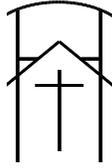


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 29th January

St Peter's Church

Epiphany 4

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Morning Prayer

10.30 am

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Luke 18:1-8 (p1056)

Genesis 18:16-33 (p15)

Morning Worship

Mr Geoff Rainbow

Micah 6:1-8 (p901)

1 Corinthians 1:19-31 (p206)

Matthew 5:1-12 (p7)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Collect

*God our creator, who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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.

Monday 30th January

Glo

3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

Building Development Committee

7.30 pm

Parish Room

Tuesday, 31st January

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

Yr 10-13 Group

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Wednesday, 1st February

Dig Deeper

8.00 pm

Parish Room

Blaze Youth Group	Thursday, 2nd February 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Messy Church (inc visit of Agape ministries team to St Andrew's)	Saturday, 4th February 4.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 5th February <i>Epiphany 5</i>	St Peter's Church
Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	10.30 am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Cecil Mann</i>
	6.30 pm	Day One <i>Revd John Taylor</i>

Sankey Service ... Sunday, 29th January at 3.00 pm at Halmer End Methodist Church. All are very welcome.

St Peter's Local Arrangement, 12th February ... this time we are asking for contributions of a favourite Bible story, passage or verse. Please say if you are willing to speak about why you picked it. Could you let Val, Marion or Joe have the information by next Sunday, 5th February. Thank you.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 14th February, 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 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.

The Northern Men's Convention ... this year is on Saturday 6th May 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. This is a great opportunity for the men in our congregations to get together, hear from well-known excellent speakers and enjoy singing rousing songs! Doors open at 9.00 am and the Convention starts at 10.00 am so we will need to leave around 8.00 am, to allow for traffic on the M6! We will finish at 4.45 pm and hope to be home soon after 6.00 pm. A group will be attending from St Andrew's and transport can be arranged. Tickets can be ordered in advance for £12.50 before 28th February (£15 at the door) Alan Swanborough will make a block booking in February. Look out for details in St Andrew's Church, and have a word with Alan.

Fired Up Theatre with Sanctus St Mark's ... present award-winning play Mausoleum: Chaos and Claustrophobia, Pathways to Light on Wednesday, 1st February, 7.30 pm. Refreshments from 7.00 pm. The play enters into the frightening and fallow mind of a group of refugees and migrants living side by side, head to toe in a container and on the sea somewhere around the English coast. Stacked and breathless, journey into their world of oppression, physical abuse, fear, faith, hope and love. All proceeds will go to Sanctus' work with asylum seekers and refugees. To book go to <http://www.eventbrite.com> and search for Stoke-on-Trent, or speak to the vicar.

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.eggscfe.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.

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!

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.

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.

THANK YOU

... Nick and Margaret Davies would like to thank all who contributed to the annual Children's Society box collection. The amount raised was £408.54. Please contact Nick or Margaret if you would like to have a collection box.

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