

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, 26th March
*4th Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday*

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Leslie Siu

8.00 am

All Age Worship & Parade
Revd Leslie Siu

10.30 am

Morning Worship
*Revd Cecil Mann
Exodus 2:1-10 (p57)
Luke 2:41-52 (p76)*

United Evening Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell

6.30 pm

Collect

*God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 27th March

Glo
St Andrew's PCC

3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm
7.30 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall
Parish Room

Tuesday, 28th March

Vintage Time
Little Sparklers
Yr 10-13 Group

10.00 am
10.00 am – 11.30 am
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

St Peter's Church Hall
Parish Room
Parish Room

Wednesday, 29th March

Link Editorial Meeting	9.30 am	Vicarage
Lent Course	10.30 am	Parish Room
Pastoral Care Meeting	2.00 pm	Room 2
Lent Course	7.45 pm for 8.00 pm	Parish Room

Thursday, 30th March

Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Youth Worker Management Committee	7.30pm	Vicarage

Saturday, 1st April

Ceramic City Choir	7.30 pm	St Andrew's Church
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 2nd April

St Peter's Church

5th Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	8.00 am
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Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	10.30 am	Holy Communion <i>Revd John Taylor</i>
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Church Lunch	12.00 noon
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6.30 pm

Day One

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).

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please put it on the church collection plate in an envelope marked: 'Johnny's leaving gift', or alternatively post it through the vicarage study letterbox by Easter Sunday. Envelopes are available by the church entrances. Please make any cheques payable to 'St Andrew's Westlands PCC' or 'St Peter's Methodist Church'. After the main services on 23rd April, members of both churches will be very welcome to come to St Andrew's hall for coffee - and a piece of cake too hopefully. If you are able to bake for us please sign the list at the back of St Andrew's.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 28th March at 10.00 am in St Peter's Hall. The session last for approximately 1 hour and costs 50p inc. tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us for very gentle exercise, fun and laughter. New members always 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.

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.

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.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 11th April, 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.

New Circuit Treasurer Needed ... My role as Circuit Treasurer ends on 31st August 2017. The Circuit is currently looking for someone to take over the job starting on 1st September 2017. Some background in finance would be helpful and a reasonable level of computer literacy would also be good. I have said that I am happy to mentor anyone volunteering for twelve months to allow them to get used to the job. Derrick Collins.

Circuit Plan ... anyone wanting a Circuit Plan please pick one up this morning from the table in the entrance hall. Because of data protection we are not allowed to leave them out.

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.

Shallowford House Event ... Friday, 16th June from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. We are joining with other churches in sponsoring a day of Bible teaching and guided reflection. It will again be led by Jonathan Lamb, minister at large for the Keswick Convention. Cost £20, to include a BBQ lunch - please sign the list at the back of St Andrew's. Shared transport will be available.

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).

Job Vacancies ... United Christian Broadcasters, based in Hanford and Burslem are currently recruiting for a number of roles, including a full time Radio Presenter; two part time Hospitality and Catering Assistants; and also people who would be interested in joining their hospitality and reception teams as paid casual staff. More details, a job description for both positions and the application form can be found on <http://www.ucb.co.uk/jobs>

Vicar

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Youth & Children's Worker

Johnny Milton

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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.

Church website – www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk