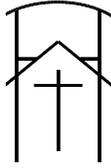


The Church in the Westlands



**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> December**  
*Christmas Eve*

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

8.00 am

Morning Prayer  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*  
*Isaiah 7:10-17 (p690)*  
*Luke 1:26-38 (p1031)*

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
*Mr Nigel Jones*  
*Luke 1:26-33 (p73) Luke 2:1-7 (p75)*  
*Luke 2:8-14 (p75)*  
*John 1-5,14,16-18 (p116)*

United Crib Service  
*Revd Leslie Siu*

3.30 pm

United Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell &*  
*Revd John Taylor*

11.30 pm

**Collect**

*Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
*Christmas Day*

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

8.00 am

All Age Worship (followed by  
Communion for those who can stay)  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

10.30 am

**Collect**

*Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.*

**St Andrew's Church****Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December****St Peter's Church***Christmas 1*

Holy Communion

8.00 am

*Revd Leslie Siu*

Holy Communion

10.30 am

*Revd Leslie Siu**Galatians 4:1-7 (1171)**Luke 2:14-21 (p1033)*

Morning Worship

*Mr Geoff Rainbow**Psalm 114 (p609)**Luke 2:22-40 (p76)*

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

*Revd Leslie Siu***Collect***Almighty God,**who wonderfully created us in your own image**and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:**grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,**so we may share the life of his divinity;**who is alive and reigns with you,**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**one God, now and for ever*

Morning prayer will restart on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January,  
 Tuesday & Wednesday (at the Vicarage). All are welcome.

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Building Development Committee

7.30 pm

Parish Room

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Holy Communion

10.00 am

Parish Room

Ecumenical Executive

7.30 pm

Room 3

**St Andrew's Church****Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January****St Peter's Church***Epiphany 1*

Holy Communion

8.00 am

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

Holy Communion

10.30 am

No Morning Service

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

3.00 pm

Circuit Covenant Service  
at Wolstanton Methodist  
Church

6.30 pm

Day One

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

**Sunday Groups for Children and Young People** ... are taking a break and will resume on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January. This week (Christmas Eve) the main focus for children will be the Crib Service at 3.30 pm - although there will also be activity sheets available at the back of St Andrew's for use in the 10.30 am Sunday service both today and on 31<sup>st</sup> December.



LIFE|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST GIFT  
GOD COULD GIVE YOU?

Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world - and Bible interaction. It is an exposé of the little gods that promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ. The best gift God can give us is himself. Ideal for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, or looking for a refresher course. More details from the vicar.

**Youth and Children's Worker** ... the Management Committee have invited two applicants for interview on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray for both of them as they prepare for the evening.

**January Links** ... are now available for deliverers. There is no need for them to appear in letterboxes until nearer the end of December though. We are grateful for those who continue to help us get the word out in this way.

**Afternoon Tea** ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 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.

**A Bible Teaching Workshop for Women** ... led by Ros Clarke, Associate Director of Church Society on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, Castle Church Barn, Stafford £5 - email: [ros@theoldshed.me](mailto:ros@theoldshed.me) to book. With a doctorate in Old Testament, Ros is convinced that - though there may be differences in church roles between genders, women can and should be involved in teaching the Bible in a variety of different contexts, and is keen to offer support and training.

**Confirmation Service** ... the service for 2018 will take place at 10.30 am on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. If you are interested in considering being confirmed as a full member of our churches, please speak to Andrew or John as soon as possible. Young people in year 8 or above who feel ready to affirm a personal commitment to Christ and to his church are also invited to consider confirmation.

**St Andrew's Church Christmas Card**... there is a large Christmas card at the back of church, 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.

**The Methodist Circuit Covenant Service** ... will be on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00 pm in Wolstanton Methodist Church. This replaces covenant services in each individual church, so the Westlands ecumenical partnership's next united morning service will be on Good Friday.

**Home Insurance** ... St Andrew's insurers, Ecclesiastical - celebrates its 130<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PCC News Update** ... St Andrew's church opening... we are grateful to those who have made it possible for the church to be open during weekdays in term-time. With some schools now on holiday, this will resume on week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Where Adventure Begins: Faith in the Family - a new play by Riding Lights Theatre Company** ... on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 7.30 pm, £10 per person at St Andrew's Church, Sneyd Green, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 2NW. More details and tickets at <http://www.ridinglights.org/where-adventure-begins>

**Adrian and Bridget Plass**... best-selling Christian authors and story-tellers are coming to Keele Chapel with an evening of laughter, poems, questions and the odd moment of dangerous honesty about things that really matter. Do go along and bring a friend too. Refreshments and a bookstall will be available on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 (£2 students), available on the door and can be reserved via email: [chaplaincy@keele.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@keele.ac.uk)

**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](mailto:northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk) 01782 612648.

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