



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
21st & 28th January 2024**



**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 21st – 27th January 2024





Sunday 21st January – Epiphany 3



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)

The Revd Paul Harrison

St Mary's 11:30 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

St Bart's 18:30 Evening Prayer

The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Genesis 14: 17-20 p15 Revelation 19: 6-10 p1247 John 2: 1-11 p1064

COLLECT (BCP) Epiphany Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT (CW) Epiphany 3 God of all mercy your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed; anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.



Thursday 25th January – The Conversion of Paul

Sunday 28th January – Epiphany 4 – Septuagesima

St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (BCP 1662) The Revd Canon Brian Maguire

11:15 Baptism of Fern Widdowson The Revd Canon Pat Maguire

St Mary's 11:30 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

Bible Lessons: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 p197 Revelation 12: 1-5a p1241 Mark 1: 21-28

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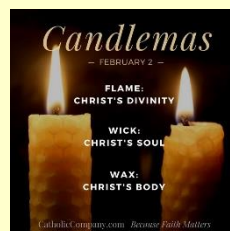
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COLLECT (BCP) Epiphany 4 O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT (CW) Epiphany 4 God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation; send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday 2nd February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)



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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for The Church of South India (United) and The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We pray for Michael and Jan Gott (Evangelists) and Viktoria Korniychuk (Trainee nurse from the Ukraine).*

We pray for all those around the world impacted by natural disasters, and we think especially of all who have experienced earthquakes – the people of Libya, Afghanistan and, most recently, Japan. Pray for those who have lost homes and loved ones; those who lost their lives as they set out to provide rescue support; and for those involved in the struggle to rebuild and restore homes and infrastructure to restore their communities. Pray also for those who continue to suffer because of war and unrest; and for all who strive for peace and justice throughout the world.

Lichfield Diocese: *Our prayers continue for the 'SHAPING FOR MISSION' Deanery visions & ways to implement them, in the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' We remain mindful of the implications of Covid-19, locally & globally; we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those currently suffering because of wars and unrest and for all who take decisions around the world.*

Pray for Jules Smith as she takes up a new diocesan role as Strategic Ministry Development Officer, with responsibility for shaping a programme of training and development opportunities for Christian leaders at a time of change. Pray also for the parish clergy, chaplains, pioneers, school heads & lay officers she will support.

Pray for all those across the diocese who are exploring their Christian faith and discipleship and discerning ways in which they might be called to serve God's kingdom. Pray especially for those who will access the Pathways online module and those who prepare to facilitate it. Further details [here](#).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself".

Pray for the work of the diocesan Racial Justice and Inclusion Task Group. Give thanks for the successful West Midlands bid, allowing significant new provision of dedicated personnel to address issues of racial justice in our churches and dioceses; pray for wisdom and creativity in establishing and embedding the work across the next six months.

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: Mark Horton, David Gumbley
Promoted to glory: Betty Gilbert

LICHFIELD FOODBANK

Our most needed items are currently crisps and snacks, jars of pasta sauce and cereals. 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. There is a collection point at the back of church, which is open daily, as well as at 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. These will be advertised or notified by Gill Hollis when a service is due to be held. If you are not on the email list for these services and would like to take part, please contact Gill on 01543 432107.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St, Michael's Church on Friday 19th January at 7.30 pm and will be led by Reverend Sharon Greensmith, Master of St. John's, Lichfield. The theme this year is 'Go and do likewise'. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18th - 25th January, the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul and further details can be found at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>

MISSION IN MARK

Thursday 8th February 2024 - St Mark's Great Wyrley. Join the Mission Team for a workshop to explore how Mark's Gospel illuminates the 'Five Marks of Mission'. Gathering from 10 am and closing by 3 pm. Open to anyone but [booking is essential](#).

LENT AT ST GILES' – THE DIFFERENCE COURSE

Lent 2024 runs from 14th February to 28th March. Archbishop Justin Welby has brought together leading practitioners and thinkers to create *Difference*, equipping you to cross divides, navigate disagreement and pursue a just and flourishing world. Across five sessions, *Difference* teaches three habits that have the potential to transform everyday relationships: Be Curious, Be Present, Reimagine. There will be opportunities for in-person and (if requested) an online option to enable as many people to attend as possible. All are welcome. No Bible background necessary! Contact Gill Hollis: gillhollis143@gmail.com or telephone 01543 432107.

VOLUNTEER OPEN DAY AT MIDDLETON HALL AND GARDENS

The Volunteer Open Day is at Middleton Hall and Gardens, Middleton, Tamworth, B78 2AE, on Saturday 16th March 12- 4 pm, with last entry being at 3.30 pm. It will run as a volunteer fair, with different inspiring charitable organisations showcasing voluntary opportunities. Stall holders would be asked to arrive between 11 & 11.30 am to get set up! Attendance needs to be confirmed by the 1st March, however there are limited places so please respond as soon as you can. Tickets are available for visitors (not stall holders) to book via the website @ <https://www.middleton-hall.co.uk/event-details/volunteer-open-day>. Further information: Samantha Kirman 01827 283095.