

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, 1st October

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu

Trinity 16

8.00 am

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu
Exodus 33:7-23 (p88)
John 1:1-18 (p1068)

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Mr Geoff Rainbow
Exodus 17:1-7 (p74)
Philippians 2:1-13 (p248)
Matthew 21:23-32 (p31)

6.30 pm

Day One

Collect

*O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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, 2nd October

St Andrew's Prayer Meeting	7.30 pm	Parish Room
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Tuesday, 3rd October

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, 4th October

Just Listen Course	7.45 pm for 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Parish Room
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Thursday, 5th October

Holy Communion	10.00 am	St Andrew's Church
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Harvest Visting	6.00 pm	Meeting at St Peter's Foyer
St Andrew's Worship Committee	7.50 pm	Choir Vestry

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 8th October****St Peter's Church**

Harvest Sunday

Trinity 17

Holy Communion	8.00 am	
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Revd Andrew Dawswell

All Age Worship & Parade	10.30 am	Harvest Service
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*Revd Andrew Dawswell**Ms Christine Benson*

United Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing	6.30 pm	
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Revd Andrew Dawswell

Christianity v. Science ? ... Our speaker at Day One (6.30pm, today Sunday 1st October) will be Dr Peter Thomas, a reader in Botany at Keele University and member of St James' Audley. His theme is the relationship between Science and Christianity. This is a question on the minds of many both inside and outside the church - All welcome

Harvest Visiting ... on Thursday, 5th October we are taking out invitations to our Harvest Services to several nearby roads. The bundles of invitations will be available between 6.00 - 6.30 pm that evening and we will be meeting in St Peter's Foyer. If you are able to volunteer to help with this, then please speak to Irene or Marion. We have also left some cards near to the church entrances – this is part of the 'season of invitation' – so do take one if you might be able to use it when inviting a friend or neighbour to join us.

For St Andrew's Harvest ... gifts of fresh produce, tinned and dried food and flowers will be distributed locally to those in need and to Arch women's refuge – just bring them on the day. Gift aid envelopes will also be available for monetary gifts to TearFund. Contributions of greenery (after 9.00 am on Saturday, 7th October) to decorate the Church would be much appreciated. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - please meet at St Andrew's church at 10.00 am on Monday, 9th October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

St Peter's Harvest ... produce will go to Foodbank this year. Anyone wishing to give tinned produce or non-perishable gifts please leave them clearly marked in church by 10.00 am on Saturday, 7th October. Toiletries are most welcome. Anyone who has greenery to give for

decoration purposes please leave that in church on the Saturday Morning by 10.00 am. Offers of help to decorate are also very welcome, please just turn up on the Saturday morning.

Beetle Drive, with a Hot Pot Supper – Saturday 14th October ... an evening for everyone starting with a first session of Beetle at 6.00 pm, followed by supper at 7.00 pm and a further session of Beetle from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Choose whichever parts you come to, but tickets are required for the supper - £5 for adults, £1 for under 18s – available from Chris or Glenys Gill or Leslie Siu. **Bring your friends and neighbours along** and if you don't want to play Beetle, please feel free to come and watch and enjoy the supper.

Youth & Children's Worker Vacancy ... the Management Committee are not yet sure whether we will be interviewing one of the candidates, or re-advertising the post later in the year. Please continue to pray.

Tuesday Evening Home Group... will be meeting this week, on Tuesday 3rd October, as usual at 16 Rugby Close.

St Andrew's Daytime Opening ... during Monday-Friday in school term time, we will again be opening the church between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. There will be a note in October's Link letting others in the area know and inviting all who would benefit to use the building for prayer or reflection. We are very grateful to those who have volunteered to facilitate this.

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.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 10th October, 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.

St Peter's Church Council ... will take place on Thursday, 12th October 2017 commencing at 10.00 am in St Peter's Church. Please send any Agenda items to John Taylor.

Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre ... A couple of us attended an excellent meeting at CAP's impressively resourced headquarters. Furthermore, with the hoped-for 6th local church on board and a 'centre manager' now appointed, this looks set to go ahead - and we are looking to launch a service in Stoke and Newcastle early next spring. The project is asking initially for those who will be prayer supporters - please let me know if you might be interested in this. To find out more you can visit their website capuk.org. They have also produced a book called Journeys of Hope: 12 lives changed by God – a copy has been placed in St Andrew's library – Andrew.

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.

Hartshill Bible Church ... invite you to a presentation by Alastair Roberts: 'Does Sexual Difference Make a Difference?' 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm on Thursday 5th October at Park Church, Boughey Rd, ST4 2BZ (parking at the university).

A Monk's Tale ... Horrible Histories meets Monty Python at Christ Church, Stone, in a new historical comedy by the co-writer of 'Miranda' on Friday, 13th October at 7.30 pm. Written to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, A Monk's Tale is a fast-paced gallop through the circumstances that led up to it. Tickets £8.00 (£6.00 concessions) available from Christ Church Office: 01785 811990 (9.00 am – 11.30 am Monday – Friday, or leave a message, or send cheque payable to Christ Church Stone and s.a.e. to Christ Church Office, Radford Street, Stone ST15 8ED).

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! The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 17th October, 7.00 pm at Wolstanton Methodist church - all welcome. Marion and Carol Reddish.

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