



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

**TWO WEEKS - SUNDAYS
7th & 14th 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





Sunday 7th January – Epiphany 1 – Baptism of Christ



St Giles' 09:30 Parish Eucharist (CW)

The Revd Mal Hawksworth

St Mary's 11:30 Parish Eucharist

The Revd Canon Stephen Mayes

St Bart's 18:30 Parish Eucharist

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Bible Lessons: Genesis 1: 1-5 p3 Acts 19: 1-7 p1115 Mark 1: 4-11 p1002

COLLECT (BCP) Epiphany 1 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) Epiphany 1 Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son; may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Jenny and Andy Saunders, our Mission Partners, have now ended their ministry in Nepal and will be reflecting on their time there and looking to the future.

Sunday 14th January – Epiphany 2

St Giles' 09:30 Morning Worship

Gill Hollis / Jenny & Andy Saunders

St Mary's 11:30 Morning Worship

Dr Trevor James

Bible Lessons: I Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) p274 Revelation 5: 1-10 p1237 John 1: 43-end p1064

COLLECT (BCP) Epiphany 2 Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of thy people and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT (CW) Epiphany 2 Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end; bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made know in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church and Church of the Province of South East Asia. We pray for Michael and Jan Gott (Evangelists) and Viktoria Korniychuk (Trainee nurse from the Ukraine).*

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.*

We pray for Strengthening Communities Together, thank you for the opportunity to work alongside our local communities: For over 180 safe places in our Diocese where people can connect, belong and contribute, as part of the Places of Welcome network of hospitality - help us to equip and support them in creating accessible communities. For churches and schools willing to make often small but significant changes to support those living with dementia; for those who share their lived experiences with us to shape positive change; for the opportunity to share the good news of hope and transformation from grassroots community engagement.

We pray for the ministry of chaplaincy across the Diocese: For those moved by compassion for the imprisoned, the young, the unwell, the dying, the overwhelmed, and those troubled by their mental health: For those seeking the flourishing of the next generation and all in education: For those whose ministry takes them today into places of confusion, conflict, trouble and danger: For those who step into closed and hidden places in order to walk with others: For those in workplaces, streets, shops, markets, canals, theatres, farms, sports places and centres of entertainment: For those encountering people of other faiths, to be open & positive while being confident in the faith of Christ: For those working at collaboration, partnership, relationship and healing; any questioning their own faith, identity, or practice; those for whom energy and stamina seem to be running low: those today seeking accountability or support; and that all would recognise in the ministry of chaplaincy its discipleship, vocation and evangelism.

Prayer Cycle: Week 1. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,400):

(Four sectors radiating from the Post Office at centre of village)

North Sector: Brookhay Lane, Broad Lane, Whittington Hurst, Park Lane, Fisherwick Hall and Farm, Fisherwick Wood Lane, Burton Road, Noddington Lane, Swan Road, Neal Croft, Rock Farm Road, Bay Tree Walk, Darby Avenue, Dyott Avenue, Noddington Avenue.

Prayer Cycle: Week 2. The Parish of Whittington (Population c.3,400):

East Sector: Barley Croft, Middleton Road, Spring Lane, Fisherwick Close, Fisherwick Road (from Peel Bridge to Hademore), Falcon Drive, Kestrel Close, Merlin Way, Osprey Close, Peregrine Close, Elford Road (from Hademore to Stubby Leas), Tamhorn Park.

We pray by name for: Mark Horton, David Gumbley, Betty Gilbert, Rachel English
Promoted to glory: Jacqueline Gibson, Nader Farahnak, Eunice Wellum

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 – VOLUNTEERS FAIR

A Volunteers Fair has been organised in partnership with Lichfield Cathedral. The event will be held on Tuesday 16th January between 2 pm and 4 pm at Lichfield Cathedral. The event enables voluntary groups (and other groups looking for volunteers) to promote their activities, gain potential volunteers and do a bit of networking. Are you looking for volunteers? if so, you are welcome to have a stand. It's free. Tables and chairs are provided. Further details if you would like to know more about the event or to book a stand from Rick Hill, Volunteer Officer – Lichfield District, telephone: 07729 883822.

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](#).

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL AND JULIA

Bishop Michael and Julia are profoundly grateful for the very many messages of support, expressions of sympathy and assurances of prayers that they have received from people across the diocese since the death of their son Frank on 25th November. To know that they are not alone in their grief has been a great consolation and encouragement at a time of deep sorrow. Frank will be buried in Darmstadt, Germany on Wednesday 17th January, following a funeral service for him there. A requiem will be celebrated for him in Lichfield on Monday 22nd January. Bishop Michael and Julia would much value prayer for Frank, for them and for their family on those days in particular. They understand that some people may wish to express their support through being present at the requiem, and of course they would be very welcome; equally, people may want to pray for Frank and for his family in their own place on 22nd January.