

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, 26th November
Christ the King

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Leslie Siu

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
John Marshall
Luke 1:26-38 (p1031)
Isaiah 7:10-17 (p690)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Peggy Fitchett
Ephesians 1:15-23 (p240)
Matthew 25:31-46 (p38)

United Christingle Service
Revd Andrew Dawswell

4.30 pm

Deanery Worship – Choral Evensong
at St Mark's, Basford

4.30 pm

Collect

*Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now 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 Andrew's 10.30 am Service

*We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son.
Romans 5:10 (Good News Bible)*

St Andrew's PCC	Monday, 27th November 7.30 pm	Parish Room
Little Sparklers	Tuesday, 28th November 10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Vintage Time`	10.00 am	St Peter's Church Hall
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	16 Rugby Close
Home Group	Wednesday, 29th November 10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent
Blaze Youth Group	Thursday, 30th November 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	48 Kingsway West
Messy Church Christmas Special	Saturday, 2nd December 4.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 3rd December <i>Advent 1</i>	St Peter's Church
Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Mr Arthur Ford</i>
	6.30 pm	Day One <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell & Mrs Becky Loo</i>

Christingle Service (Today at 4.30 pm) ... all welcome. There is a warm invitation to join the music group. The music group practice for this will be just after the morning service today (ie around 11.40 am).

We Welcome John Marshall to St Andrew's 10.30 Service ... to speak about the work of Scripture Union. This is one of the 6 mission societies that we are now focussed on supporting – and as well as a display at the back of church, you can also find out more by visiting their web site.

December Day One - "Church-Aid" ... Andrew will be speaking briefly on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 and Becky Loo will be sharing about how she has set up "Catch the Dream Community" to help the people in the village of Lungi in Sierra Leone.

St Andrew's 10.30 am Services ... The PCC last month agreed to test the waters of using the screen for hymn words and liturgy. Printed materials will continue to be available to those who really need them; but with the encouragement for as many as possible to aim to use the screen (if necessary considering moving seat). The first few services we will be trialling are scheduled to be the All Age Services on 10th December and 14th January, and then on 28th January.

Toy Services ... in St Andrew's this will be held on Sunday, 3rd December. Items brought will again be passed on to Arch, who work with homeless young people and adults, in resettlement of Refugee families and providing refuge for those fleeing Domestic Violence. They have particularly asked for donations of: women and men's toiletries, sanitary products, toys, towels, clothing, small decorations/items for houses etc... to help somebody make their house a home, gloves, hats and scarfs. Please bring items along to the 10.30 am service on 3rd December, leave them at the back of church before the service or contact Helen Dodds if you would like help making a donation. Thank you.

The St Peter's Toy Service will be held on Sunday, 10th December. Gifts suitable for teenagers would be gratefully received or donations of money would also be accepted. All items will be given to Tri Alpha in Chesterton.

Circuit Prayer Journey ... *"Journey with us as we seek God's will and vision for the North Staffordshire Methodist Circuit, pray for the staffing, pray for renewed call to Local Preachers and Worship Leaders – finding a way together"*. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4th December at St Peter's Methodist Church, 10.30 am – 11.30 am. All welcome – come and go as you please, stay for 5 minutes or 55 minutes.

St Andrew's Church Christmas Card Advance Notice ... there will again be a large Christmas card, provided by the Trailblazers group, to give church members the opportunity to send greetings to one another and donate to Tearfund as an alternative to sending multiple cards.

St Andrew's Flower Rota ... the flower rota for 2018 is being prepared. There are some Sundays available for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers in memory of a person or occasion. Also, we are in need of further help in the flower team. Experience is not essential (but a welcome bonus) and a very warm welcome is assured. For further information please contact Diana.

Bible Reading Notes ... why not enhance your daily bible reading by using helpful guidance? Val Smith will have a range of booklets in St Peter's after the services on 26th November and 3rd December. If you already use notes perhaps you would welcome a change. You can order from Val who will collect them from the Methodist Book Shop for you. Helen Swanborough will do the same for those of St Andrew's congregation who already have bible notes or who would like to start daily bible reading. Samples of notes are on the boards at the back of St Andrew's. Please see Helen for further information or to place your order.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 28th November at 10.00 am in St Peter's Hall. The session lasts for approximately 1 hour and costs 50p including tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us for very gentle exercise, fun and laughter. New members always welcome.

Christmas Lunch ... which replaces the afternoon tea for December. You are invited to a four course Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 12th December, in St Andrew's Church Hall at 12.30 pm. The cost will be £8.00. If you would like to come please contact Jenny for more details.

Home Insurance ... St Andrew's insurers, Ecclesiastical - celebrates its 130th Anniversary this year and as a gesture of appreciation for the church's continued support will donate £130 to each church in respect of each and every new home insurance policy taken out by its clergy, church workers, volunteers or members of the congregation in the next year. St Andrew's church is not necessarily recommending Ecclesiastical, the purchaser of any insurance must make their own mind up of course after considering all factors- price, risk, cover etc. However, if you do decide to obtain a quote or buy the insurance can you quote Trust 130 nominating St Andrew's. If the

transaction goes through then Ecclesiastical will forward the £130 to us. If there are any questions please contact David Morgan. They are on <http://www.ecclesiastical.com> or tel 0345 777 3322.

Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre ... after an excellent meeting the other week we were all set to go ahead with launching a service in Stoke and Newcastle early next spring. However there has been an unexpected hitch - please pray that this will be able to be resolved. 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.

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 that they are short of at the moment: sugar, long life juice, jam, sponge puddings, mashed potatoes, toothpaste, shampoo, gents toiletries and ladies deodorant.

THANK YOU

The Action Aid Cake Sale after the Remembrance Service raised £60. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, helped and donated.

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