

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, 7th January

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Epiphany 1

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Holy Communion

10.30 am

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Matthew 9:9-13 (p981)

1 Timothy 1:12-20 (p1193)

3.00 pm

No Morning Service

Circuit Covenant Service
at Wolstanton Methodist
Church

6.30 pm

Day One – *Isaiah 55*

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.

St Andrew's Prayer Meeting

Monday, 8th January

7.30 pm

Parish Room

Little Sparklers

Tuesday, 9th January

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

TMNC

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Home Group

8.00 pm

16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 10th January

Home Group	10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 11th January

Youthworker interviews	5.00 - 9.30 pm	Choir Vestry
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Home Group	8.00 pm	48 Kingsway West

Saturday, 13th January

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

Sunday, 14th January

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	<i>Epiphany 2</i> 8.00 am	
All Age Worship <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Revd Cecil Mann</i>
United Holy Communion & Prayers For Healing <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	6.30 pm	

Sunday Groups for Children and Young People ... are resuming today, Sunday, 7th January.

The Methodist Circuit Covenant Service ... will take place today, Sunday, 7th 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. All welcome.



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, 11th January. Please pray for both of them as they prepare for the evening.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 9th 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.

St Andrew's Church Building ... weekday opening from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm will resume from Monday, 8th January.

Stoke and Newcastle CAP Debt Centre ... are now looking for someone to manage the proposed project. It is a volunteer role, although with expenses, laptop and phone all funded. Hours: Flexible, 16+ hours per week. The role: supporting clients on their journey to becoming debt free through home visits and ongoing contact; managing other volunteers from the partner churches. We are looking for: someone with a passion for evangelism, organised, articulate and good with people. More information, including full job description is on: <http://www.park-church.uk/cap> If you are interested and want to know more, have an informal chat with the chair of the proposed Stoke and Newcastle Debt Centre, Jon Mason, on 0750 200 4611, or speak to Andrew Dawswell. Deadline: end of January 2017.

The CAP Money Course ... gives practical tips and principles on managing money, suitable both for those who struggle and for those who generally manage okay. Swan Bank Church in Burslem are running this on Wednesday evenings, beginning on 10th January and continuing on 17th January, 24th January and 14th February, all sessions starting at 7.30 pm. Please contact Howard Dobson to book your place.

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 next few services we will be trialling are scheduled to be the 14th January, and then on 28th January.

Potteries Theological Society... on Monday, 22nd January, at 7pm in the Moser Building at Keele University in Room CM 0.12. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death; reflections on death and dying". The speaker is Dr Claire Hookey, Medical Director of the Douglas Macmillan Hospice and Medical School lead for undergraduate medical education in Palliative Care at Keele.

Link Deliveries ... thank you for those who continue to deliver. We are looking for extra volunteers, please speak to Gillian Moss or the vicar if you would consider taking on a monthly round.

A Bible Teaching Workshop for Women ... led by Ros Clarke, Associate Director of Church Society on Saturday 20th January, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, Castle Church Barn, Stafford £5 - email: 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, 22nd April. If you are interested in considering being confirmed as a full member of our churches, please speak to Andrew or John by 14th Jan. 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.

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.

Where Adventure Begins: Faith in the Family - a new play by Riding Lights Theatre Company ... on Friday, 19th 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, 3rd February at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 (£2 students), available on the door and can be reserved via email: 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.

THANK YOU

... June Hancock would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during her recent illness.

... Carol, Marion and Simon wish to thank everybody who has contributed any items to Newcastle Foodbank during 2017. The equivalent of over 1500 meals was donated by the Church in the Westlands. Please be reassured that this food will have made a massive difference to the lives of many people living in Newcastle Borough. Thank you.

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