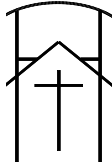


The Church in the Westlands



**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, 11th February
Sunday Before Lent

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Leslie Siu

8.00 am

All Age Worship
Revd Leslie Siu

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mr Joe Cartwright
2 Kings 2:1-12 (p363)
Mark 9:2-9 (p58)

United Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 Standing Committee

Monday, 12th February
7.45 pm

Parish Room

Little Sparklers
Afternoon Tea
TMNC

Tuesday, 13th February
10.00 am – 11.30 am
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room
St Andrew's Church Hall
Parish Room

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, 14th February
8.00 pm

Parish Room

Blaze Youth Group

Thursday, 15th February
6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

Parish Room

Forget Me Not Café	Friday, 16th February 10.30 am – 12.00 noon	Parish Room
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 18th February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	St Peter's Church
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Holy Communion <i>Revd John Taylor</i>
United Evening Prayer <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>	6.30 pm	

Ash Wednesday Services (Wednesday, 14th February) ...

There will be a Circuit Service at 7.00 pm at St Luke's Methodist Church, Clayton. All welcome.

There will be a service in St Andrew's Parish Room at 8.00 pm.

The Management Committee for Youth and Children's Worker ... have decided to look instead for someone to fulfil the role of a Children and Families Worker, focussing on up to primary school age. Please pray for the process of drawing up a new job description. If there are any who would like to give to this post for the first time, contact St Andrew's treasurer Chris Gill, who is also the person to speak to if you would prefer for your previous gifts not to be transferred to fund the new post

St Andrew's Building Development Committee ... have produced a report recommending that we try to gain permission and funding to replace our ageing hall with a new hall connected to the main church building. However, even with the sale of the old hall site, the net cost would be considerable, so the PCC is asking the congregation to let them know what they think before proceeding any further to the next step of seeking planning permission. The best way to do this is by filling in an A5 reply slip, and returning it to the envelope on the display boards. If you haven't already got a copy of one of these, or of the report please do take one from the back of St Andrew's.

Lent Course ... "These Truths Alone" Looking at 5 'solos' which summarise key principles of reformation thought and spirituality. It is on Wednesdays: 21st February - Scripture alone; 28th February – Christ alone; 7th March - Grace alone; 14th March - Faith alone; 21st March – Glory to God alone in the Parish Room. Come either in the morning at 10.30 am or at 7.45 for 8.00 pm in the evening. Please sign the sheets at the back of church if you plan to attend.

St Andrew's Stewardship Interim Statements ... we are most grateful to all the members who donate regularly through our Stewardship Scheme. This year we have prepared interim statements showing the record of your donations over the 9 months to December 2017. These are available at the back of St Andrew's. A small number of members using weekly envelopes will see that their reference number will change next year, because as more people choose to donate by Banker's Order we have been able to reduce the number of envelope sets we need to buy. If anyone else in our congregation would like to join Stewardship, or if you have any questions, please contact Alan Swanborough.

16+ Bible study and Discussion Group is Continuing ... currently meeting on alternate Thursday evenings. Please contact the vicar if you are interested.

Summer Holiday Club ... we are planning to hold a holiday club for 5-11's on Tuesday, 31st July, Wednesday, 1st and Thursday 2nd August. Potential leaders, helpers and parents of children who might attend - do please consider aiming to be in Newcastle for that week. Leslie Siu and Ian Watts will be leading - potential helpers do please register any interest with them.

Church-Specific Safeguarding Training ... this now is required of all leaders and helpers with young people and vulnerable adults; and in time may be expected of the other office holders who are currently expected to be DBS checked. Members of St Peter's who need to undertake this training were contacted last year; and the Church of England material (at levels C0 & C1) is now available in two ways:-

1) The national church has now launched an online version of the C0 and C1 material - which can be found on the National Church of England portal via this

link <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

2) Alternatively there is a live presentation of this same material (ie C0 & C1 combined) taking place on Wednesday 7th March 6.30pm - 9.30pm St Lukes Church Hall, Church Street, Cannock, WS11 1DE (The Weston Coyney date is now full; other dates are available in different parts of Lichfield diocese – details on

www.lichfield.anglican.org/Volunteer%20Safeguarding%20Training/). Please contact Chris Donlin on 01543 306030 or christine.donlin@lichfield.anglican.org to book a place. Lifts should be available, as there is already a good contingent from Westlands attending in Weston Coyney next month. Once you have completed either form of training, please can you email Kath Thorpe (thorpekath@gmail.com) so that we can record that you have done so - Andrew.

Mark's Gospel ... a dramatic solo performance, 13726 words, 678 verses, 16 chapters, 2 hours, 1 actor. Performed by Howard Jones and directed by Frank McGregor at Christ Church Cobridge, 28th February – 3rd March at 7.30 pm. £5 adults £2 child/concessions. To book please visit <http://buytickets.at/urbanexpressioncobridge>

BBC Radio Stoke in Praise of God ... to mark the programme's 50th anniversary there is a special ecumenical service being recorded on Wednesday, 7th March. It is at Sacred Heart Church Hanley and will feature several different styles of church musical contributions including Salvation Army Band and a church choir. All welcome - please let Andrew know if you are planning to attend so that he can pass on numbers to Radio Stoke.



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.

Flipping Marvellous Pancake Party ... in aid of CAP on Shrove Tuesday (13th February), at Swan Bank Church lower hall - come anytime between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm on that day.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 13th February, 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.

Help is also needed at the Afternoon Tea on the second Tuesday of each month for approximately 2½ hours. If you are able to help please speak to Jenny.

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.

Foodbank is also looking to recruit a dedicated Project Lead to oversee its day to day operation locally and be an inspirational PR and fundraising lead. The role initially is for a fixed term contract of up to 2 years (with a view to this being extended) with a starting salary of £7,800 per annum for 15 hours per week. The ideal candidate will have previous knowledge of Foodbanks and experience within the voluntary sector although not essential. However they will need to share the Foodbank vision to tackle poverty. For more details contact the trustees on info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk. The full job description can also be found on <http://www.newcastlestaffs.fodbank.org.uk> . Applications by 16th February via email, enclosing an up to date CV along with the names and contact details for two referees, one of which must be your current employer (if applicable).

Keele Chapel Singers' Spring Concert ... Saturday, 24th February at 7.30 pm in Keele University Chapel. Tickets £8 (concessions £6). For tickets or further information please contact Kath Lawrence.

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Secretary Michelle Bradbury churchinthewestlands@talktalk.net 01782 634389 (Thurs only)
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.

Church website – www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk