

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 March

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00 am

Rev'd Andrew Dawswell

Holy Communion

10.30 am

Terry & Hilary Williams, North Staffs Gideons

Genesis 35:1-15 (p34)

John 1:1-14 (p 1068)

Morning Worship

Local Arrangement

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p766)

John 12:20-33 (p134)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Mr Alan Swanborough

Collect

Most merciful God,

*who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:*

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;

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 PCC

Monday, 19th March

7.30 pm

Parish Room

Little Sparklers

Tuesday, 20th March

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

TMNC

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Lent Course

Wednesday, 21st March

10.15 am for 10.30 am

Parish Room

Lent Course

7.45 pm for 8.00 pm

Parish Room

Thursday, 22nd March

Blaze Youth Group 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm Parish Room
17+ Bible Study/Discussion Group 8.45pm Vicarage

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 25th March

St Peter's Church

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion 8.00 am

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Morning Prayer & Baptism 10.30 am

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Morning Worship

Mr George Matthews

United Evening Prayer 6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Lent Course ... “These Truths Alone” Looking at 5 ‘solos’ which summarise key principles of reformation thought and spirituality. It concludes on Wednesday (21st March) - with the group meeting at 10.15 am for 10.30 am looking at the subject of the Glory of God alone; and the 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm evening group focusing on the need for Faith alone

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.

Christian Aid Walk ... the annual walk to raise funds for Christian Aid will be on Saturday, 24th March at Tittesworth Reservoir. Registration is from 9.15 am with the walk starting at 10.00 am. Last year a magnificent total of £52,159 was raised and we would love to beat that this year. If you would like to make a donation please see either Chris Spicer or Richard Booth who can also give further details for any who want to join the walk too.

Dementia Friendly Church Service ... at Holy Trinity, Chesterton – Sunday, 25th March, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm. Leader - Revd Mike Bridgewater; Preacher - Bishop of Stafford. Service to be broadcast on Radio Stoke on 27th May. All Welcome.

Change of Date ... the Pastoral Care Meeting for St Peter's members is now on Wednesday, 28th March at 2.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Please use the Choir Vestry door. Thank you.

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 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 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.

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.

St Andrew's Weekly Stewardship Envelopes ... the new sets of envelopes starting 1st April are now available at the back of Church. A small number of members using these envelopes will see that their reference number has changed. If anyone else in our congregation would like to join Stewardship, or if you have any questions, please contact Alan Swanborough.



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.

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.

Keswick Convention: 14th 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: 14th - 21st July - Week 2: 21st - 28th July - Week 3: 28th July – 3rd 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.

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.

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, sponge puddings, mashed potatoes, shampoo, ladies and gents deodorant, dried milk powder, chocolate, washing powder/liquid, washing up liquid and toilet rolls.

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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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