

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, 22nd April

St Peter's Church

4th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

United Confirmation Service

10.30 am

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

Evening worship and St Andrew's APCM

6.30 pm

(in the church hall)

Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,

from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that we may seek those things which are above,

where he 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, 23rd April

Bereavement Care Team & Training

11.00 am - 1.00 pm

21 Paris Avenue

Home Group Leaders' Meeting

7.30 pm

32 Beresford Crescent

Tuesday, 24th April

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

Vintage Time

10.00 am

St Peter's Church Hall

TMNC

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Thursday, 26th April

Blaze Youth Group

6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

Parish Room

Ecumenical Executive

7.30 pm

St Peter's Choir Vestry

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 29th April**
*5th Sunday of Easter***St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell

10.30 am

Morning Worship
*Revd Leslie Siu*United Evening Prayer
Mrs Irene Hardacre

6.30 pm

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 the list at the back of St Andrews if you wish to attend; Helpers also needed, please contact Glenys Gill.

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 - and the need for someone to serve as treasurer is now very pressing too. 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 are hoping to be able to start a new group shortly. 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.

Home Groups ... studying the letter of James will continue on 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.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 24th April 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.

Holiday Club 2018 - Thank you to those who have indicated they are available to help out with a Holiday Club running 31st July through 2nd August. We are still a couple of significant volunteers short for the club to be viable. If you are able to help, with preparation and planning as well as being there for the club itself, then please speak to Leslie. Thanks.

Catch the Dream ... is the community interest company set up by Becky Loo and others to help villagers in Sierra Leone recover their livelihoods after Ebola devastated their lives. Catch the Dream is providing seeds, sanitation and training to enable them to re-establish their farming livelihoods. They have a fundraising event at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 28th April at the Tollgate

Hotel. Tickets are £5 adults and £2 children and include a glass of Bucks Fizz, live music, a basket auction and speakers. Becky shall be selling tickets after today's 10.30 am service.

Giving an Answer ... The Christian Institute are organizing a meeting in Stone aiming to equip Christians to be able to provide a response on a range of topics including: the rights of parents, free speech and radical gender ideologies on Thursday, 3rd May at 7.30 pm at Christ Church, Stone, ST15 8ZB - no booking or payment needed.

A Disabled Church? ... Revd Zoe Heming, Diocesan Enabling Church Advisor will be speaking at Keele Theological society at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 9th May in Keele University Chancellor's Building (Rm CBA 0.060). All welcome

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 8th May, 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 £3.00. All welcome. If you would like to come, please contact Jenny.

TearFund Open Café ... is on Saturday, 12th May, 10.30 am – 12.00 noon in St Andrew's Hall. Admission £1.00 for adults, free for children (includes refreshments). Stalls include:- plants, car wash, toys, cakes, games, bric-a-brac and books. All proceeds go to the TearFund project ZOE for orphans in Zimbabwe. There will be boxes at the back of church for donations for the stalls. For further information, offers of help or collection please contact Helen Dodds.

Christian Aid Week: 13th – 20th May ... theme: 'God's Kingdom is stronger than storms'. We are very grateful to those who have been collecting regularly over the years. We are also mindful that some people would be quite happy to deliver envelopes but not to collect and we tried this on an experimental basis last year. A note is delivered with each envelope - encouraging people to give either by donating online or placing a cheque (but can be money) in the envelope and putting it through the door of one of our two homes. We would like to extend this scheme this year so that all streets are covered by some means and it would also be good to have some more drop-off points so that individuals don't have to travel too far to deliver their envelope. If you would be willing to help either to deliver and collect, deliver only or act as a point of receipt for money then please contact either Simon Wright at St Andrew's or Hilary Jones at St Peter's.

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.

A Bible Teaching Workshop for Women ... led by Ros Clarke, Associate Director of Church Society on 16th June, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, Castle Church Barn, Stafford £5 – e-mail: ros@theoldshed.me to book. With a doctorate in Old Testament, Ros is convinced that, though there may be differences in church roles between genders, women can and should be involved in teaching the Bible in a variety of different contexts, and is keen to offer support and training. The morning will focus on teaching from poetry, focusing on the psalms.

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

Circuit Office ... has moved to 2 Merrial Street, Newcastle ST5 2AD. Tel & email unchanged.

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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