

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, 18th June

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Trinity 1

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Messy Sunday in St Andrew's Church
Hall 10.15 am

Holy Communion 10.30 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Matthew 3:1-17 (p975)

Revelation 2:1-7 (p1236)

Morning Worship

Mr Richard Orrell

Matthew 27:26-46 (p42)

6.00 pm

Circuit MHA Service at
Audley Methodist Church
Mrs Rebecca Jones

United Evening Prayer 6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

O God,

*the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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, 19th June

Bereavement Care Team Meeting	11.30 am	7 Roe Lane
Glo	3.30 for 4.00 – 5.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
St Andrew's Standing Committee	7.30 pm	Parish Room

Tuesday, 20th June

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 21st June

Home Group	10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 22nd June

Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	48 Kingsway West

Saturday, 24th June

Diocesan training day on Fresh Expressions	9.45-4pm	St Andrew's Parish room & Church
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St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 25th June****St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	<i>Trinity 2</i> 8.00 am	
Morning Prayer <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Mr Joe Cartwright</i>
United Evening Prayer <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	6.30 pm	

Welcome To Those Who Are Joining Us For Our 2nd 'Messy Sunday ... as usual children will remain in the main congregation until the first Bible reading, after which they (and any parents who would like to) are invited to take part in activity based learning in St Andrew's Hall looking at the story of the Prodigal Son. Members of either church who want to catch the tail end of Messy Sunday and then have refreshments in St Andrew's Hall will be welcome to join us at the end of the morning service - although refreshments will be served in St Peter's Hall as usual too.

Circuit MHA Service ... this evening, Sunday, 18th June at 6.00 pm at Audley Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Walk Of Support For Victims Of Terror In Manchester And London ... next Sunday (25th June). Though unfortunately it starts during our morning services at 10.45 for 11.00 am at the Homebase end of Lyme Valley Park, it will be returning there for its conclusion at about 12 noon, if any church members want to join in. Though there are of course major differences of understanding between leaders of different faiths who may be taking part, it seems to me a good opportunity to demonstrate important common ground in standing against violence and in support of all those affected; and I have agreed to participate. Andrew

St Andrew's Annual Stewardship Statements ... are now available at the back of St Andrew's church. Thank you to all who give regularly through Stewardship. We have used an improved recording system for all donations this year and the statements are generated by that system. Please let me know if you find any errors. If anyone is interested to join the scheme, or has any questions about giving or Gift Aid, please contact Alan Swanborough.

Renault Electronic Car Key Found ... by edge of St Andrew's car park. Contact Bob Baker.

Circuit Prayer & Praise ... the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th June at Baldwins Gate 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.

Helpers Needed ... to prepare and serve the Summer Pâté & Ploughman's lunch on Sunday, 16th July after the 10.30 am services - please speak to Glenys Gill.

Youth & Children's Worker Vacancy... though one or two promising candidates had expressed an initial interest, the deadline last week passed with no applications for the Committee to consider. Our plan is to keep the details on several websites (including our own and Lichfield Diocese's) if this does not yield anything, we will insert some further paid adverts in a couple of month's time.

We are very grateful to those who are continuing their regular giving to the project, as this builds up capital to extend the number of years for which the post is funded - although of course we will understand if any prefer not to do so. Thank you also to many who are working hard to enable almost all our ongoing youth and children's ministry to continue, however there will not now be a summer holiday club week in August.

Circuit Vacancies ... we are looking to appoint two enthusiastic and gifted Lay Pastoral Workers to work with existing staff in the North Staffordshire Circuit. The successful candidate will need to be passionate about the Gospel and demonstrate pastoral experience suitable for churches in these communities. This is a 15 hour per week fixed term contract from 1st September 2017 – 31st August 2020 with hours spread throughout the week to be negotiated. Please email: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk for an application pack. Closing date 30th June 2017, shortlisting 3rd July 2017 and interviews 10th July 2017.

Identity Course ... *Who is God? Can I make contact with Him? Who are we? What is the purpose of life?* We have run this course several times over the last couple of years and are beginning to think about doing so again. Each week includes a discussion starter on DVD, with opportunity for interaction and questions. Ideal for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, or looking for a refresher course. It also forms the main part of the preparation course for adults who would like to think about being confirmed in a future year. More details from the Vicar.

Mission Organisation Supported By St Andrew's ... with the PCC having reviewed this last year the Mission Partners Committee has produced a leaflet outlining who we now support. If you haven't already got one, please do take a copy from the back of church.

Saturday's Diocesan Training Day on Fresh expressions ... which St Andrew's are hosting should be an interesting event. It is open to all, though they ask people to register prior to the day at www.eventbrite.com/e/fresh-expressions-vision-day-tickets-33430782370 or via Andrew.

Summer Holidays/Camps ... are you under 24, or do you have children or grandchildren? If so, have you thought about booking a Scripture Union Summer holiday/camp? They are enormous fun, and offer young people a great opportunity to explore and grow in the Christian

faith alongside others their own age. Sam Jones helps on Livewires which is a hi-tech holiday, but others offer camping, sailing, walking, music, drama, motorsport, outdoor adventure activities and more. Locations range from as close as Derbyshire to as far as East Lothian. Please pray and have a look at scriptureunion.org.uk/739.id Sam would be happy to talk to you, and printed brochures are available.

PCC News ...

- Most of our church officers agreed to be nominated to continue, and were elected. However although Chris Gill is kindly looking after our finances in the interim, we are looking for a new treasurer.
- The PCC is keen to enable the church to again be opened in weekdays during term-time - although this would need a couple of people to share responsibility for locking up around 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm.
- We are also exploring joining with other churches in North Staffs in offering a Debt advice service under the auspices of Christians against poverty.

Please see Andrew if you might consider helping being involved in any of these ways.

St Andrew's Stewardship 2017, Time, Talents and Treasure ... thank you to all who have responded in different ways. Needless to say it's still not too late to do so – copies are available from the back of church.

THANK YOU

Christian Aid Collection 2017 ... a combined total of £1639 was raised in the recent envelope collection for Christian Aid. Hilary and Simon would like to thank all those who collected and donated. This money will go towards helping meet the needs of some of the poorest people in our world.

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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