

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, 11th December

St Peter's Church

Advent 3

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

All Age Carol Service

10.30 am

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Matthew 1:18-24 (p973)

Toy Service

Mr Joe Cartwright

Isaiah 7:10-16 (p675)

Matthew 11:2-11 (p16)

United Holy Communion

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
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, 12th December

Glo

3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

Carol Singing

7.00 pm

Meet at St Peter's

Monday Group

7.30 pm

Room 2

Tuesday, 13th December

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Yr 10-13 Group	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
Building Development Committee	7.30pm	Choir Vestry

Wednesday, 14th December

Westlands Primary Carol Service	11.00 am	St Andrew's Church
The Coppice School Rehearsal	1.45 pm	St Andrew's Church

Thursday, 15th December

Seabridge School Carol Service	9.30 am	St Andrew's Church
The Coppice School Carol Service	11.00 am	St Andrew's Church
St Andrew's Standing Committee	7.30 pm	Choir Vestry

Friday, 16th December

Langdale School Carol Service	9.30 am	Langdale School
Langdale School Carol Service	10.30 am	Langdale School
"Forget Me Not" Café	10.30 am	Parish Room

Saturday, 17th December

Compline	9.00 pm	Parish Room
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 18th December

St Peter's Church

	Advent 4	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Mrs Karen Barnett</i>
United Carol Service <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	6.30 pm	

St Peter's Toy Service ... will be held at 10.30 am today (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.

All Age Carols - Mulled Wine ... will be served in St Andrew's hall alongside the usual after-service tea, coffee & biscuits today (11th December). 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.

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.

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.

Town Centre Service ... on Saturday, 17th December at 12.30 pm, meeting by the Guild Hall. Please join us for a short service of carols and readings, to let our town know about the significance of Christ's coming.

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.

Carols by Candlelight ... is at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 18th December.

... 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 6pm.

... Following the service tea/coffee and mince pies will be served in St Peter's Hall. If you are willing to provide mince pies for this event, please see either Gillian Moss or Ann Harvey. Offers of help to both serve and clear away will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

Musicians ... there is again an open invitation for young instrumental or vocal soloists to play for us in the period before the Crib service at . If you would like to take part please come along to a rehearsal at 11.50 am on Sunday, 18th December (ie just after the morning service) Geoffrey is playing for the Crib Service and should also be able to act as accompanist if you bring the music to the rehearsal.

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.

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.

January Links ... are now available for deliverers. There is no need for them to appear in letterboxes until nearer the end of December though. We are very grateful for those who continue to help us get the word out in this way.

Day One: Sunday, 1st January 2017... the Day One service for January falls on New Years Day and will go ahead as usual at 6.30 pm in St. Peter's Church. Ann and Olive have kindly agreed to provide tea and coffee refreshments both before and after this service. Please do join us for this monthly contemporary service, you'll be most welcome.

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.

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