is good and what the Lord requires of you;
to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*

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We are inclusive Anglican churches where you are always welcome

May God's blessing be upon you

Church Contacts: Parish Priest and Vicar: The Revd Dr Jason Phillips

Weddings, Baptisms, Spiritual and Personal concerns, Starting Church, Spiritual Direction, Pastoral and to pray for you.

Contact Father Jason: revdvector@fastmail.co.uk (01543) 432728

Parish Administrator: Lynne Mills 07721 767963 for church matters and if Fr Jason is not available. Contact Lynne: lynnewwh@outlook.com

Lynne's office hours: most Thursdays 10.00 – 15.00 telephone first to check.

You are invited to free refreshments at the end of the St Giles' 9.30 service.

Larger print hymn books and service sheets available on request.

Gluten-free communion wafers: please advise the welcome person by the door.



Pages for Bible lessons are on board at front of church or on this sheet. Bookmarks are inside Bibles at the end of the pews, so you can prepare in readiness for the service if you wish to follow as lessons are read. Pages will not ordinarily be announced.

Toilet facilities – in the vestry room at the back of church/porch area.

A voluntary contribution is requested during 3rd Hymn to support the church.

Collects are set prayers prayed by the priest/ leader on behalf of everyone

COLLECT (BCP 1662) Third Sunday of Advent O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT (CW) Third Sunday of Advent God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.