

Sunday Services in May

St Andrew's

- 8.00 am every Sunday - Holy Communion
- 10.30 am 1st Holy Communion
 8th All Age service
 15th United Anniversary Partnership service
 with Holy Communion
 22nd Morning service
 29th Morning service with baptism

St Peter's

- 10.30 am 1st Morning service
 8th Morning service
 15th United Anniversary Partnership service
 with Holy Communion **in St Andrew's**
 22nd Holy Communion
 29th Morning service

United Evening Services

- 6.30 pm 1st Day One service (see *) *in St Peter's*
 8th Holy Communion with *in St Andrew's*
 prayers for healing
 15th Evening service *in St Andrew's*
 22nd Evening service *in St Andrew's*
 29th Evening service *in St Andrew's*

**Our Day One speaker is Jon Mason, pastor at Park Evangelical Church, Shelton*

Ascension Day service

Thursday May 5th at 8pm

Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church



Spotlight on.... Messy Church

Messy Church is led by a team of dedicated volunteers and runs 6 times a year on a Saturday afternoon and offers a chance for people of all ages to come together for an activity packed afternoon of learning about Jesus and the Christian faith. With special sessions at Christmas and a summer Teddy Bear's Picnic as well as appearances from St. Andrew's Puppet Ministry, there's always plenty of excitement that goes with the mess!



With each session drawing in upwards of 20 children and their parents/guardians, we typically spend an hour on themed crafts before

sitting down for an informal talk drawing from Bible stories. Snacks, drinks and a simple children's tea means that our tummies, as well as minds, are filled with good things. From a baby friendly corner to hot drinks for older folk, there's something for everyone of any age. We've always got room for more and would love for you to join us as we learn more of Jesus together.

Sessions run from **4:00-5:30pm**. For more information, please contact Leslie on 766116

**Next on Saturday
May 14th**

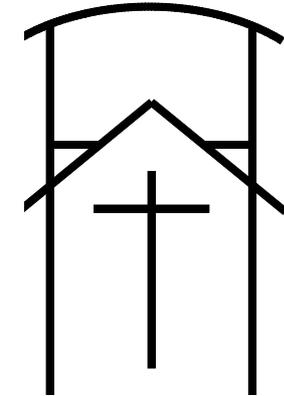


Messy Church dates for 2016:

14th May, 2nd July, 17th Sep, 12th Nov, 3rd Dec

Church in the Westlands

May 2016



LINK

ST PETER'S

Methodist Church
 c/o Rev'd John Palmer
 Tel:- 622856

ST ANDREW'S

Anglican Church
 Rev'd Andrew Dawswell
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May Message

A primary school teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She asked one boy what he was doing, to be given the reply "I'm drawing God".

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like".

Without missing a beat, or looking up from his drawing, the boy replied, "They will in a minute."

Many children and young people have a strong curiosity about faith. At the Church in the Westlands - needless to say - we're keen to do what we can to encourage this. At the very least a young person's connection with a local church should lead to an enduring awareness of why others believe. For some it may have an even more significant impact on their life.

That's why for the last ten years we've employed a full time youth & children's worker to work alongside our church volunteers and to extend our reach to children and young people in the area. If you're interested in finding out more, do get in touch - or just bring your family along to one of our activities and see what they think.

With best wishes

Andrew Dawswell

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Open Café



Saturday May 21st

10.30 am - 12 noon in St Andrew's Hall



**Plants
Books
Toys Games
Bric-a Brac
Car wash
Cakes**



Admission: £1 for adults, free for children

Includes refreshments

**All proceeds go to Tearfund project ZOE
for orphans in Zimbabwe**

Dates for your diary

Saturday May 7th **Newcastle Male Voice Choir** are holding a concert in St Andrew's church
Saturday May 14th **Northern Men's Convention** in St John's church, Knutsford, from 10.45am to 4.45pm

Focus on Prayer

As part of a national initiative launched by the two archbishops, St Andrew's will be having a particular focus on prayer during the second week of May. On Sunday 8th and Sunday 15th May, as well as our regular times of worship, the building will also be open in between (ie 12noon-6.30pm) with several prayer stations set up to help direct our praying. Our regular monthly church prayer meeting has been moved to take place on Monday 9th May, 7.30pm in the Parish Room. All welcome

Christian Aid Week

May 15th – 22nd

Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street.

Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches to put this love in to action and last year raised over £6.5 million in the UK and Ireland to provide sustainable development and disaster relief for those most in need around the world. We will be holding a house- to- house collection in our local area to support this very worthy cause. Please give generously. Thankyou



Anniversary service

St Peter's and St Andrew's will celebrate the 43rd anniversary of our partnership with a united service on **Sunday May 15th**. We welcome our speaker, Robert Mountford, from CLASP – Churches Linked Across Staffordshire and the Potteries

★ Little Sparklers

Worship and play especially for toddlers (0-4yrs) and their parents or carer.

Tuesday May 17th

2pm-2.45pm

St Andrew's Parish Room

All newcomers very welcome

