

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, 3rd December

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Advent 1

8.00 am

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Holy Communion

10.30 am

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (p1146)

Mark 13:24-37 (p1024)

Morning Worship

Mr Arthur Ford

Mark 13:24-37 (p66)

6.30 pm

Day One

Revd Andrew Dawswell

& Mrs Becky Loo

Collect

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him 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, 4th December

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| Prayer Journey | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | St Peter's Church |
| Beaver/Cub District Christmas Service | 6.30 pm | St Andrew's Church |
| St Andrew's Prayer Meeting | 7.30 pm | Parish Room |

Tuesday, 5th December

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| Little Sparklers | 10.00 am – 11.30 am | Parish Room |
| TMNC | 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm | Parish Room |

Wednesday, 6th December

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| Angel & Star Making | 7.00 pm | Parish Room |
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Thursday, 7th December

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| Holy Communion | 10.00 am | St Andrew's Church |
| Blaze Youth Group | 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm | Parish Room |

Saturday, 9th December

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| Compline | 9.00 pm – 9.30 pm | Parish Room |
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 10th December

St Peter's Church

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| | <i>Advent 2</i> | |
| Holy Communion <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i> | 8.00 am | |
| All Age Carol Service <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i> | 10.30 am | Holy Communion & Toy Service <i>Revd John Taylor</i> |
| United Holy Communion <i>Mr Paul Topping</i> | 6.30 pm | |

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 - Toys and other requested items brought today 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.

In St Peters – the 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.

Angel Making (&Stars!) ... if you would like to help make the stars and angels that hang in St Andrew's Church at Christmas, then please join us in the Parish Room at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 6th December. Speak to Steve or Tracey Holland or Chris Gill for more information.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies ... will be served, along with tea and coffee, after the 10.30 am All Age Carol Service next week in St Andrew's Church Hall. Donations will be collected for Tearfund. Please bring some mince pies if you are able.

Newcastle Churches Together Open Air Service ... will be on Saturday, 16th December at 11.00 am -11.30 am, at the Guildhall. Do join us as a Christian witness to our town.

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 service today (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.

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.

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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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