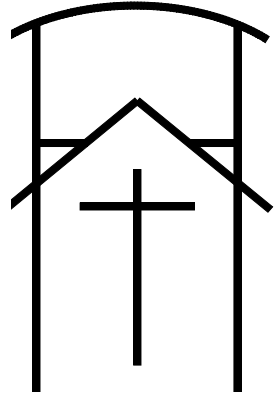


Church in the Westlands

December 2016



LINK

ST PETER'S

Methodist Church

Rev'd John Taylor

Tel:- 909163

ST ANDREW'S

Anglican Church

Rev'd Andrew Dawswell

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★ Christmas Services

United Christingle

Children's candlelit service with refreshments

Sun Nov 27th 4.30pm St Andrew's

Carol Services

Sun Dec 11th 10.30am St Andrew's

United Carols by Candlelight

Led by the choir

Sun Dec 18th 6.30pm St Andrew's

United Crib Service

Led by the children of Sunday club

Christmas Eve 3.30pm St Andrew's

United Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve 11.30pm St Andrew's

Christmas Day Services

8 am Holy Communion St Andrew's

10.30 am All Age Service followed by

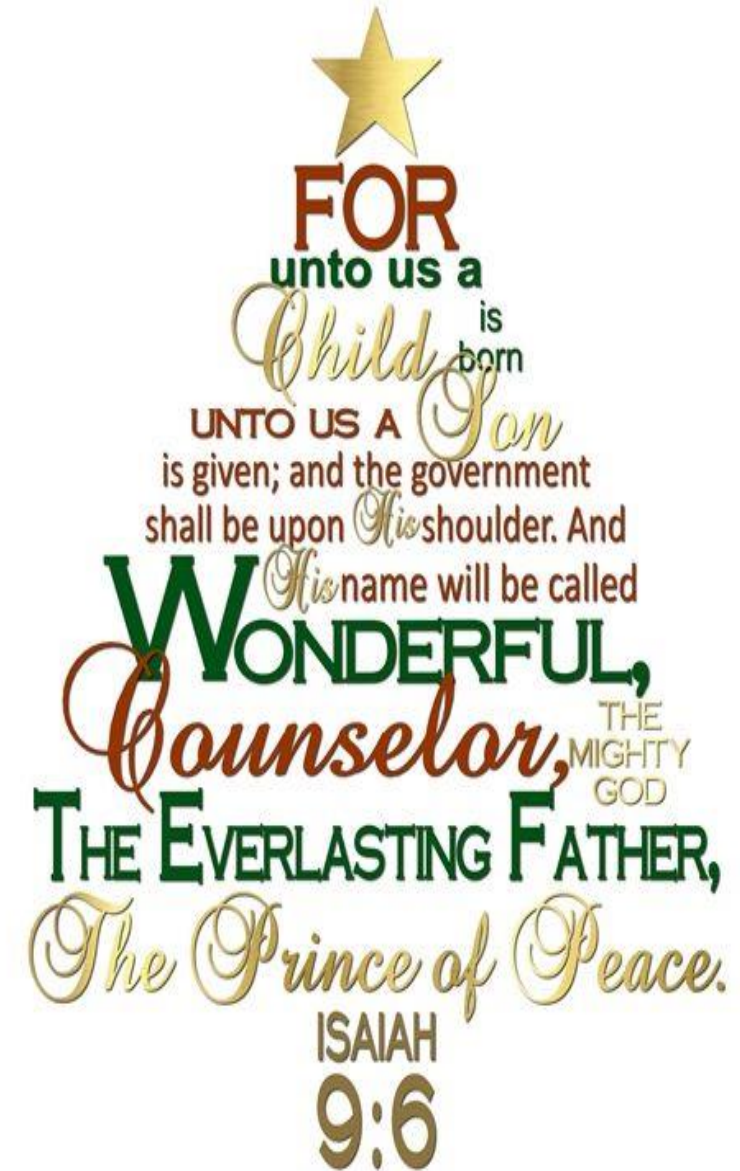
Holy Communion St Andrew's

10 am Higherland Methodist church



Happy Christmas

From us all at the Church in the Westlands



December Message

An Advent Reflection

Prompt me God, but not yet.

*When I speak, though it be you who speak through me,
something is lost.*

The meaning is in the waiting.

R.S Thomas

These words of R.S Thomas encapsulate the very nature of the season of Advent. Advent is a time of anticipation, a time of expectation and a time of waiting.

Unfortunately waiting is something the modern generation are not very good at; we want everything now, and our plastic friends more often than not ensure that we get it.

I well remember this time last year seeing "seasonal mince pies" in a well-known supermarket, the box nicely decorated with holly leaves and gold bells and also the warning... "best before the end of October"! But Advent also presents us with a paradox in that we wait patiently (or impatiently) for something that has already happened.

We wait, as Abraham and Sarah, the Prophets, John The Baptist and Mary waited for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ we discover the fulfilment of all we have waited for and hoped for thus far, and points us forward to the completion of all our hopes and dreams in the end of all things.

However the most amazing thing of all is the discovery that He has been with us all along, in all our joys and our sorrows, throughout all our waiting for that which has already happened and that which is yet to come.

The poet is so right...the meaning really is in the waiting.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Revd. John Taylor



School Christmas Services

A big welcome to all holding their Christmas services at St Andrew's this year

Langdale Nursery and Reception Nativity	Thurs Dec 8 th
Westlands Primary Carol service	Wed Dec 14 th
Seabridge Primary Carol service	Thurs Dec 15 th
Coppice School Carol service	Thurs Dec 15 th
Langdale School Carol service	Fri Dec 16 th

Toy Gift Services



Please bring your unwanted toys- in good condition- to either of our 10.30am gift services to support local children.

On **Dec 4th**, St Andrew's will be collecting for Arch Refuge and would also welcome toiletries as gifts for the women.

On **Dec 11th**, St Peter's will be collecting gifts suitable for older children for Tri-Alpha, Action for Children in Chesterton

Carol singing



On Monday evening, **December 12th** members of both churches will be carol singing in our local area.

This is not for fundraising, but is a way to share the joy of the Christmas message of Jesus Christ's birth

Forget Me Not Café

Friday December 16th

Drop in between 10.30 am and 12 noon for an opportunity to share a hot drink and a chat with others who have been bereaved. We meet in St Andrew's Parish Room (entrance through small door by car park at back of church) on the 3rd Friday of every month.



Sunday Services in December



St Andrew's

8.00 am	every Sunday	- Holy Communion
10.30 am	4 th	Holy Communion with toy giving
	11 th	All Age Carol service
	18 th	Morning service
	25 th	All age service with Holy Communion

St Peter's

10.30 am	4 th	Holy Communion
	11 th	Morning Service with toy giving
	18 th	Morning service
	25 th	NO service

United Evening Services

6.30 pm	4 th	Day One service	<i>in St Peter's</i>
	11 th	Evening service	<i>in St Andrew's</i>
	18 th	United Carol Service	<i>in St Andrew's</i>
	25 th	NO service	

Messy Church



For all young people with their families. Messy crafting activities, with a snack, drink and a Christmas theme in St Andrew's Hall **Saturday Dec 3rd** 4.00 - 5.30pm

Baptism

Mark Siu of Eleanor Cres 23rd Oct

Thanksgiving for the life of

Nigel Machin	of Sherborne Drive	14 th Oct
Joyce Attwood	of Chester Crescent	17 th Oct
Robert Lloyd	of Amberley House	21 st Oct
Deric Richardson	of Roseacre	7 th Nov