

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, 6th August

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu

Trinity 8

8.00 am

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu – Telling Others

Acts 8:1-13 (p1104)

John 1:35-43 (p1069)

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Revd John Taylor

Genesis 32:22-31 (p35)

Matthew 14:13-21 (p22)

6.30 pm

United Songs of Praise

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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.

St Andrew's Prayer Meeting

Monday, 7th August

7.30 pm

Parish Room

Afternoon Tea

Tuesday, 8th August

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

Compline

Saturday, 12th August

9.00 – 9.30 pm

Parish Room

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 13th August****St Peter's Church**Holy Communion
*Revd Andrew Dawswell**Trinity 9*
8.00 amAll Age Worship
Revd Andrew Dawswell

10.30 am

Morning Worship
*Mr Geoff Rainbow*United Holy Communion
Revd Leslie Siu

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy 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.*

Monday, 14th August

Standing Committee

7.30 pm

Parish Room

Friday, 18th August

Forget Me Not Café

10.30 am – 12.00 noon

Parish Room

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 20th August****St Peter's Church**Holy Communion
*Mrs Irene Hardacre**Trinity 10*
8.00 amHoly Communion
Mrs Irene Hardacre – Giving Testimony

10.30 am

United Service at St Luke's

United Evening Prayer
Revd Leslie Siu

6.30 pm

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 Sunday morning's service on 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: Giving Testimony & Knowing God's Empowering. The United Evening Services from 13th August will continue to explore the letter to the Colossians.

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

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 as he sets to work in earnest, following 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. **The latest good news is that, with 4-6 other churches having made a similar commitment, there is every hope of this being able to go ahead.**
- 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 ... we understand that nationally, the demand from churches like ours considerably exceeds the supply of suitable candidates. This appears to be reflected in the fact that one person we had hoped would apply for the post is now not going to do so, and the 2nd expression of interest from a credible candidate is currently looking less

hopeful. Please pray that God will bring others in our direction, perhaps via the advert we are re-inserting in Youth & Children's Work magazine later in August – we have now set an application deadline of 9th September.

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).

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 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 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.

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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