

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, 18th February

St Peter's Church

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

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10.30 am

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Genesis 28:10-22 (p27)

Matthew 28:16-20 (p1007)

Holy Communion

Revd John Taylor

Genesis 9:8-17 (p10)

Mark 1:9-15(p46)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,

and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness,

so may we know your power to save;

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.

Wednesday, 21st February

Lent Course	10.30 am	Parish Room
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 25th February

St Peter's Church

Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion	8.00 am
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	

Morning Prayer	10.30 am
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Morning Worship
<i>Deacon Jill Taylor</i>

United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm
<i>Mr Paul Topping</i>	

Lent Course ... "These Truths Alone" Looking at 5 'solas' 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 and will take place 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.

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

Supporting Families - Lichfield Diocese 2018 Lent Appeal ... charities to be supported this year include Safe Families for Children, which works nationwide including in our Diocese, the Pathway Project which helps those escaping domestic abuse, and Let the Children Live! which works with street children in Colombia. More details and response envelopes are available at the back of St Andrew's for any who would like to contribute. Though these can be returned directly to St Mary's House the Diocese's preference is for local churches to collect and send as a single sum - which means putting gifts on the collection plate and making any cheques payable to St Andrew's PCC, Westlands.

Lichfield Diocese Next Steps ... a celebration service at Lichfield Cathedral with Bishop Michael from 11.00 am on Saturday, 3rd March including the community of St Chad, an update on our journey of discipleship, vocation and evangelism, and an update on the four mission projects commissioned last May. All Welcome

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 in church. 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.

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.

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 Luke's 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

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.

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.

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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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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