

Sunday Services for March

St Andrew's

8.00 am		Holy Communion - every Sunday
10.30 am	5 th	Holy Communion
	12 th	Morning Service with baptism
	19 th	Holy Communion
	26 th	All Age service for Mothering Sunday

St Peter's

10.30 am	5 th	Holy Communion
	12 th	Morning service
	19 th	Morning service
	26 th	Morning service for Mothering Sunday

United Evening Services

6.30 pm	5 th	Day One service	<i>in St Peter's</i>
	12 th	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	<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>

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and there will be a service in St Andrew's Parish Room at 8pm on **Wednesday March 1st**

Clocks Change

British Summer Time starts on Sunday **March 26th**. At 1am, we move forward an hour to 2am



Thanksgiving for the life of...

Bob Little	of Dartmouth Ave	Jan 26 th
Dennis Small	of Geneva Drive	Jan 31 st

Messy Church

Sunday March 12th 10.15am



For a number of years, Messy Church has been meeting several times a year on Saturday afternoons. It has been a great place for all ages to gather together to learn about Jesus through craft activities and interactive Bible stories.

This year, we are looking to expand what we do with Messy Church through the introduction of a 'Messy Sunday' programme.



Messy Sunday will draw the familiar aspects of interactive, activity based learning of Messy Church with the community and fellowship of the weekly Sunday congregation.

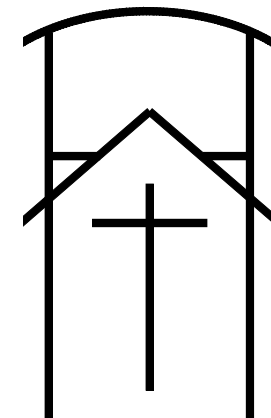
The sessions will begin at 10.15am in the church hall and adults are then invited to take part in the 10.30am service in the church building while our dedicated and DBS checked team run a fun filled session for the children and young people.

Regular Messy Church sessions will continue to run on several Saturday afternoons throughout the year.

You are warmly invited to our first Messy Sunday on the 12th of March. We hope you can join us.

Church in the Westlands

March 2017



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ST PETER'S

Methodist Church

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ST ANDREW'S

Anglican Church

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March Message

Dear Friends,

Both my wife Rosemary and I share an interest in gardening, both at home and on our allotment. For the last month or so, the allotment has been stripped of the last of the produce and is now covered over with tarpaulin to suppress the weeds in readiness for digging over again and planting for the forthcoming season.

As I now look out over the garden at home, I can't help but think how each year I see a miracle. Dry, dead looking bushes and trees slowly start to come to life with the onset of spring. As the months go on, those dead looking branches slowly take on a mantle of green finery in triumph over the dead days of winter.

Every bush, tree and shrub becomes a silent witness to the mystery of creation, and to the victory of life over death, each one a resurrection together with the millions of others in God's wonderful creation.

As we see God's creation slowly emerging to new life, a witness to the love that never dies, may it be a reminder to us of the new life offered to us in Jesus Christ, His death and glorious resurrection, and the promise of eternal life to all that believe and trust in Him.

With every blessing to you all, and those that you love and care for.

Rev. John Taylor

Hall Hire

Both church halls are available for hire. Please see our website



Mothering Sunday

What is Mothering Sunday?

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year.

So each year in the middle (fourth Sunday) of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably this became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (Commonly, in those days children might leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

Most historians think that it was the return to the 'mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants or apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

This year it falls on **Sunday March 26th**

Both churches will be marking Mothering Sunday by presenting gifts of flowers at our 10.30am services. All are welcome. (Don't forget to adjust your clocks!)

Did you know?

Simnel Cake is traditional on Mothering Sunday. It is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle and decorated with 11 balls of marzipan icing representing the 11 disciples. (Judas is not included.) Traditionally, sugar violets would also be added. The name Simnel probably comes from the Latin word *simila* which means a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake.



Monthly Group Dates

Forget - Me - Not Café meets in St Andrew's Parish Room on Friday March 17th between 10.30am and 12 noon

Afternoon Tea this month will be on Tuesday March 14th at 3.30pm in St Andrew's Hall

Monday group for ladies will be on Monday March 13th at 7.30pm in St Peter's Room 2. Rev Leslie Siu will be speaking.

Vintage Time meets on Tuesday March 28th in St Peter's Hall at 10am

Weekly Groups

(Children's groups are mostly held in term times only)

Sunday Club (age 3-14) most 10.30am services
Little Sparklers (age 0-4) Tues 10am in St Andrew's Parish Room

Glo (age 7-11) Mon 3.30pm in St Andrew's Hall
14+ group (age 14-17) Tues 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Room

Parent/Toddler group (age 0-4) Thurs 10am in St Peter's Hall

Knit Wits (age 16-100!) Mon 2-4 pm in St Peter's

Lent Course

During Lent, instead of our regular house groups, we will meet together in St Andrew's Parish Room on Wednesdays. There is a choice of 10.30am or 7.45pm for 8pm start, meeting on Wed March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th. Our curate, Leslie Siu will be leading us in a course helping us to become better equipped to share our faith with others.