

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, 30th October**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion

8.00 am

*Revd Leslie Siu*

Morning Prayer

10.30 am

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*Genesis 7:1-5 & 8:1-12 (p6)*

*Colossians 1:9-14 (p1183)*

Morning Worship

*Mr Arthur Ford*

*Luke 18:18-25 (p103)*

*Luke 19:1-10 (p104)*

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

*Revd Leslie Siu*

**Collect**

*Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love  
in the hearts of the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;  
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.*

**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."*

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**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**

3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Home Group	10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

### Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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, 5<sup>th</sup> November

Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room
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### St Andrew's Church

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

### St Peter's Church

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

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*Revd John Taylor*

6.30 pm

Day One  
*Revd Mark Wilson, Curate of  
Kidsgrove -Psalm 118*

**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.

**Season of Invitation - Remembrance Sunday...** Do consider whether you know anyone who might appreciate an invitation to join us at this service. Invitation cards are available to pass on at the entrance of both churches

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Please continue to pray for him too.

**Identity Course** ... we have now decided that this will take place in the afternoons, the first meeting being on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 3.00 pm until about 4.15/4.30pm at the Vicarage. There is still room for a couple more participants - more details from the vicar. 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.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> November – ideally please read chapter 3 of the course book to prepare for this. Future meetings are on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00 pm continuing in January/February. 8.00 pm start, refreshments from 7.45 pm.

**Interested in a Mini Bible College Course?**... there is a possibility of getting the Northwest Partnership to put on an evening version of their one year ministry training course in the North Staffs area. It would be more demanding than our regular midweek groups - but a valuable investment for Children's leaders, adult bible study leaders, and Christians simply wanting to know their bibles better covering Biblical theology, Bible Exposition and Hands on Training. A leaflet is available near to the church entrance giving more details. Please speak to the vicar if you might be interested in pursuing this.

**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. 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](http://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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Barbara Walton Singers Concert: For the Fallen** ... a commemoration of 1916 in sight and sound in St. Andrew's Church in the Westlands on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £2 for young students. The concert is detailed on our website: <http://www.barbara-walton-singers.org.uk>

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