

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, 6th May
6th Sunday of Easter

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

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10.30 am

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Acts 1:12-26 (p1095)

Matthew 28:16-20 (p1007)

Holy Communion

Revd John Taylor

Acts 10:44-48 (p162)

John 15:9-17 (p138)

6.30 pm

Day One

Revd Leslie Siu

*"Fear not, for you will not
be ashamed" Isaiah 54*

Collect

*God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.*

Memory Verse for St Andrew's 10.30 am Service

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live" John 11:25**

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, 8th May

Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Afternoon Tea	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
Archdeacon's Visitation for Churchwardens	6.45 pm for 7.30 pm	St Francis, Meir Heath
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room

Thursday, 10th May

Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Ascension Day Holy Communion	8.00 pm	St Andrew's Church

Saturday, 12th May

Tear Fund Café	10.30 am – 12.00 noon	St Andrew's Church Hall
Compline	9.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Parish Room

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 13th May****St Peter's Church**

	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	
Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		
All Age Worship	10.30 am	Morning Worship
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		<i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>
United Holy Communion	6.30 pm	
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>		

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.

Children and Families Worker ... the Committee have appointed Naomi Savage to join us. Subject to the usual paperwork and checks she will be starting at the end of the summer

St Andrew's Officers ... we are grateful to Alan Swanborough, who has offered to serve for a year as Churchwarden (with a vestry meeting being held at 10.30 am to approve this), and to Steve Forrester, who has agreed to be nominated to serve as treasurer.

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 15th/16th/17th May, (half term w/c 28th May off), 5th/6th/7th June, 19th/20th/21st June and 3rd/4th/5th July.

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. Thank you.

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.

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

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.

Thy Kingdom Come ... Special gatherings for worship and prayer:

Sunday, 14th May, 6.30 pm Longton Central Hall - with the Bishop of Stafford and other regional denominational leaders

Wednesday, 16th May, 7.00 pm Mucklestone – Pray for Staffordshire and 'beating the bounds' of the county's west-most point, meeting at St Mary's Church, TF9 4DN. Led by Robert Mountford, County Ecumenical Officer - Andrew can offer a lift if wanted (also Friday, 11th May, 11.00 am at the southern-most point of St Peter's, Kinver; Monday, 14th May, 7.00 pm starting at the northern-most point of St Paul's, Flash; and Tuesday, 15th May, 7.30 pm at the west-most Immanuel Stapenhill)

Sunday, 21st May: 6.30 pm Stoke Minister- Lloyd Cooke and Diocesan Renewal Group; also Liquid Worship/Prayer Stations at St Giles' anytime from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

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

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**, 7.00 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.

Newcastle's Gift Meal Ticket Scheme – Helping You to Help Others ... more information (including details of set meal deals, prices and other updates) on facebook @Giftmealticket or Email: giftmealticket@gmail.com

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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