

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, 1st April

St Peter's Church

Sonrise Service

Easter Day

Bunny Hill, Off Wye Road

Revd Leslie Siu

6.15 am

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Leslie Siu

Holy Communion & All Age Worship

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Revd Leslie Siu

Revd John Taylor

Acts 10:34-43 (p1107)

Mark 16:1-8 (p71)

Mark 16:1-8 (p1029)

6.30 pm

Day One

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.*

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.

Thursday, 5th April

Holy Communion

10.00 am

St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 8th April**
*2nd Sunday of Easter***St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Leslie Siu

Morning Prayer

10.30 am

Revd Leslie Siu

Morning Worship

Mr Geoff Rainbow

United Holy Communion

6.30 pm

Mr Ian Watts

Circuit Service ... for Newcastle Methodist Church will be held today, Sunday, 1st April at 3.00 pm at Newcastle Methodist Church to give thanks for its life, ministry and service over many years and to mark the closing of the present congregation. Please pray for the future of the new Methodist Church Plant in the building.

Home Groups ... will be restarting after Easter, studying the letter of James and meeting on 17th/18th/19th April, 1st/2nd/3rd May, 15th/16th/17th May, (Half term w/c 28th May off), 5th/6th/7th June, 19th/20th/21st June and 3rd/4th/5th July. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church if you are planning to take part. Groups on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and the two groups on Wednesday mornings will continue largely as before - although there is very much room for extra members. We are very grateful to Bob Baker for leading the Thursday evening group for several years - but he has now retired from this and Brian Tattersall is taking over. They are also looking for offers of a venue either on a regular basis or sharing with others - please see Brian or Andrew if you might be able to help with this.

Children and Families Worker ... we are advertising our post via a number of channels. Please pray for a good response.

PCC News ...

The PCC voted by a very strong majority that when anticipated extra funds are available we will commission our architect to seek to obtain planning permission for the approach presented recently of replacing our ageing hall with a new hall integrated with the church building on the south side of the site. This was encouraged by the fact that over 2/3 of the responses from church members indicated this as their preferred option. We have also collated the suggestions made for adjustments to the design, and our next meeting will be considering which ones to ask the architect to implement.

Chris Gill will shortly be completing his term as our treasurer after many years of dedicated service. This means that we are now urgently looking for somebody with finance skills to serve in this way. Please do speak to Andrew if you might be willing to consider this.

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will take place at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 22nd April. We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2018-19. There are nomination forms at the back of church for those who are willing to stand for these posts; also to serve as our two church wardens for the next 12 months; and an additional sheet for any who would like to volunteer to join the sidesperson's rota.

A Church Lunch ... will be held in St Andrew's Hall on Sunday, 29th April - more details in due course.

St Andrew's Electoral Roll ... all who are now regular worshippers over 16 are encouraged to formally join the church electoral roll. Application forms are available at the back of church and are to be returned to the adjacent box or to John Glover by 8th April 2018. Please also fill in a form or let him know if you are already on the roll but your contact details have changed.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 10th April, 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.



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.

Methodist Women In Britain – Easter Offering Service ... will be held this year on 15th April at 6.00 pm at Audley Methodist Church. The Easter Offering Envelopes to be distributed to each church will be collected and brought to this service, proceeds of which go to the World Mission Fund. Methodist Women in Britain would like to extend their thanks for your donation to this worthy fund.

Newcastle's Gift Meal Ticket Scheme – Helping You to Help Others ...

Have you ever:

- thought about giving food to a person who needed a meal but didn't know how to approach them - such as a low income family?
- wanted to give money to a homeless person but concerned how it would be used?
- considered helping someone lonely so that they had a reason to get out – such as an elderly neighbour?

You can now do something about this by purchasing a Gift Meal Ticket. It works as follows:

1. Buy a ticket at one of the participating cafes in Newcastle-under-Lyme from £3 - £5.50.
2. Give the ticket to someone who needs a meal.
3. The person visits the café and receives the meal. Simple!

Participating Cafes in Newcastle are: The Cakery, Busy Bees Cake House, Cappello Lounge, Bert's Eatery, Shaw's Fish and Chips, Panaro's and The Palace Café. Each café offers one set meal deal for which the ticket is valid. More information (including details of set meal deals, prices and other updates) on facebook @Giftmealticket or Email: giftmealticket@gmail.com

Riding Lights Theatre Company ... we thoroughly enjoyed Riding Lights - Roughshod when they last came in 2016, and are thrilled to be able to invite them back again this year. They'll be coming to share gospel truths through drama, music and plenty of laughs on the **16th June**, 7.30 pm. Please get the date in your diary and begin thinking about friends and neighbours you might invite. We will need to provide accommodation for the individual actors on that Saturday night; if you think you might be able to help, do speak to Leslie. More details to come as June approaches.

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.

Rotary Aquabox at St Peter's ... your help is greatly needed to fill the box, a list of essential items is available inside an envelope inside the box. Please take a look. For further information please contact Joe Cartwright. Many thanks in anticipation.

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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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