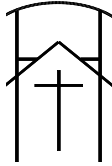


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 3rd September

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu

Trinity 12

8.00 am

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Mrs Karen Barnett

Romans 12:9-end (p1142)

Matthew 16:21-end (p991)

Exodus 3:1-15 (p58)

Matthew 16:21-28 (p25)

6.30 pm

Day One

Andrew Dawswell

Why does God allow suffering?

Collect

*Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

Memory Verse for St Andrews 10.30 am Service

*And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city
until you are clothed with power from on high. Luke 24:49*

Monday, 4th September

Homegroup Leaders' Meeting	9.30 am	32 Beresford Crescent
Pastoral Team Meeting	10.45 am	Parish Room or Choir Vestry
St Andrew's Prayer Meeting	7.30 pm	Parish Room

Tuesday, 5th September

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room

Wednesday, 6th September

Youth & Children's Leaders' Meeting	7.30 pm	Parish Room
-------------------------------------	---------	-------------

Thursday, 7th September

Holy Communion	10.00 am	St Andrew's Church
Ecumenical Executive	7.30 pm	Room 3
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room

Saturday, 9th September

Compline	9.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Parish Room
----------	-------------------	-------------

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 10th September

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion	8.00 am
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	

United All Age Worship & Parade	10.30 am
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	

United Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing	6.30 pm
<i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	

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 today's 10.30 service. There will be a United All Age service next week (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.

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. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church so that we know how many study guides we will need.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 12th September, 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.

Just Listen ... Irene and Andrew will be running a course in listening skills, based on the Acorn Christian Foundation's Just Listen' material. Many of us today have discovered for ourselves the difference it makes when someone really listens to us. Being well listened to can be a life-changing experience, and yet sadly also one which is comparatively rare in our busy world. The course will include material from Acorn on DVD, with plenty of opportunities to discuss and

reflect - and to practise listening skills too. It will take place in the parish room on weeks when homegroups aren't scheduled - at the moment we are looking at Wednesdays 4th and 18th October and 8th and 22nd November (7.45 pm for 8.00 pm until 9.30 pm). All welcome, whether you consider yourself to be a fairly good listener anyway, or whether you feel it is an area where you would like to develop. Please speak to Irene or Andrew if you might be interested.

Bible Training for Christian Ministry... 3 or 4 people from St Andrew's have already signed up for the 30 week in-depth training course taking place on Monday evenings from 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm at St James', Audley, starting on 25th September. There is room for more though, and transport should be available if needed. 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.

PCC News Update ...we are grateful for those who have volunteered to enable us to resume opening up the church in weekdays during term-time from a little later in the Autumn. We are still looking for a new treasurer. Please see Andrew if you might consider helping being involved in any of this, or any other, role.

Youth & Children's Worker Vacancy ... please pray for one or two who have visited us to find out more and are considering applying for the post, and also that there will be some enquiries from our recent re-advertising. The application deadline is 9th September.

Truth 2017 Youth Event ... archery, climbing, shooting, zip wire, ultimate tractor rides, and much more! All 11-18's are invited to Shallowford House near Stone for an action-packed Youth Day on Saturday 16th September! There will also be quieter activities, including crafts, some great bible teaching and seminars from top speakers covering a range of topics and music too! For more details, contact Leslie.

If You Are in Hospital ... and would appreciate a church or clergy visit, Royal Stoke continues to have a well-resourced chaplaincy team. However you need to specifically ask to be put on their lists - you can try asking the ward staff to pass your details on, or a more reliable method is to ring the Chaplains Office directly on 01782 676400. With the hospital being fairly close, Westlands clergy visits are often possible too - but the chaplains are not usually allowed to pass on details. We will generally only know you are there if you, or a member of your family, rings to tell us.

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. The successful applicant will be supported and encouraged by the Circuit Leadership Team. This is a 15 hour per week fixed term contract from 2nd November 2017 – 31st August 2020 with hours spread throughout the week to be negotiated with your line manager. Please email: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk for an application pack. Closing date 8th September 2017, shortlisting 11th September 2017 and interviews 18th September 2017. Previous applicants need not apply.

Newcastle Foodbank ... thank you to everyone who gives food and toiletries to Newcastle Foodbank, it is very much appreciated by clients. We just want to draw to your attention a few items we are short of, in the hope you may feel able to help – coffee, custard, cold meat, jam, biscuits, sponge puddings and shampoo. If you prefer to give the items that you normally give that is fine because in the end we will run out of those as well! Marion and Carol Reddish.

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 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), soap and also tinned food. They can be donated at St Mark's Church in Shelton, ST1 4LT, on Tuesdays between 4.00 pm and 7.30 pm or on Wednesdays between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. 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 the Froggatt family have offered to deliver in their van - or alternatively you can contact Tony at Sanctus tonyshilkoff@btinternet.com

Vicar

Revd Andrew Dawswell (Day Off: Friday Afternoon
Tel: 619594 & Saturday)
e-mail: ja.dawswell@googlemail.com

Minister

Revd John Taylor (Days Off: Friday &
Monday)
Tel: 909163
e-mail: jandrtaylor59@sky.com

Curate

Revd Leslie Siu (Day Off: Friday & Sat afternoon)
Tel 766116
e-mail: anglican.leslie@gmail.com

Secretary Michelle Bradbury churchinthewestlands@talktalk.net 01782 634389 (Thurs only)
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