

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, 19th March
3rd Sunday in Lent

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

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Psalm 22 (p548)
Matthew 18:15-20 (p993)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mr Charles Irvine
Exodus 17:1-7 (p74)
Matthew 5:1-12 (p7)

United Evening Prayer
Mr Brian Tattersall

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life 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 will take place at 8.30 - 8.50 am on Monday (in church), and on
Tuesday & Wednesday (at the Vicarage). All are welcome.

Monday 20th March

Glo 3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm St Andrew's Church Hall

Tuesday, 21st March

Little Sparklers 10.00 am – 11.30 am Parish Room

Yr 10-13 Group 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm Parish Room

Wednesday, 22nd March

Lent Course 10.30 am Parish Room

Lent Course 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm Parish Room

Thursday, 23rd March

Blaze Youth Group 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm Parish Room

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 26th March

4th Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion 8.00 am

Revd Leslie Siu

All Age Worship & Parade 10.30 am

Revd Leslie Siu

Morning Worship

Revd Cecil Mann

United Evening Prayer 6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Our Youthworker Johnny Milton ... will be leaving in April, Easter Sunday being his last day with us. This is to enable his wife Esther to pursue a job opening in Scotland. We are very grateful for all that Johnny has brought to the role. Please do please pray for Johnny and Esther as they make preparations for this - and for the Management Committee as they think about how to approach recruiting a replacement. (NB because of this, the evening at 10 Green Bottles that had been scheduled for Tuesday, 4th April has been deferred till later in the year).

Sunday Lunch ... 2nd April, St Andrew's Church Hall at 12 noon, £4.50, under 18's £1.50. Menu and sign up list at back of St Andrew's. All welcome. Further details and offers of help please contact Glenys Gill. All welcome.

Our Lent Course this Year is 'Contagious Christianity' ... 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 continue on each Wednesday throughout Lent. Come either in the morning at 10.30 am or at 7.45 for 8.00 pm in the evening.

Coach Trip to The Cotswolds ... to include Bourton on the Water and Stow on the Wold etc on Saturday, 20th May, departing from outside St Andrew's Church at 8.30 am. Tickets are £12 per person and need to be booked in advance (non-refundable). For more information on the itinerary and booking, please phone Jenny or Trevor.

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will be at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 9th April. We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2017-8, and 4 to serve on the Deanery Synod from 2017-20. There are nomination forms at the back of church for those who are willing to stand for these posts; also to serve as our two church wardens for the next 12 months; and an additional sheet for any who would like to volunteer to join the sidesperson's rota.

Bible Training for Christian Ministry... we are pleased that there has been enough interest in the area to be able to firm up plans for the Northwest Partnership to put on an evening version of their one year ministry training course in North Staffs. Starting on 25th September, it will comprise three 10-week terms on Monday evenings from 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm in Audley, with around a couple of hours of personal study each week needed as well. The main leader throughout the course will be Justin Mote - an exceptional communicator (who was our speaker at this year's Explained and Proclaimed). The 3 strands covered would be: *Biblical Theology* – an overview of the whole Bible; *Bible Exposition* – after covering the tools of interpreting and applying the Bible passage there will be worked expositions through a number of Bible books; and *Hands on Training* – each week course members teaching the Bible to one another and receiving encouragement and feedback. Please speak to Andrew if you think that you might be interested or if you want to know more. The individual course fee is around £300 but some or all of this could be covered by the PCC for those currently involved in teaching ministries, or with the potential to develop in this direction- Ask Andrew for more details.

Alternatively (or as well as this)... there are meetings being held at Christ Church, Stone as taster sessions for a similar kind of course, run by the Midlands Gospel partnership, They will take place on 3rd, 10th and 17th May from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm, cost £15.

St Andrew's Electoral Roll ...all those who are now regular worshippers over 16 years of age are encouraged to formally join the church Electoral Roll. Application forms are available at the back of the church, and are to be returned to the adjacent box or to John Glover by 20th March. Please also fill in a form or let him know if you are already on the roll but your contact details have changed.

St Andrew's Weekly Stewardship Envelopes ... thank you to all who donate regularly using weekly envelopes. Your new envelopes starting from April 2017 are now available at the back of St Andrew's Church. If you can't locate your envelopes or if anyone else is interested in making regular donations in this way please contact the Gift Aid secretary, Alan Swanborough, and he can provide information and a set of envelopes for you.

Circuit Prayer & Praise ... the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st March at Cross Heath 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.

Mothering Sunday at St Andrew's ... help is needed with the bunching of daffodils on Saturday, 25th March at 9.30 am in St Andrew's Parish Room. Donations of greenery would be much appreciated.

Mothering Sunday at St Peter's ... if anyone would like to donate money for daffodils in memory of their Mother please see one of the church leadership team.

Lichfield Diocese Lent Appeal ... this year focusses on the needs of refugees, supporting USPG/Medical intervention projects in Greece, and also several local initiatives in Lichfield Diocese. More details and response envelopes are available at the back of St Andrew's for any who would like to contribute. Though these can be returned directly to St Mary's House the Diocese's preference is for local churches to collect and send as a single sum - which means putting gifts on the collection plate and making any cheques payable to St Andrew's PCC, Westlands.

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.

Group for year 10-13... Tuesday evenings 7.20 for 7.30 pm start in the Parish Room. 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.

Compline ... or night prayer gives the opportunity to conclude the day sharing with others in quiet worship and prayer. This will now take place monthly, on the second Saturday of each month, meeting at 9.00 - 9.30 pm in the Parish Room (ie 8th April etc).

Ceramic City Choir ... Dvorak Stabat Mater, Saturday, 1st April at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Church. Tickets: £12.00 or £5.00 (for students).

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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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