

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, 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion  
*Revd Leslie Siu*

8.00 am

Morning Prayer  
*Revd Leslie Siu*

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
*Deacon Jill Taylor*

*Genesis 29:1-29 (p27)*

*1 Corinthians 7:25-40 (p1150)*

*Genesis 17:1-7; 15:16 (p16)*

*Mark 8:31-38 (p57)*

If you can't see the screen,  
please do ask the sidespeople  
for a set of leaflets and  
books with the words on.

United Evening Prayer  
*Mr Paul Topping*

6.30 pm

*Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**Memory Verse for St Andrew's 10.30 am Service**

**"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men  
by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12**

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.

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Vintage Time  
Little Sparklers  
TMNC

10.00 am

10.00 am – 11.30 am

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

St Peter's Church Hall  
Parish Room  
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**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Lent Course  
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10.15 am for 10.30 am

7.45 pm for 8.00 pm

Parish Room  
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**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Holy Communion  
Blaze Youth Group

10.00 am  
6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

St Andrew's Church  
Parish Room

**St Andrew's Church****Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March****St Peter's Church***Third Sunday in Lent*

Holy Communion  
*Revd Leslie Siu*

8.00 am

Holy Communion  
*Revd Leslie Siu*

10.30 am

Holy Communion  
*Revd John Taylor*

6.30 pm

Day One

*Revd John Taylor: Christian Healing Ministry*

**Lent Course** ... "These Truths Alone" Looking at 5 'solos' which summarise key principles of reformation thought and spirituality. It continues on Wednesdays: 28<sup>th</sup> February – Christ alone; 7<sup>th</sup> March - Grace alone; 14<sup>th</sup> March - Faith alone; 21<sup>st</sup> March – Glory to God alone and will take place in the Parish Room. Come either in the morning at 10.15 for 10.30 am or at 7.45 for 8.00 pm in the evening.

**Children and Families Worker** ... instead of appointing a youth and children's worker it has been decided to advertise for a worker focusing on ministry up to primary school age. Please pray for the process of drawing up a job description and other details. If there are any who would like to give to this post for the first time, please contact Chris Gill.

**Youth Outreach Worker Fund Giving** – will those who have given to the Youth Outreach Worker Fund in 2017 and 2018 please make sure you collect a letter addressed to you either at the back of Church (for St Andrew's), in the pigeon holes at St Peter's (for St Peter's) or from Chris Gill.

**Vintage Time** ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am in St Peter's Hall. The session lasts for approximately 1 hour and costs 50p including tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us for very gentle exercise, fun and laughter. New members always welcome.

**Mothering Sunday at St Andrew's** ... help is needed with the bunching of daffodils on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am in St Andrew's Parish Room. Donations of greenery would be much appreciated.

**Mothering Sunday at St Peter's** ... anyone wishing to donate towards the cost of the daffodils on Mothering Sunday in memory of a loved one please contact Marion.

**Afternoon Tea** ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Theological Reflections on Dementia** ... Keele Theological Society are hosting a seminar led by Revd Cathy Dakin, the Regional Chaplaincy Advisor of Methodist Homes on the pastoral and theological challenges posed by dementia. Her interest in this area comes from working for around 15 years as a Chaplain with older people, 10 of these with MHA in a Home offering nursing care for people journeying with dementia. Her experience of offering spiritual care to

people with dementia has given her a longing for individuals and churches to understand, value and nurture those living in the 'strange land' of dementia. 7pm on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March in Room CM 0.12 in the Claus Moser Building, Keele University.

**Stoke and Newcastle CAP Debt Centre** ... are redoubling their search for someone to manage the proposed project as a volunteer - albeit 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, or speak to Andrew Dawswell.

**Keswick Convention: 14<sup>th</sup> July – 3rd August 2018** ... this Christian Convention has been running for over 125 years and provides some outstanding Bible teaching and preaching; it includes a full children/youth programme of events and offers leisure time in the beautiful Lake District. The convention can be visited at anytime during the following three weeks: Week 1: 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July - Week 2: 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July - Week 3: 28<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August. If you would like to know more, please contact Brian or Sue Tattersall or visit the website <http://www.keswickministries.org> There are also leaflets at the back of church detailing the different roles that volunteers are needed to fill, which can include free accommodation and food.

**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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