

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, 15th April
3rd Sunday of Easter

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell
John 6:1-15 (p1074)
John 6:25-40 (p1075)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Brenda Dyble
Psalm 4 (p539)
Luke 24:36-48 (p113)

6.00 pm

Circuit Easter Offering
Service at Audley
Methodist Church
Revd Pat Percival

United Evening Prayer
Rev Leslie Siu

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

Tuesday, 17th April

Little Sparklers
Building Development Committee
TMNC
Home Group

10.00 am – 11.30 am
7.30 pm
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
8.00 pm

Parish Room
Choir Vestry
Parish Room
16 Rugby Close

Wednesday 18th April

Home Group
Home Group
Youth & Children's Leaders Meeting
Home Group

10.30 am
10.30 am
7.30 pm
8.00 pm

Parish Room
5 Friars Walk
Parish Room
32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 19th April

Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Standing Committee	7.00 pm	Vicarage
Home Group	8.00 pm	19 Westcliffe Avenue
17+ Bible Study & discussion group	8.45 pm	Vicarage

Friday, 20th April

Forget Me Not Café	10.30 am – 12.00 noon	Parish Room
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 22nd April

4th Sunday of Easter

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion 8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

United Confirmation Service 10.30 am

Revs Peter Barber, District Chair & Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford

St Andrew's APCM (in the church hall) 6.30 pm

Revd Leslie Siu

Home Groups ... will be restarting this week, 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 with the Bateman's hosting.

Methodist Women In Britain – Easter Offering Service ... will be held today, 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 Annual Meeting & Report ... all members of the congregation are encouraged to take a copy of our annual report from the back of church, or it can hopefully be accessed on <http://www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk/admin/>
The annual meeting will be held in the church hall at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 22nd April. We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2018-19, and there is a nomination form at the back of church for those who are willing to stand. We also need to elect two church wardens to serve for the next 12 months, and are grateful to Helen Dodds for her willingness to continue in this role, but are still looking for a 2nd candidate. There is also an additional sheet for any who would like to volunteer to join the sidesperson's rota.

Identity Course ... *Who is God? Can I make contact with Him? Who are we? What is the purpose of life?* We have run this course several times over the last few years and just about to start a new group. Each week includes a discussion starter on DVD, with opportunity for interaction and questions. Ideal for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, or looking for a refresher course. It also forms the main part of the preparation course for adults who would like to think about being confirmed in a future year. More details from the Vicar.

Latest Issues of UCB's Word For Today ... are at the rear of St Andrew's, please take a copy.

Churches Lunch on Sunday, 29th April ... members of both churches, and guests too, are invited to lunch in St Andrew's Hall after the morning services (ie at around 12 noon). The menu is: leek and potato soup; baked potato with either tuna, chilli or cheese; and mousse or sponge. Please sign list at the back of St. Andrews if you wish to attend; Helpers also needed, please contact Glenys Gill.

Shallowford Bible Day ... Friday, 8th June from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. We are joining with other churches in sponsoring a day of Bible teaching and guided reflection. The speaker this year is Steve Brady, Principal of Moorlands Bible College and a regular speaker at the Keswick Convention. Cost £20, to include a BBQ lunch - please sign the list at the back of St Andrew's. Shared transport will be available.

Thursday Communion Service Prayers ... for many years the monthly Thursday gathering for Communion has prayed for the bereaved family and friends of all those inscribed in our memorial book for that month. With the number of names inevitably increasing, and with some of the bereavements dating back over 40 years, I have decided instead to use more focused lists for each month's prayers. Anyone is welcome to request a name for inclusion, which could now also include someone who lived and died elsewhere but whose bereaved family are linked in some way with the Church in the Westlands. Fresh lists will be produced every couple of years but you will be welcome to keep adding the name of the person concerned for as many years as you wish. A small black folder with space to note these requests is being kept at the back of St Andrew's. - Andrew

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.

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.

Church website – www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk