

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.
We welcome especially Paul Harrison and Amanda Simcock and their family and friends as they
bring Archie and Millie to be being baptised in St Andrew's this morning.*

St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 27th November	St Peter's Church
	Advent 1	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
Morning Prayer & Baptism <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i> <i>Matthew 25:1-13 (p1001)</i> <i>Revelation 21:1-8 (p1250)</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Mr Charles Irvine</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25 (p4)</i> <i>Matthew 2:13-23 (p4)</i>
United Christingle Service <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	4.30 pm	

Collect

*Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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.

	Monday, 28th November	
Glo	3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
Home Group Leaders' Meeting	7.30 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

Tuesday, 29th November

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Yr 10-13 Group	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 30th November

Home Groups	10.30 am	Parish Rm & 5 Friars Walk
Identity Course	3.00pm	Vicarage
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 1st December

Holy Communion	10.00 am	St Andrew's Church
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	48 Kingsway West

Saturday, 3rd December

Messy Church	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	
Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 4th December****St Peter's Church**

	Advent 2	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion & Toy Service <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	10.30 am	Holy Communion <i>Revd John Taylor</i>
	6.30 pm	Day One – Isaiah 11 <i>Andrew Dawswell</i>

Christingle Service ... today at 4.30 pm. All welcome.

- There's is a warm invitation to join the music group. The practice for this will be in St Andrew's just after today's morning service (i.e. around 11.45 am).

- 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 3.45 pm.

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 have already received one significant additional pledge to give regularly, and another one-off gift - which represents an encouraging start following last week's appeal.

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.

Angel Making (&Stars!) ... if you would like to help make the stars and angels that hang in St Andrew's Church at Christmas, then please join us in the Parish Room at 7.00 pm on Friday 2nd December. Speak to Steve or Tracey Holland or Chris Gill for more information.

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Please see Lynda if you would like a sheet.

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.

Church Ladies Night ... Friday, 9th December 'Pudding & Body Shop' evening in St Andrew's Parish Room at 7.30 pm. All ladies welcome. Come and sample delicious homemade desserts and perhaps order some Body Shop products for Christmas presents! Tickets are £4 and proceeds will go to support Messy Church. Tickets and further details from Glenys Gill or Tracey Holland.

St Andrew's Church Details Card ... At the recent PCC Away Day, a few people said that it would be useful to be able to pass on a small card with details of our church to any who might be interested. These have now been produced and are available for anyone who would like to take a small supply, perhaps as an encouragement to consider inviting friends, neighbour and family to give one of our church services a try.

Dig Deeper Study Course ... on how to get the most out of the bible. The next meeting is on 7th December – ideally please read chapters 8 &9 of the course book to prepare.

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.

Methodist Women in Britain ... Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District “Love and Light” to be held on Wednesday, 30th November at St Luke's Methodist Church, Clayton. Refreshments from 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start. For further details please see the noticeboard in St Peter's Church.

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 anything Christmas related ie chocolate, christmas puddings etc.

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

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.

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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.

Church website – www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk