

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*

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*A very warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.*

**St Andrew's Church**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Welcome Sunday**

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

*Trinity 15*

8.00 am

Morning Prayer

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

*Exodus 20:1-17 (p73)*

*Matthew 4:1-10 (p975)*

10.30 am

Morning Worship

*Mrs Rebecca Jones*

*Psalms 148 (p627)*

*Matthew 20:1-16 (p29)*

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

**Collect**

*God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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, 25<sup>th</sup> September**

St Andrew's PCC

7.30 pm

Parish Room

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Visit to Christians Against Poverty HQ

Bradford

Vintage Time

10.00 am

St Peter's Church Hall

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

Deanery Synod Open Meeting on

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

St John's, Keele

Workplace Ministry

TMNC

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Link Editorial Meeting

9.30 am

Vicarage

Home Group

10.30 am

Parish Room

Home Group

10.30 am

5 Friars Walk

Home Group

8.00 pm

32 Beresford Crescent

17+ Bible Study/Discussion Group

8.45 pm – 9.30 pm

Vicarage

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Blaze Youth Group

6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

Parish Room

Home Group

8.00 pm

48 Kingsway West

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Langdale KS2 Harvest Service

9.30 am

St Andrew's Church

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Messy Church

4.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

**St Andrew's Church****Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October****St Peter's Church***Trinity 16*

Holy Communion

8.00 am

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

Holy Communion

10.30 am

Morning Worship

*Revd Andrew Dawswell**Mr Geoff Rainbow*

6.30 pm

Day One

**Christianity v. Science ? ...** Our speaker at Day One (6.30pm on 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Help is also needed

with the distribution of harvest gifts - please meet at St Andrew's church at 10.00 am on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss (616906).

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 a week later than the others, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 pm at Wolstanton Methodist church - all welcome. Marion and Carol Reddish.

**Training in Creative Communication Skills** ... ideal for those involved in Messy Church, Café Church, Kid's Clubs, Sunday Schools, All-Age Services etc with John Hardwick (a popular author of resources for children's ministry) on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm at Halmer End Methodist Church. Cost £5. John Hardwick will also be taking part in the Messy Church at Halmer End on the same day from 3.00 pm – 4.45 pm. Cost £1.50 adults, 50p children. Further info from David Rowley.

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