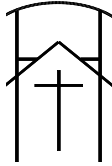


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Sunday Before Lent*

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

8.00 am

Morning Prayer  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*  
*Psalm 19 (p547)*  
*Romans 1:16-25 (p1131)*

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
*Mr Bryan Harrison*  
*Isaiah 53 (p717)*  
*John 19:17-24 (p143)*

United Evening Prayer  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

6.30 pm

**Collect**

*Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
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 am Service**

*Psalm 8:1*

*"O Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens".*

Glo	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> 3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
	<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Yr 10-13 Group	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
	<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	
Ash Wednesday Service	8.00 pm	Parish Room
	<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	
Holy Communion	10.00 am	St Andrew's Church
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
<b>St Andrew's Church</b>	<b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>St Peter's Church</b>
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
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	6.30 pm	Day One <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>

**Farewell Service for Revd Alison Anderson** ... today, Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm at Silverdale Methodist Church. All are warmly invited.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> March. Come either in the morning at 10.30 am or at 7.45 for 8.00 pm in the evening. Please sign the sheets at the back of church if you plan to attend.

**St Andrew's Electoral Roll** ... all those who are now regular worshippers over 16 years of age are encouraged to formally join the church Electoral Roll. Application forms are available at the back of the church, and are to be returned to the adjacent box or to John Glover by 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please also fill in a form or let him know if you are already on the roll but your contact details have changed.

**Ash Wednesday** ... there will be a Circuit Service on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 pm at Audley Methodist Church. There will also be a service in St Andrew's Parish Room at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

**St Andrew's Weekly Stewardship Envelopes** ... thank you to all who donate regularly using weekly envelopes. Your new envelopes starting from April 2017 are now available at the back of St Andrew's Church. If you can't locate your envelopes or if anyone else is interested in making regular donations in this way please contact the Gift Aid secretary, Alan Swanborough, and he can provide information and a set of envelopes for you.

**Getting the Most from the Old Testament** ... an interactive day put on by Walk Through the Bible at All Saints Madeley on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm. Booking £14 <http://www.bible.org.uk> or tel 01270 820043. Bring your own lunch.

**Lichfield Diocese Lent Appeal** ... this year focusses on the needs of refugees, supporting USPG/Medical intervention projects in Greece, and also several local initiatives in Lichfield Diocese. More details and response envelopes are available at the back of St Andrew's for any who would like to contribute. Though these can be returned directly to St Mary's House the Diocese's preference is for local churches to collect and send as a single sum - which means putting gifts on the collection plate and making any cheques payable to St Andrew's PCC, Westlands.

**Afternoon Tea** ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 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 and Children's Worker Fundraising Event** ... Sarah and James Froggatt are putting on an evening for us at 10 Green Bottles (46 Merrial Street) on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. £10 for nibbles and the opportunity to taste a variety of gins - more details to follow later.

**Church of England General Synod...** Please pray for the Church of England senior bishops and others involved in its national governance as they work out how best to proceed following the failure to gain all three houses approval for the bishops' recent direction document on same-sex relationships. Some media reports implying that this signals imminent approval of gay marriage in the Church of England are undoubtedly premature, although the strong differences in the church on this issue are now even harder to avoid. For those who want to find out more, there are plenty of articles on the internet - I'd particularly recommend Andrew Goddard's writing on which is generally published on [www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk](http://www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk) - Andrew.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April etc).

**UCB Prayerline Needs Volunteers** ... who are willing to pray with those who call the Prayerline number, offering up to 2-3hrs per week on a regular basis. There is an opportunity to find out more on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at UCB's office in Westport Road, Burslem, ST6 4JF. For more details contact Carl at [cfinnan@ucb.co.uk](mailto:cfinnan@ucb.co.uk)

**Reduced price tickets for The Northern Men's Convention** ... on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May. A number of men have said they want to come, but could anyone wanting the reduced price £12.50 tickets please confirm to Alan by Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February so he can make a block booking. Tickets will be available later, or at the door, for £15. This year's meeting will be 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.



... 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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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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