

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.
We welcome especially Rebecca and Gareth Walklate and their family
and friends as they bring Henry to be baptised.*

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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Genesis 45:13-28 (p46)

Mark 11:1-11 (p1021)

Morning Worship

Mr George Matthews

Psalms 118:1 & 2, 19-24 (p610)

Mark 11:1-11 (p61)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Monday, 26th March

Holy Week Service: *Revd John Taylor* 7.30 pm

Homegroup Leaders 8.30 pm

St Peter's Church

32 Beresford Crescent

Tuesday, 27th March

Little Sparklers 10.00 am – 11.30 am

Vintage Time 10.00 am

Holy Week Service: *Revd John Taylor* 7.30 pm

TMNC 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

St Peter's Church Hall

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Wednesday, 28th March

St Peter's Pastoral Care Meeting	2.00 pm	St Peter's Choir Vestry
Holy Week Service: <i>Revd John Taylor</i>	7.30 pm	St Peter's Church

Thursday, 29th March

Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Maundy Thursday Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	7.30 pm	St Peter's Church

Friday, 30th March

Good Friday Service: <i>Revd John Taylor</i>	10.00 am	St Andrew's Church
Open Air Service	12.00 noon	Guildhall, Newcastle
"The Last Hour" – Reflective Service <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	2.00 – 3.00 pm	St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 1st April

St Peter's Church

	<i>Easter Day</i>	
Sonrise Service <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	6.15 am	Bunny Hill, Off Wye Road
Holy Communion <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion & All Age Worship <i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>	10.30 am	Holy Communion <i>Revd John Taylor</i>
	6.30 pm	Day One <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>

Good Friday & Saturday Witness at the Guildhall ... there will be an open air Good Friday service, again this year mainly contemporary in style, at 12 noon. As part of this a team will be giving out cream-egg sized eggs and details of church services to shoppers. Speak to Andrew if you would like to join this team, and donations of cream eggs on the day will be welcome too.

Reminder ... can St Peter's congregation please bring some small flowers to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Day Sonrise Service ... will be at 6.15 am at Bunny Hill (above Wye Rd Community Centre). This will be followed by an open invitation to breakfast. If anyone is willing to host this let me know - otherwise we will again go to McDonalds. - Andrew.

Circuit Service ... for Newcastle Methodist Church will be held on 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.

Children and Families Worker ... we are advertising our post via a number of channels. This includes a network <https://twitter.com/NineThirtyEight> whose primary reach is through social media. They will be tweeting our ad at 1.00 pm on 28th March, and suggest that members of our churches on Twitter should be asked to share/retweet to get maximum coverage.

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 2017-18. 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.

Dementia Friendly Church Service ... at Holy Trinity, Chesterton – today, 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.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 27th March 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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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