

Sunday Services for February

St Andrew's

8.00 am every Sunday - Holy Communion

10.30 am 5th Holy Communion
 12th All Age service
 19th Holy Communion
 26th Morning service

St Peter's

10.30 am 5th Holy Communion
 12th Morning service
 19th Morning service
 26th Morning service

United Evening Services

6.30 pm	5 th	Day One service *	<i>in St Peter's</i>
	12 th	Holy Communion	<i>in St Andrew's</i>
	19 th	Evening service	<i>in St Andrew's</i>
	26 th	Evening service	<i>in St Andrew's</i>

*At Day One, Rev. John Taylor will be speaking on John 1 35-41

Messy church



Saturday Feb 4th 4pm-5.30pm

Messy craft with a snack and a Christian theme in St Andrew's Hall. For all ages from toddler up, accompanied by an adult.

Thanksgiving for the life of..

Sylvia Banks	<i>of Kingsdown Mews</i>	Dec 15 th
Ron Williams	<i>of Lugano Close</i>	Dec 22 nd
Connie Storey	<i>of Venice Court</i>	Jan 3 rd
Betty Mead	<i>of Madeley Manor Care Home</i>	Jan 4 th

Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February - 12 March

The Newcastle Fair Trade Group is joining thousands of others across the UK to help change the way people think about the products on our shelves. Our actions and choices can change the lives of the world's poorest farmers and workers. Look out for unusual activities in Newcastle town centre on the two Saturdays of the Fortnight: 4th & 11th March. Can you find a 'knit- bombed' bike in FT colours chained up somewhere in town?



Why not encourage your workplace to use Fairtrade products?

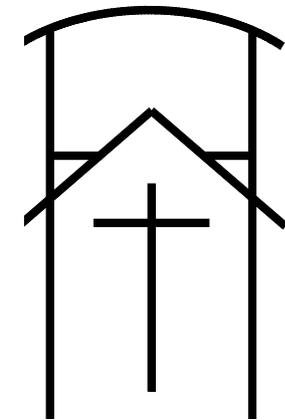
" It's time to 'Put Fairtrade in your break, take exploitation out!' "



2017 marks the 23rd Fairtrade Fortnight in the UK. It's organisers say 'This will be one of the most uncertain years for a generation when it comes to trade, as Brexit progresses and the UK may have to renegotiate more than 50 international trade deals. No-one yet knows what this will mean for farmers and workers in poor countries. It's more crucial than ever that the voices of the poorest farmers and workers are heard.' If you want to be involved then send a text to 07983 983840 or contact the group via fairtrade.newcastle@gmail.com

Church in the Westlands

February 2017



LINK

ST PETER'S

Methodist Church

Rev. John Taylor

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ST ANDREW'S

Anglican Church

Rev. Andrew Dawswell

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www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk

February Message

As we enter into the month of February and the days slowly begin to lengthen, we start to look forward to warmer days ahead. Year after year we experience the cycle of the dark days of winter giving way to the warmth and light of spring. I don't know about you, but I'm certainly ready for the temperature to rise, even if only a little bit. In the story of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', C.S. Lewis uses the long winter of the White Witch to symbolize the harsh reality of the death and darkness that so characterises the winter season. The citizens of Narnia are constantly looking forward to the moment when someone greater than the White Witch will appear, breaking the power of the witch's magic. This long-awaited rescuer is spoken of by way of a rhyme:

"Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight, at the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more, when he bares his teeth, winter meets its death, and when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again."

Aslan the Lion is a picture of Jesus and the natural imagery of winter and spring is used to speak of the Bible's teaching that the coming of the Lord Jesus brings life, light and hope into a world of darkness and death. As the days get longer, why not come along to church, meet some of the church family and find out more about the Lord Jesus, who is able to banish darkness and death.

Rev Leslie Siu

Forget - me – not Café

Friday February 17th 10.30am - 12 noon

Share a hot drink and a biscuit with others who have been bereaved, in St Andrew's parish room (enter through small door at back of church car park), every third Friday of the month.

Projects supported by The Church in the Westlands

Both St Andrew's and St Peter's churches have links with a variety of worthwhile charities and projects supporting the worldwide Christian faith and covering local, national and international social concerns. Our support is through a combination of giving time, money and regular prayer. Here is a sample of just some of those we have helped in the last year.



The Bible Society works all around the world to translate the Bible into local languages

With more people in the UK going hungry, Newcastle Foodbank aims to supply 3 days of emergency supplies to those in greatest need. Both churches collect food donations



St Andrew's supports Tearfund's international work, especially project ZOE for orphans in Zimbabwe

Scripture Union works with children and young people in the UK and 120 countries, providing literature and resources to help them discover more about faith in God. Our own Sunday children's groups use Scripture Union material

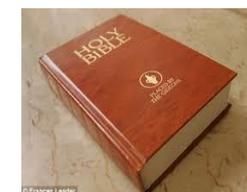


St Andrew's supports Kieran and Ashley McKnight, formerly from Stone, working with a young church in the United Arab Emirates where there is a wide variety of people from many races and faiths



Aquaboxes provide water purification equipment and emergency supplies for disaster relief around the world. St Peter's has filled many boxes for this Rotary project

The Gideons aim to give everyone the opportunity to read the Bible by placing copies in hotels, hospitals, prisons and through gifts to secondary school pupils



St Peter's supports the **Action for Children** Tri-alpha House in Chesterton which provides help for children with additional needs

UCCF supports students through Christian Unions at universities and colleges locally and around the UK



Elizabeth House is a refuge for women and children in Newcastle under Lyme who have experienced, or are at risk of, domestic abuse. Both churches support their work