

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**Epiphany**



**St Giles', Whittington**

08.00 SAID EUCHARIST (BCP 1662) *Fr Jason*  
Isaiah 60: 1-6 p746 Matthew 2: 1-12 p966  
09.30 PARISH EUCHARIST- Epiphany and blessing of chalk *Fr Jason*  
Isaiah 60: 1-6 p746 Matthew 2: 1-12 p966  
18.30 EVENING WORSHIP- Baptism of Christ *Gill Hollis*  
Isaiah 42: 1-9 p727 Matthew 3: 13-end p967

**St. Mary's, Weeford**

11.30 PARISH EUCHARIST and blessing of chalk *Fr Jason*  
Isaiah 60: 1-6 p746 Matthew 2: 1-12 p966

**St. Bartholomew's, Hints**

18.30 PARISH EUCHARIST *Fr Jason*  
Isaiah 60: 1-6 p746 Ephesians 3: 1-12 p11748 Matthew 2: 1-12 p966

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – January 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Sunday	14.30	Bridge with Friends	Thomas Spencer Church Hall
Monday	19.30	Community Choir	
Tuesday	19.30	Prayer Experiment	Gill Hollis
Wednesday	09.30	Weekday Eucharist	Fr Jason
	10.30	Sunbeams	
	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice	
Thursday	10.30	Coffee Stop	Thomas Spencer Church Hall
	14.00	Whist for Pleasure	Thomas Spencer Church Hall
Saturday	15.30	Messy Church	Thomas Spencer Church Hall

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



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**Next Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2018: Epiphany 2**

*Churches grow when Christians invite and bring people to church. Share the love of God!*

**St Giles'**

08.00 Said Eucharist (BCP 1662) *The Revd Dr Stephen Barton*  
09.30 Parish Eucharist *The Revd Dr Stephen Barton*  
18.30 Evening Worship *Fr Jason*

**St Mary's**

11.30 Morning Worship *Dr Trevor James*

**St Bartholomew's**

NO SERVICE (Please attend St Giles' or St Mary's)

**DEVELOP YOUR FAITH BY JOINING IN WIDER CHURCH EVENTS**

**1 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6.30 pm at St Chad's Lichfield. Ecumenical service using resources provided by churches in the Caribbean and made available by Churches Together in England. Theme: 'That all may be free' Exodus 15:6.

**2 On Fire Mission** Prayer Ministry Training Day, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, All Saints Church, Warwick, 10.15 am to 4.00 pm. Free to all

**3 Food Bank** Special needs are: sugar 500g, coffee and long-life milk. **Thank you** for your generous support during 2017, and for your continuing contributions, which are greatly appreciated.

**4. Singing Workshop** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 am to 3.00 pm. Open to boys aged 6-11 and girls aged 9-13. Telephone 01543 306168 to book your free place. Lichfield Cathedral School.

**5 Christian/Muslim Storytelling** *Food for the Journey* present a day for lay people 9.30am – 4.00pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Yarnfield. Details: Dot Clayton on [wolvodot@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lindacollins@hotmail.co.uk).

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

**8 Wildfire Folk** Seeking new members from 10 to 27 years old who have achieved Grade 2 standard in any instrument. Rehearsals are every Thursday during term time at Wade Street Church Hall, Frog Lane, Lichfield, 6-8 pm. email: [steldav@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steldav@hotmail.co.uk).

**9 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).

**10 Thanks** to Brenda and Sue for Royal Refreshments today!

**11 Thank you to the generous donors** who funded the Hospice Eucharist booklets. Your kindness will be a real blessing to both hospice and church in worship together. **Thankyou!**

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

### ***Epiphany 1 and the Baptism of Christ***

**Countries:** Israel, Venezuela, Iran, Peru, Honduras, New Zealand, Spain, Nigeria

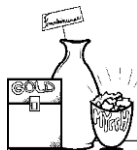
**Global:** Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia The Most Revd Winston Halapua Bishop of Polynesia and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Pray for Bishop Helen Anne Hartley as she returns to the UK to take up her new role as Bishop of Ripon. Bishop of Taranaki - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd Philip Richardson.

**Companion Link: Nordkirche / Church of Northern Germany;** we give thanks for our ongoing (and strengthening) partnership with our Lutheran Brothers and Sisters of the Nordkirche. Encouraged by the visit of a group from Lichfield to Rostock at the beginning of Advent we look forward to a combined pilgrimage to Ireland in May as we explore Chad's Celtic roots over there. Please pray for the establishment of parish-to-parish links and an uptake with the St. Chad's Volunteer Programme.

**Local:** The staff at St. Mary's House, Lichfield and Small Street, Walsall; the CEO and Diocesan Secretary Julie Jones and all who offer the ministry of Administration.

**Ecumenical:** Heart of England Baptist Association

- Adrian Argile (Regional Minister for the Black Country).
- Dave Ellis (Staffordshire) Alison Mackay (Shropshire).



**Prayer Cycle: Week 7. The Parish of Weeford (Population c.450):**

Tamworth Road Packington, Jerry's Lane, Levett Road, Knox's Grave Lane, Flats Lane, Watling Street, Weeford Village, Little Hay Lane, Swinfen: Barkers Lane, Heart of the Country, London Road, Old London Road, Swinfen Hall Estate.

**Community facilities and institutions in Weeford:**

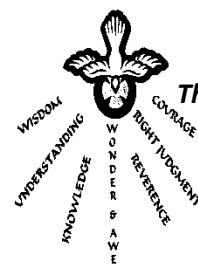
Weeford Parish Council; Swinfen and Packington Parish Council; St Mary's Church; the Church Council; The Old School House Restaurant; Swinfen Young Offenders Institution; Swinfen Hall Hotel; Heart of the Country; The Old Stables.

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

Mark Hibbert

Charlotte Jane Anne

All Children in hospital at this time



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

*The Lord has told you what is good and what the Lord requires of you;*



**SUNDAY January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**The Feast of The Epiphany**

**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: [revdjason@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:revdjason@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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn to support the church.

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

**COLLECT (BCP 1662) First Sunday after Epiphany** O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**COLLECT (CW) First Sunday after Epiphany** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children, 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.