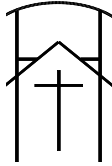


The Church in the Westlands



**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*

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

**St Andrew's Church**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Peter's Church**

Advent 4

Holy Communion

8.00 am

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

Holy Communion

10.30 am

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

*Isaiah 7:10-16 (p690)*

*Matthew 1:18-end (p973)*

Morning Worship

*Mrs Karen Barnett*

*Isaiah 7:10-16 (p675)*

*Matthew 1:18-25 (p4)*

United Carol Service

6.30 pm

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

**Collect**

*God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
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.

	<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
School Assembly Team Meeting	9.30 am	5 Delves Place
	<b>Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
	<b>Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
United Crib Service <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	3.30 pm	St Andrew's Church
United Holy Communion <i>Revd John Taylor</i>	11.30 pm	St Andrew's Church
<b>St Andrew's Church</b>	<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas Day	<b>St Peter's Church</b>
Holy Communion <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	8.00 am	
All Age Service followed by Holy Communion for those who can stay <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	10.30 am	
(No evening service on Christmas Day)		

**Musicians** ... there is again an open invitation for young instrumental or vocal soloists to play for us in the period before the Crib service. If you would like to take part please come along to a rehearsal at 11.50 am today (Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December) (ie just after the morning service) Geoffrey is playing for the Crib Service and should also be able to act as accompanist if you bring the music to the rehearsal.

**Carols by Candlelight** ... is at 6.30 pm today (Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December).

... Those who have served as fire wardens previously (and any who are willing to help in this way for the first time) are asked to come for a briefing at 6pm.

... Following the service tea/coffee and mince pies will be served in St Peter's Hall. If you are willing to provide mince pies for this event, please see either Gillian Moss or Ann Harvey. Offers of help to both serve and clear away will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Our Regular Sunday Club Leaders** ... are having a well-deserved break on 1<sup>st</sup> January. There will however be an activity sheet available for young people joining us on that day. 8<sup>th</sup> January will be an all age service in St Andrew's.

**Confirmation Service** ... the service for 2017 will take place at 10.30 am on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in considering being confirmed as a full member of our churches, please speak to Andrew or John as soon as possible. Young people in year 8 or above who feel ready to affirm a personal commitment to Christ and to his church are also invited to consider confirmation.

**Hospital Wards Carol Singing** ... is being organised by the hospital chaplains for Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December and they would like local church members to join them. Could you help to share the Christmas message with patients and staff? You would be very welcome. Please meet at 6.30 pm at the Prayer Centre Chapel (main building, lower ground 2). If you intend to go, please contact Mary Bosson.

**Vacuum Cleaner Wanted** ... for St Andrew's Parish Room. If you have a spare upright vacuum in good working order please speak to Alan Swanborough or the vicar.

**Youth And Children's Worker Financial Appeal** ... we have benefited enormously from having a full time worker serving in this area - but need additional giving in order to continue the post beyond 2017. If you haven't already got a leaflet do take one from the back of church, and please carefully consider whether you are able to respond. We are very grateful for quite a number of initial responses but still have some way to go to be able to secure the full-time post in the long term. Please do prayerfully consider whether you are able to respond.

**Wool Needed** ...our Monday afternoon Knit Wits group have agreed to help the Newcastle Borough Fair Trade group in a knitting project to raise the profile of Fair Trade (FT) in the Borough during FT fortnight beginning at the end of February 2017. To do this they need blue, turquoise, green, white and black wool of any type. There are boxes near the back of each church for donations. An old bike is also needed, which doesn't necessarily have to be in working order - please contact Jill Rouffet if you can help.

**Church Christmas Card** ... Trailblazers invite you to send Christmas greetings to other members of the congregations by signing the large Christmas card that they have made, which will be at the back of St Andrew's Church after this morning's service. You may wish to make a donation to Tearfund in lieu of buying Christmas cards.

**Season of Invitation** ... do consider whether you might invite someone to come with you to one of our special Christmas services, carol services etc. There are copies of an A5 invitation at the back of church which includes details of our Crib Service at 3.30 pm on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Quiz** ... Lynda Stonier is running a quiz in aid of the Church in the Westlands Children and Youth Worker Fund. The quiz sheets cost £1 and the closing date is Christmas Eve. The theme of the quiz is "Christmas Carols and Songs" and there are prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Please see Lynda if you would like a sheet.

**January Links** ... are now available for deliverers. There is no need for them to appear in letterboxes until nearer the end of December though. We are very grateful for those who continue to help us get the word out in this way.

**Day One: Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**.... the Day One service for January falls on New Years Day and will go ahead as usual at 6.30 pm in St. Peter's Church. Ann and Olive have kindly agreed to provide tea and coffee refreshments both before and after this service. Please do join us for this monthly contemporary service, you'll be most welcome.

**Afternoon Tea** ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 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.



... has re-launched as a weekly Parent and Toddler group. Meeting every Tuesday 10.00 am – 11.30 am in the Parish Room. This week is our last meeting before Christmas, we will restart again on 10<sup>th</sup> January. 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.

**The Poppy Appeal** ... £53.19 was raised between both churches, which went towards the British Legion District total of over £78,000. Many thanks to all who donated.

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Same contact details (or St Peter's letterbox which is on the wall next to the Pilkington Avenue  
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