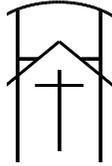


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 20th November

St Peter's Church

Christ the King

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Holy Communion

10.30 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Luke 1:5-25 (p1030)

Malachi 4:1-6 (p970)

Morning Worship

Mrs Peggy Fitchett

Luke 23:33-43 (p112)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now 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.

Monday, 21st November

Glo

3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

Open meeting regarding church hall

7.30 pm – 8.30pm

Parish Room

provision

St Andrew's PCC

8.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Parish Room

Tuesday, 22nd November

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

Vintage Time

10.00 am

St Peter's Church Hall

Yr 10-13 Group

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Wednesday, 23rd November

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| Identity Course | 3.00 pm | Vicarage |
| Dig Deeper | 7.45 for 8.00 pm | Parish Room |

Thursday, 24th November

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| Blaze Youth Group | 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm | Parish Room |
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Friday, 25th November

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| Christingle Making | 7.30 pm | Parish Room |
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Saturday, 26th November

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

Sunday, 27th November

St Peter's Church

Advent 1

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| Holy Communion | 8.00 am | |
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Revd Andrew Dawswell

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| Morning Prayer & Baptism | 10.30 am | Morning Worship |
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Revd Andrew Dawswell

Mr Charles Irvine

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| United Christingle Service | 4.30 pm | |
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Revd Leslie Siu

Identity Course ... we are just starting this course to take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00 pm to about 4.15/4.30pm at the Vicarage. There is still room for a couple more participants - more details from the vicar. Each week includes a discussion starter on DVD.

Dig Deeper Study Course ... on how to get the most out of the bible. The next meeting is on 23rd November – ideally please read chapters 5,6 & 7 of the course book to prepare.

Christingle Service ... Next Sunday, 27th November 4.30 pm - All welcome. Help is needed to make the Christingles - Friday, 25th November at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Parish Room. There is also a warm invitation to join the music group. The music group practice for this will be just after the morning service earlier in the day (ie around 11.45 am on Sunday, 27th November.)

Christmas Lunch ... which replaces the afternoon tea for December. You are invited to a four course Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 6th December, in St Andrew's Church Hall at 12.30 pm. The cost will be £7.50. If you would like to come please contact Jenny for more details.

St Andrew's Buildings ... the PCC had a brief initial discussion on the options for the future provision of hall facilities, based on a new report produced by the Buildings Development Committee. They are encouraging members of the congregation to read the report. It can be downloaded from www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk with paper copies available at the back of church for those who can't easily get online. The first hour of the next PCC meeting will be open to all church members to attend, to hear more about the different possibilities, and to express their views. It is in the Parish Room at 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm tomorrow (Mon 21st Nov). If you are unable to attend do let a PCC member know your thoughts or write/email me – Andrew.

St Andrew's Bible Reading Notes for 2017 and Bookstall ... please let Helen Swanborough know if you wish to continue subscribing to Bible reading notes next year or to try them for the first time. There are samples of some of these notes at the back of Church in case you think this might be a good means of helping you to read the Bible regularly.

The bookstall has attracted little custom over the last few months so from mid-December there will no longer be an opportunity to buy books or cards in Church. A wide range of cards and books for all ages is available from the Methodist Book Centre in Gitana Street, Hanley, whose staff have kindly supplied the bookstall on a 30 days sale or return basis for 12 years and more. In addition to the big bookselling websites if you want to browse online this is probably easier at specialist Christian sites such as thegoodbook.co.uk, eden.co.uk, or authenticmedia.co.uk. Thank you to everyone who has supported the bookstall in that time. Our lending library will still provide an opportunity to borrow Christian books on various subjects - do make use of it. *As a church we are very grateful too to Helen Swanborough for her commitment to serving in this way over many years.*

St Andrew's Flower Rota ... the flower rota for 2017 is being prepared. There are some Sundays available for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers in memory of a person or occasion. Also, we are in need of further help in the flower team. Experience is not essential (but a welcome bonus) and a very warm welcome is assured. For further information please contact Diana.

Toy Services ... in St Andrew's this will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday, 4th December. Gifts of toys or toiletries for children and ladies would be greatly appreciated and will again be passed on to Arch Refuge. The St Peter's Toy Service will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday, 11th December. Gifts, suitable for teenagers - toys, toiletries, make up or money are all welcome. All items will be given to Tri Alpha in Chesterton.

Newcastle Foodbank ... are looking to fill two significant volunteer roles a) person responsible for fundraising This involves identifying ways of raising funds and to taking action to help secure this funding by talking to companies on the telephone, internet research and completing applications where necessary. Also helping to organise fundraising events encourage regular donations through member churches and "Friends of the Foodbank", b) person responsible for PR & Communications: Raising awareness of Newcastle-Staffs Foodbank in the local community including, developing regular newsletters and prayer bulletins, advertising for special events, setting up and continuing to oversee a social media platform, liaison with Trussell Trust, & reporting to the local project lead, c) Foodbank also need volunteers to help with a variety of practical tasks. For full details or to register interest contact Susie Dean or volunteering@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk Foodbank also continue to need food donations - current shortages are custard, biscuits, jam, dried rice, tinned meat (cold) ie ham, corned beef etc, chocolate and sponge puddings.

Volunteering at the Keswick Convention ... a 650 strong volunteer support team join every summer to help make the Convention what it is. Volunteers from all over the UK come up to the Lake District ready to serve as part of the welcome team, the reception team, the fundraising and finance teams, the children and youth teams and in many other capacities. Some serve for one week and then enjoy the Convention as attendees the following week, others come for two or even three whole weeks. Over the last few years, attendance at the Convention has grown with 25% more children year on year. In order to manage this growth and to prepare for the future, we are inviting more volunteers to apply to join our summer team. Would you apply? See <http://www.keswickministries.org/volunteer> for more details or speak to Chris Gill

Interested in a Mini Bible College Course?... there is a possibility of getting the Northwest Partnership to put on an evening version of their one year ministry training course in the North Staffs area. It would be more demanding than our regular midweek groups - but a valuable investment for Children's leaders, adult bible study leaders, and Christians simply wanting to

know their bibles better covering Biblical theology, Bible Exposition and Hands on Training. A leaflet is available near to the church entrance giving more details. Please speak to the vicar today if you might be interested in pursuing this.

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.

Re-launch of ministry for year 10-13 ... Tuesday evenings 7.20 for 7.30 pm start in the Parish Room. There was a good initial meeting last week - and others would be more than welcome to get on board too. 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.

Keele Bach Choir Christmas Concert ... Britten Ceremony of Carols and Suite for Harp, Holst, MacMillan, Harris, Tippett and more on Saturday, 3rd December, 7.30 pm, Keele University Chapel. Contact Helen Lane. Tickets £12 with £2 discount for prior booking.

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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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