

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, and especially to the family and friends of Leslie and Mel Sui who are joining us to celebrate Mark's baptism .

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 23rd October
Last Sunday After Trinity

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Morning Prayer & Baptism

10.30 am

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Genesis 6:9-22 (p6)

Hebrews 11:1-7 (p1211)

11.00 am

Local Arrangement at
Newcastle Methodist Church
Revd John Palmer

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Memory Verse for St Andrews 10.30 service

Genesis 6:5

*"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great ...
the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."*

Tuesday, 25th October

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Vintage Time	10.00 am	St Peter's Church Hall

Wednesday, 26th October

Link Editorial Committee	9.30 am	St Peters Choir Vestry
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Saturday, 29th October

Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room
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St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 30th October****St Peter's Church**4th Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>		

Morning Prayer	10.30 am	Morning Worship
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>		<i>Mr Arthur Ford</i>

United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm	
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>		

Prayer after St Andrew's 10.30 am Service ... many people find that it can sometimes be very helpful to pray with another person - either bringing to God a particular need, or offering thanks; either for yourself or for somebody else that you are particularly concerned about. As the St Andrew's 10.30 am service concludes, a member of the prayer team will be available at the back of the Lady Chapel (i.e. just forward of Mr Noisy's room). They are not providing counselling, just an opportunity for you to briefly share what is on your mind, and then to be led in prayer.

Our Regular Sunday Groups ... the Climbers group for 3-6's will continue to meet in St Andrew's Parish room; our Trailblazers group for 7-10's is experimenting with meeting in St Andrew's choir vestry. The Pathfinder group for 11-14's group will continue to meet in St Peter's - and there's also a warm welcome for Year 10's to continue at Pathfinders.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 8th November, 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.

Ladies Body Shop and Pudding Party ... Friday, 9th December at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. Please save the date - further details nearer the time from Glenys Gill.

Steel Cabinets Looking for a Good Home ... 3 cabinets that had been used in the choir vestry are now surplus to requirements. Width 89.5cm, depth 46cm, height 89cm. Contact the vicar if you are interested.

Budget Car Needed ... if anyone is looking to get rid of a car, or knows of something suitable that is available please contact our youthworker Johnny Milton, as he is not yet recovered enough to use his motorcycle.

Our Youth Worker Johnny Milton ... it's great to have Johnny back with us - please pray for him as he resumes his different ministries and for his knee ligament damage to continue to heal.

Identity Course ... *Who is God? Can I make contact with Him? Who are we? What is the purpose of life?* We have run this course several times over the last couple of years and are planning to start another course later in October. Each week includes a discussion starter on DVD, with opportunity for interaction and questions. Ideal for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, or looking for a refresher course. It also forms the main part of the preparation course for adults who would like to think about being confirmed next April. More details from the vicar.

Morning Prayer ... Andrew and Leslie follow the traditional anglican practice of starting several working days each week by meeting together for a 20 minute service of morning prayer, which includes both bible readings and prayer, mainly for local church concerns and for our mission links. The current pattern is to meet in St Andrews at 8.30-8.50 am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday –though this is currently on hold for a couple of weeks. When we resume it may however be able to be adjusted if something slightly different would work for others to join us either on a single day each week, or more often. Please speak to Andrew if you might be interested in this.

Dig Deeper Study Course ... on how to get the most out of the bible. The next meeting is on 9th November – ideally please read chapter 3 of the course book to prepare for this. Future meetings are on 23rd November and 7th December at 8.00 pm continuing in January/February. 8.00 pm start, refreshments from 7.45 pm. Please bring £6 to the next meeting for Tracey Holland to collect.

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.

Archdeacon's Personal Assistant ... Matthew Parker, Archdeacon of Stoke on Trent is looking for a new full-time P.A. It looks like quite a varied and interesting job for the right person, with a workbase in Clayton. More details on www.lichfield.anglican.org/vacancies/



... 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.

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 on Monday, 21st November. If you are unable to attend do let a PCC member know your thoughts or write/email me – Andrew.

Operation Christmas Child ... is well under way for 2016. Please help yourself to an empty shoe box from either church and fill it with little gifts to bring a beaming smile to a child living through difficult times. Only simple items are required such as soap and flannel, a skipping rope and toothbrush and toothpaste. There are leaflets available to give you an idea of what to include. If you would prefer to help with the transport of these boxes of love, each box costs £3

to send. Both June and Simon will happily accept boxes and donations by the end of October. Have fun seeing how much you can get into a shoe box. Many thanks for caring. June and Simon.

150 years of Reader Ministry in the Church of England ... there is a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate this anniversary on Saturday, 29th October at 2.00 pm, with the new Bishop of Lichfield preaching. For more details contact our reader Irene Hardacre on 616943. We are very grateful for reader ministry, past and present, at St Andrew's and hope that there will in time be others who offer to be considered for this role to enable it to continue in St Andrew's into the future too.

Offer Your Hand for International Friendship! ... welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a little friendlier. Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more, please visit <http://www.hostuk.org> or call 020 7739 6292.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who made a contribution to Tearfund as part of the Harvest Thanksgiving at St Andrew's. The donations have now been sent off and will provide Tearfund with £103.75 towards the Zoe project.

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