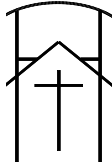


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 17th September

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Trinity 14

8.00 am

Holy Communion

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Exodus 16:1-36 (p69)

John 6:25-35 (p1075)

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Revd John Taylor

Exodus 14:19-31 (p70)

Matthew 18:21-35 (p27)

United Evening Prayer

Rev Leslie Siu

6.30 pm

Building Development Committee

7.45 pm

Parish Room

Collect

*Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Tuesday, 19th September

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
Building Development Committee	7.30 pm	Choir Vestry

Thursday, 21st September

Homegroup leaders	9.30am	32 Beresford Crescent
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
St Peter's Property & Finance Committee	10.00 am	Choir Vestry

Saturday, 23rd September

Explained & Proclaimed	10.00am – 3.00pm	St Andrew's Church
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 24th September

St Peter's Church

Welcome Sunday

Trinity 15

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Rebecca Jones

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Our Regular Sunday Groups for 3-6's, 7-10's & 11-14's ... are resuming today.

Welcome Sunday ... is on 24th September as we enter our Season of Invitation. A critical part of our Christian discipleship, and also of our love for others, is the work of drawing others into the love of Christ through the life of the church, and the Season of Invitation provides a great opportunity to do this together. Please think and pray about who you might invite to Welcome Sunday, perhaps by giving them one of the invitation leaflets that are available at the back of St Andrew's. Other events coming later on are: Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christingle and the Carol Services.

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.

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.

Explained and Proclaimed - September 23rd – 10.00 am-3.00 pm ... How can I change? How can I be different? How can I beat that habit, defeat that sin, or just be a better person? Do I need counselling, or training, or support? Do I need a course, or a group, or a self-help book? What can I do? Where can I turn? As Christians we know that the Bible is God's word. We trust him to speak to us through it – and we've come to trust Jesus as a result. But change – real life change – can seem as elusive as a dream. But perhaps we just need to rediscover the power that lies within God's word to change us – change our hearts so we want to be different, and change our lives so we are. We are very excited to welcome Peter Mead to speak to us at Explained and Proclaimed on "Power to Change - Recovering trust in the potency of God's

word". Come and be encouraged as Peter helps us understand the power we hold in our hands when we open our Bibles. Refreshments provided; bring your own lunch.

N.B. A small team will be recruited to serve coffee/tea etc. mid-morning and at lunch-time. If you can help please contact Alan Swanborough.

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.

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.

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.

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).

Circuit Prayer & Praise ... the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th September at Halmer End 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.

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.

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.

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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.

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