

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, 4th December

St Peter's Church

Advent 2

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Rev'd Leslie Siu

Holy Communion & Toy Service

10.30 am

Rev'd Leslie Siu

Isaiah 11:1-10 (p695)

Matthew 24:36-51 (p1000)

Holy Communion

Rev'd John Taylor

Isaiah 11:1-10 (p679)

Matthew 3:1-12 (p5)

6.30 pm

Day One – Isaiah 11

Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, 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, 5th December

St Andrew's Pastoral Team

11.00 am

St Andrew's Church Hall

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3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

St Andrew's Prayer Meeting

7.30 pm

Parish Room

Tuesday, 6th December

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

Yr 10-13 Group

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Wednesday, 7th December

Langdale School Practice	9.30 am – 10.30 am	St Andrew's Church
Langdale School Practice	1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	St Andrew's Church
Dig Deeper	8.00 pm	Parish Room

Thursday, 8th December

Langdale Nursery & Reception Nativity	9.30 am	St Andrew's Church
Seabridge School Wedding	11.00 am	St Andrew's Church
Langdale Nursery & Reception Nativity	1.30 pm	St Andrew's Church
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room

Friday, 9th December

Ladies Evening – Puddings & Body Shop	7.30 pm	Parish Room
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Saturday, 10th December

Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 11th December

St Peter's Church

	Advent 3	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
All Age Carol Service <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Toy Service <i>Mr Joe Cartwright</i>
United Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	6.30 pm	

Toy Services ... thank you to those who have brought toys or toiletries to St Andrew's today – they will be again passed on to Arch Refuge.

The St Peter's Toy Service will be held at 10.30 am next 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.

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 so far received three one-off donations, and also three additional pledges to give regularly, bringing together (with Gift Aid) an additional £1,000 a year. We are very grateful for these initial responses but obviously still have some way to go to be able to secure the full-time post in the long term. Please do prayerfully consider whether you are able to respond.

All Age Carols - Mulled Wine ... will be served in St Andrew's hall alongside the usual after-service tea, coffee & biscuits next Sunday (11th Dec). Donations will be passed on to Gabrielle Rouffet who is raising money to finance her visit to Sierra Leone - she will be travelling with a group of other 6th formers from St Joseph's College who will work with young children in local schools and meet people from the local communities.

Church Christmas Card ... Trailblazers invite you to send Christmas greetings to other members of the congregations by signing the large Christmas card that they have made, which will be at the back of St Andrew's Church after this morning's service. You may wish to make a donation to Tearfund in lieu of buying Christmas cards.

Season of Invitation ... do consider whether you might invite someone to come with you to one of our special Christmas services, carol services etc. There are copies of an A5 invitation at the back of church which includes details of our Crib Service at 3.30 pm on Christmas Eve.

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.

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.

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.

Monday Group ... the next meeting will be on 12th December at 7.30 pm in Room 2 at St Peter's. This will be a members evening. Please bring stories, family memories, traditions with a Christmas theme to share with the group or anything else that is seasonal.

Carol Singing ... around the local neighbourhood – Monday, 12th December, meeting at 7.00 pm at St Peter's, concluding with refreshments at the vicarage. All are very welcome.

Hospital Wards Carol Singing ... is being organised by the hospital chaplains for Monday, 19th December and they would like local church members to join them. Could you help to share the Christmas message with patients and staff? You would be very welcome. Please meet at 6.30 pm at the Prayer Centre Chapel (main building, lower ground 2). If you intend to go, please contact Mary Bosson.

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.

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. Our lending library also continues to provide an opportunity to borrow Christian books on various subjects.

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.

Re-launch of ministry for year 10-13 ... Tuesday evenings 7.20 for 7.30 pm start in the Parish Room. They've made a good start - 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.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have given various charitable donations through the Church in recent weeks: £330 from the cash element of the offering at the Remembrance Day Parade service has been sent to Combat Stress, the Royal British Legion and SSAFA (£110 each). £94.81 has been sent to Action Aid following the cake sale on the same day. £21 from the offering at the Christingle will be divided equally between Samaritans Purse, NCH Action for Children and the Children's Society.

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