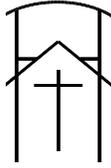


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 22nd January
Epiphany 3

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Leslie Siu

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
Revd Leslie Siu
Luke 11:5-13 (p1047)
Psalms 55:1-19 (p570)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Revd Edna Perry
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (p656)
1 Peter 1:3-12 (p293)

6.30 pm

Churches Together in Newcastle Unity Service at Higherland Methodist.
Leader: Revd Alison Anderson, Speaker: Matthew Parker, Archdeacon of Stoke
This is instead of our regular Westlands 6.30 pm service

Collect

*Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.

Memory Verse for St Andrews 10.30 service

Jeremiah 33:3
*'Call to me and I will answer you, I will tell you wonderful and
marvellous things that you know nothing about'*

Glo	Monday 23rd January 3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
	Tuesday, 24th January	
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
Home Group	8.00 pm	16 Rugby Close
	Wednesday, 25th January	
Home Group	10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent
	Thursday, 26th January	
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	48 Kingsway West
	Saturday, 28th January	
Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 29th January <i>Epiphany 4</i>	St Peter's Church
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
Morning Prayer <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Revd Edna Perry</i>
United Evening Prayer <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	6.30 pm	

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.

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).

What is Love Actually... a light hearted and fun afternoon, including refreshments, reflecting on the different ways in which people give and receive love. Led by Gary & Jan Palmer of FamilyLife UK, they will share stories, relationship principles, humour and clips from the film 'Love Actually'. Come alone, as a couple, or with friends. Saturday, 4th February 3.15 pm – 4.45 pm at Newcastle Baptist Church, Stafford Avenue. Free but registration needed on <http://www.familylifeuk.org/newcastle>

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.

Quiz ... we are grateful to Linda Stonier for organising this to raise some extra money for the Children & Youth Worker Fund. Congratulations to a friend of Linda's from the Baptist Church who won first prize - getting all the answers right with no spelling mistakes. A number of others were very close!

Confirmation Service ... the service for 2017 will take place at 10.30 am on Sunday, 30th 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.

Dig Deeper Study Course ... on how to get the most out of the Bible. The next meeting is on 1st February – ideally please read chapters 14 & 15 of the course book to prepare.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 24th January at 10.00 am in St Peter's Hall. The session last for approximately 1 hour and costs 50p inc. tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us for very gentle exercise, fun and laughter. New members always welcome.

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!

Summer Holiday Club Dates ... we will follow a similar pattern to last year - ie taking place over 3 fuller days Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August 9.30 am for 9.45 am - 3.30 pm. If you have children age 5-11, or would consider joining the team to serve, please do aim to keep these dates free.

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.

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. This week is our last meeting before Christmas, we will restart again on 10th 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.

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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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