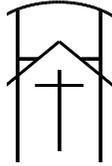


The Church in the Westlands



**St Andrew's
Anglican Church**

**St Peter's
Methodist Church**

*As the Church in the Westlands
we are committed in the power of the Holy Spirit that our worship, service and witness will
demonstrate to everyone the love of Jesus Christ*

A very warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 5th February
Fourth Sunday Before Lent

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Mrs Irene Hardacre

8.00 am

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Mrs Irene Hardacre
Matthew 5:13-20 (p 976)
Psalms 51 (p568)

10.30 am

Holy Communion
Revd Cecil Mann
Matthew 5:13-20 (p7)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p206)

6.30 pm

Day One
Revd John Taylor

Collect
O God,

*you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

Morning prayer will take place at 8.30 - 8.50 am on Monday (in church), and on Tuesday & Wednesday (at the Vicarage). All are welcome.

Glo **Monday 6th February** 3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm St Andrew's Church Hall

Little Sparklers **Tuesday, 7th February** 10.00 am – 11.30 am Parish Room
Yr 10-13 Group 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm Parish Room
Home Group 8.00 pm 16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 8th February

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| Home Group | 10.30 am | Parish Room |
| Home Group | 10.30 am | 5 Friars Walk |
| Home Group | 8.00 pm | 32 Beresford Crescent |

Thursday, 9th February

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| Blaze Youth Group | 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm | Parish Room |
| Worship Committee | 7.30 pm | Vicarage |

Saturday, 11th February

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| Compline | 9.00 pm | Parish Room |
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 12th February *Third Sunday Before Lent*

St Peter's Church

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| Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i> | 8.00 am |
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| All Age Worship & Parade <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i> | 10.30 am |
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Morning Worship
Local Arrangement

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| United Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i> | 6.30 pm |
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St Peter's Local Arrangement, 12th February ... this time we are asking for contributions of a favourite Bible story, passage or verse. Please say if you are willing to speak about why you picked it. Could you let Val, Marion or Joe have the information by Sunday, 5th February. Thank you.

Compline ... or night prayer gives the opportunity to conclude the day sharing with others in quiet worship and prayer. This will now take place monthly, on the second Saturday of each month, meeting at 9.00 - 9.30 pm in the Parish Room (ie 11th February, 11th March, 8th April etc).

Monday Group ... the next meeting will be held on 13th February at 7.30 pm in Room 2 at St Peter's. The speaker will be Helen Farmer "Putting Carers First" – an informal talk about the work of carers. Visitors always welcome.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 14th February, in St Andrew's Church Hall, from 3.30 pm to about 5.00 pm. Enjoy the company of your friends and make some new ones. A light afternoon tea will be served. The cost will be £2.50. All welcome. If you would like to come, please contact Jenny.

Youth Worker Appeal ... we are very grateful to those who have responded - both existing donors who have increased their giving, and also a good number of new supporters. Regular pledged giving has increased significantly from £16,000 to £19,400. With some one-off gifts also being received, this secures the post until at least the second half of 2018. If there are any who have not yet responded but are able to do so, leaflets are available near to the back of church.

Revd Alison Anderson ... as you will be aware Revd Alison Anderson will be retiring and leaving the Circuit at the end of February. The Circuit is organising a retiring collection for her, if you would like to contribute towards this could you please send your contribution to the Circuit Office by Friday, 17th February.

The Northern Men's Convention ... this year is on Saturday, 6th May at St Andrew's Leyland, near Preston, and is titled "Men, how should we Live? - To the Glory of God Alone". The Principle speaker will be Michael Reeves, President and Professor of Theology at Union School of Theology in Oxford. This is a great opportunity for the men in our congregations to get together, hear from well-known excellent speakers and enjoy singing rousing songs! Doors open at 9.00 am and the Convention starts at 10.00 am so we will need to leave around 8.00 am, to allow for traffic on the M6! We will finish at 4.45 pm and hope to be home soon after 6.00 pm. A group will be attending from St Andrew's and transport can be arranged. Tickets can be ordered in advance for £12.50 before 28th February (£15 at the door) Alan Swanborough will make a block booking in February. Look out for details in St Andrew's Church, and have a word with Alan.

Newcastle Foodbank ... are still looking to fill two significant volunteer roles: one person responsible for fundraising, another for PR & Communications. For full details or to register interest contact Susie Dean at volunteering@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk
Also at the moment there is a current shortage of toiletries, particularly shampoo and men's toiletries (deodorant, shaving gel etc).

St Andrew's Pew Rearrangement ... this more modest reconfiguration is being trialled for a couple of months initially - with the next PCC's meeting on 27th March deciding whether to consider this kind of arrangement longer term.

Other PCC News ...though a variety of views were expressed, there was a strong majority in favour of further work to firm up the feasibility and costs of replacing our present hall with an extension to the church. The buildings development committee were authorised to engage a surveyor to formally advise on the likely proceeds of selling part of our site. If the outcome of this is positive, the committee were asked to proceed to appointing an architect to work with us on the design, permissions and likely cost of an extension.

With the Church of England Bishops and General Synod continuing to consider permitting the blessing of same-sex relationships, the PCC discussed this issue. Again a variety of views were expressed, but a strong majority agreed with the vicar's proposal to communicate our concerns about this development to our new Bishop by endorsing a letter produced nationally in October 2016 that can be found on <http://www.eggscofe.org.uk>.

Vicar's Vestry Carpet ... we need to replace the very worn carpet in the Vicar's vestry for safety reasons. If anyone is changing their carpet (and it is in good condition and not white/cream) and it measures approximately 11 foot 6 inches x 10 foot 9 inches or more, please contact Diana for further information.

Our Lent Course this year is 'Contagious Christianity' ... we will be thinking about why and how we can share with others the joy of being a follower of Jesus Christ. I hope that we will come away with a sense of anticipation that God will work through us, rather than guilt and fear. It will be run on each Wednesday throughout Lent beginning on 8th March. Come either in the morning at 10.30 am or at 7.45 for 8.00 pm in the evening. Mark the dates in your diary now!

Dig Deeper Study Course ... on how to get the most out of the Bible. The final meeting is on 15th February – ideally please read chapters 16- end of the course book to prepare.

Calling All 7 - 11 Year Olds ... Glo After School Club in St Andrew's Church Hall. The session runs from after school time (around 3.30 pm) to 5.00 pm. A warm welcome awaits

you! Lots of fun, games, refreshments, bible stories and songs. For further information, contact Bob Baker.

Group for year 10-13... Tuesday evenings 7.20 for 7.30 pm start in the Parish Room. An ideal opportunity to think about the Christian faith in a lively and enjoyable atmosphere with a variety of activities. More details from Johnny or Lyn Shufflebotham.



... has re-launched as a weekly Parent and Toddler group. Meeting every Tuesday 10.00 am – 11.30 am in the Parish Room. Plenty of toys and books for the children to enjoy followed by drinks, snacks, a short time of songs, fun Bible story and the occasional craft. Everyone, both regulars and newcomers, are welcome.

Save The Children ... is in urgent need of volunteers in its shop in Merrial Street, Newcastle. Could you spare 3 hours (morning or afternoon) to help? Please call into the shop or contact Helen Lane.

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Johnny Milton

Secretary Michelle Bradbury churchinthewestlands@talktalk.net 01782 634389 (Thurs only)
Same contact details (or St Peter's letterbox which is on the wall next to the Pilkington Avenue door) for the next notice sheet (before 9 am on Thursday please). Rest of week for St Peter's & Circuit Business: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk 01782 612648.

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