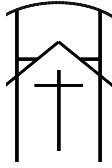


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 23rd July

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Trinity 6

Revd Leslie Siu

8.00 am

Morning Prayer

10.30 am

Revd Leslie Siu - Why Share our Faith

Ephesians 2:1-10(p1175)

Matthew 28:16-20 (p1007)

Morning Worship

Local Arrangement

Psalm 139 (p622)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Leslie Siu

Collect

Merciful God,

*you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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). All are welcome.

Memory Verse for St Andrews 10.30 am Service

Psalm 55:22

"Cast your cares on the Lord, and He will sustain you. He will never let the righteous fall"

Little Sparklers

Tuesday, 25th July

Vintage Time

10.00 am – 11.30 am

10.00 am

Parish Room

St Peter's Church Hall

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 30th July****St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion

*Trinity 7**Revd Andrew Dawswell*

8.00 am

Holy Communion

10.30 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell - What is the Good News

Morning Worship

Revd John Palmer

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Leslie Siu

Time Out ... Instead of the regular Sunday groups, Time Out for 3-11's will be meeting in St Andrew's Parish Room after the first 15 minutes of each Sunday morning's service. There will be similar provision on 30th July and 6th August, and on 13th August there is an all age service in St Andrew's instead. We are hoping that Time Out will then resume for the remaining Sundays throughout the holiday period (please see Andrew or Leslie if you might be willing to help with this). There will then be a United All Age service on 10th September in St Andrew's, which will include the re-dedication of leaders. Our regular Sunday groups for 3-6's, 7-10's & 11-14's will resume on 17th September.

St Andrew's Morning Service Sermons on Sharing our Faith ... our current Mission Action Plan commits us to encouraging the church family to be better equipped to share our faith with others. To help with this over the next few weeks our preaching will focus on different aspects of this theme, with future weeks focusing on: What is the Good News, Telling Others, Giving Testimony & Knowing God's Empowering. The United Evening Services will be exploring the letter to the Colossians.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 25th July at 10.00 am in St Peter's Hall. The session lasts for approximately 1 hour and costs 50p including tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us for very gentle exercise, fun and laughter. New members always welcome.

Songs of Praise Evening ... the evening service for the first Sunday in August (6th) will as usual be in St Peter's at 6.30 pm. With the Day One band not being available there will be a 'songs of praise' service. If you would like to request a hymn or song - or even better be willing to share for 2-3 minutes as well why it is special to you - please speak to Andrew by Tuesday 1st August.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 8th August, 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.

Our Autumn/Winter Homegroups ... will be studying Hosea, meeting on 12th/13th/14th September, 26th/27th/28th September, 10th/11th/12th October, 31st October/1st/2nd November, 14th/15th/16th November, 28th/29th/30th November, 9th/10th/11th January, 23rd/24th/25th January and 6th/7th/8th February.

A Church Hot Pot and Beetle Evening ... is being planned by the Events Committee for Saturday, 14th October - members of both churches very welcome, with the hope that a number may be able to bring a guest. (It could be possible to also hold Harvest Sunday Lunch on Sunday, 8th October. However with Glenys catering on 14th we would need another person to co-ordinate; please contact Andrew to volunteer).

St Andrew's Church Keys ... David Morgan writes 'whilst I have what I hope to be a comprehensive list of keys, I would like to ensure it is correct. To that end please would you confirm with me which keys you have and if applicable, return to me any keys you no longer need.

St Andrew's Grounds ...we have reserved two days viz. Friday 25th and Saturday 26th August to clear and tidy the church grounds. By that time we will have hired a skip. If you can give up some time during any part of those two days it would be appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. If you do intend to try to come please let me know. David Morgan.

PCC News ...

- The building development committee reported that since the new year they had met 7 times. This had included 4 meetings with potential architects, following which they had appointed Graeme Renton to work on producing a proposal for replacing our existing hall by extending the church. Graeme works from Building Design Partnership's Birmingham office, and his extensive experience includes working with churches on this kind of project. Please pray for him, especially for his meeting with the committee on 2nd August.
- The PCC committed £3,200 from this year's mission budget to again support Kieran & Ashley McKnight's work in UAE, expressing the intention to offer similar support for at least 2 further years.
- We also voted unanimously in favour of a £1,200 annual financial commitment towards setting up a Christians Against Poverty debt service in North Staffs. Please pray that other churches in the area considering this project may be able to make a similar commitment to enable it to happen.
- Enabling the church to be opened up in weekdays during term-time. A couple of people have come forward to share in the teatime (3-5pm) locking-up that would be needed - but we still need an extra volunteer or two to make this feasible
- We are still looking for a new treasurer

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

Youth & Children's Worker Vacancy... please continue to pray that we are able to make a good appointment; we are encouraged by a couple of people who could be suitable saying that they may well apply. 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.

Cross Heath Methodist Church ... are organising a day trip to Llandudno on Saturday, 5th August. Adults £10 and children £5. Anyone interested in going along please contact Anne Farnsworth or Lorraine Vernon.

Circuit Vacancy ... we are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and gifted Lay Pastoral Worker 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 28th July 2017, shortlisting 31st July 2017 and interviews 7th August 2017.

Methodist Women in Britain Summer Event ... Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday, 26th August, 2.00 – 4.30 pm at Wheelock, Cheshire. Bring and buy. All welcome.

Sanctus St Mark's Supporting Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Stoke ... due to its growing work - including supporting people whose money has been stopped or delayed - there is an urgent need for various items. These include tinned food (chopped tomatoes, baked beans, sweetcorn, fruit, chickpeas, kidney beans, tuna/fish, meat), breakfast cereal, coffee, tea, sugar, biscuits, rice, pasta, lentils, cooking oil, salt, sanitary towels (not tampons), nappies (especially size 5 & 6), shampoo, shower gel, men's and women's deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, tooth brushes (for adults and kids) and soap. They can be donated at St Mark's Church in Shelton, ST1 4LT, on Tuesdays between 4pm and 7.30pm or on Wednesdays between 9am and 1pm. Sanctus also needs serviceable white goods such as fridges, washing machines and cookers (free standing), furniture (such as sofas, tables, chairs and beds), bikes and baby equipment (such as pushchairs and Moses baskets) which can be collected. More details from tonyshilkoff@btinternet.com PS: if anybody would be available to help other church members with transporting items to St Mark's, please let Andrew know.

St Andrew's Fire Practice ... thank you to all who participated in this last week; one or two helpful lessons were learned. The evacuation time was somewhat higher than last time – perhaps we might ask that for future fire drills congregations members practice some of the urgency that would be needed in the event of a real fire!

Church of England General Synod ... those contending for a biblical view on things report a very discouraging weekend - please pray for the Church of England. Chris Gill, who is a member of general Synod has flagged up an excellent report by Rob Munroe, Vicar of Cheadle, on churchsociety.org/blog/

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