

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, 24th July

St Peter's Church

Trinity 9

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Morning Prayer

10.30 am

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Exodus 3:1-22 (p55)

Matthew 14:22-33 (p989)

Morning Worship

Mr Bryan Rulton

John 14:23-29 (p138)

6.00 pm

Farewell Service for

Revd Joy Rulton

Revds John Palmer & Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.*

Morning prayer in St Andrew's at 8.30 am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Wednesday, 27th July

Link Editorial Committee

9.30 am

Vicarage

Saturday, 30th July

Compline

9.00 pm

Parish Room

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 31st July

St Peter's Church

Trinity 10

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Kieran and Ashley McKnight

Holy Communion

10.30 am

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Morning Worship

Local Arrangement

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Circuit Farewell Service ... for Revd Joy Rulton this evening, Sunday, 24th July 2016 at 6.00 pm in St Peter's Methodist Church. All welcome.

Guardians of Ancora Holiday Club ... for ages: 5-11 on Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th August in St Andrew's Hall. Entry fee: £1.00 per day. Time: 9.45 am - 3.30 pm. If needed children can be dropped off from 8.30 am and looked after until 4.30 pm. 3 days of Bible Stories, Games, Fun Activities, Crafts and Snacks. Please bring packed lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. RSVP – please call Johnny by 29th July.

Also: I'm looking for an iPad (Wifi) for the holiday club (from 31st July to 4th August) This will involve downloading an interactive game 'Guardians of Ancora' It will be a fantastic addition to our holiday club programme. If you don't mind lending your iPad, please let me know – Johnny.

St Andrew's PCC... i) As part of the aspiration in our new Mission Action Plan to play a greater role in meeting social need in our area, the PCC has got some way to agreeing one project... more details of this will follow in the Autumn. We also decided to use this notice sheet to ask whether any members of the congregation had a vision for another project of this kind, that they would consider taking the lead with. If you have any thoughts on this front, please do talk to Andrew.

ii) With the Chorltons back in the UK. The PCC is considering different routes for finding new overseas mission partners to link with in the coming years. One possible link is with Kieran and Ashley McKnight. After several years of Kieran working as a church youth worker in Stone, they are moving in September to work with a church in the United Arab Emirates. We are looking forward to hearing them both speak about this new challenge at next Sunday morning's services.

Circuit Prayer & Praise ... the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29th July at the Higherland Methodist Church commencing at 7.30 pm. A warm welcome to all to join in this time of praise, worship and prayer. Tea/coffee and biscuits from 7.00 pm. Please note to use the top car-park and entrance from Priory Road – the Physiotherapy Clinic. The theme will be "It is right to give Him thanks and praise", so please come prepared to share the good things in your chapel or personal testimonies, and be ready to sing lots of praise and thanksgiving hymns. If you can't make it on the night, and you would like the Circuit to share in your good news, please email: higherlandchurch@gmail.com and we will all join in praise.

Homegroups from September ... will be studying a DVD course entitled 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'. The initial week introduces the concept of the 'frontlines' where we each find ourself, as places to serve the Lord (which will be familiar to those who took part in Life on the Frontline course in 2003). Following this are studies on ● Modelling Godly Character ● Making Good Work ● Ministering Grace & Love ● Moulding Culture ● Mouthpiece for Truth & Justice ● Messenger of the Gospel ● The Journey On. Meetings are on 13th/14th/15th September, 27th/28th/29th September, 11th/12th/13th October, 1st/2nd/3rd November, 15th/16th/17th November, 29th/30th November/1st December, 10th/11th/12th January, 24th/25th/26th January and 7th/8th/9th February Prayer in groups. Please can both existing members and new ones sign lists in church if you are planning to attend, as this will help us to assess if we need an extra Tuesday group. Also ... *Dig Deeper*: how to get the most out of the bible in the Parish Room in between home group weeks ie beginning early October. It may be on Wednesdays or Thursdays on depending on the room's availability.

Songs of Praise Evening ...the evening service for the first Sunday in August (7th) will as usual be in St Peter's at 6.30 pm. With the Day One band not being available I thought we would try out a 'songs of praise' service that a few people had suggested previously. If you would like to request a hymn or song - or even better be willing to share for 2-3 minutes as well why it is special to you - please speak to Andrew by Tuesday 2nd August.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 9th August, 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.

The Church in the Westlands has a New Website ... we are very grateful to Becky Loo for setting up and then maintaining our old website over many years. Ian Watts has designed the new site and is also taking ongoing responsibility for it. Thank you to Ian for this - and reps from each congregation who have commented and checked it. Do visit the new site to take a look - our longstanding address of <http://www.churchinthewestlands.org> hasn't changed. If you spot any further minor corrections needed etc you can email Ian. You will notice that the site includes an experimental 'prayer wall', we hope that a good number will sign up to be notified when a new prayer is added, so that they can pray for these requests (you can also click on a prayer request to say "I'm praying" which will notify the person who has put the prayer request up). Do feel free to add prayer requests to the wall.

Pokemon Go ... like many churches, our buildings have been assigned as a virtual reality 'Pokestop' or 'gym' for the new Pokemon Go craze. If you are curious as to why there are extra groups of young people and adults hanging around outside the buildings they are almost certainly up to no harm - you might even give them a welcome. Some churches have been doing some thinking about how to develop the outreach possibilities of this connection. If anyone is interested in helping with this, do have a word with Leslie.

"Oh What a Lovely War – Resistance" ... there is to be a performance of "Oh What a Lovely War – Resistance" on Saturday, 24th September at Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager, ST7 2AF. This will be musical evening about the role of Conscientious Objectors in WWI which has been compiled and will be led by Revd Clive Barratt. As this is the subject of an exhibition at Englesea Brook Primitive Methodist Church and Museum, it will be sponsored by Englesea Brook. As well as an audience, a Scratch Choir is needed for the event (ability to read music would be helpful but not necessary). There will be a rehearsal for the Scratch Choir on Thursday, 15th September at 7.30pm at Wesley Place and also on the Saturday at 5.00pm. If

you would like to join the choir for this event or are interested in any way, please could you notify Ruth Parrott by Friday, 29th July.

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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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