

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, 13th May

St Peter's Church

7th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

All Age Worship

10.30 am

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Acts 1:1-11 (p1095)

Morning Worship

Mrs Irene Hardacre

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end (p148)

John 17:6-19 (p140)

United Holy Communion

6.30 pm

Revd Leslie Siu

Collect

*O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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, 14th May

St Andrew's PCC

7.15 pm

Church & Parish Room

Tuesday, 15th May

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Parish Room

TMNC

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room

Home Group

8.00 pm

16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 16th May

Home Group

10.30 am

Parish Room

Home Group

10.30 am

5 Friars Walk

Home Group

8.00 pm

32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 17th May

Blaze Youth Group

6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

Parish Room

Home Group

8.00 pm

19 Westcliffe Avenue

Friday, 18th May

Forget Me Not Café

10.30 am – 12.00 noon

Parish Room

Saturday, 19th MayWedding of Charlotte Evans &
Ryan Goldstraw

1.00 pm

St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church**Sunday, 20th May****St Peter's Church**Holy Communion
*Revd Leslie Siu**Pentecost*

8.00 am

United Partnership Anniversary Service
Revd Leslie Siu

10.30 am

United Holy Communion & Prayers for
for Healing
Revd Andrew Dawswell

6.30 pm

Celebrating 80 Years of Worship in the Westlands ... next week's United Partnership Anniversary Service marks the 45th anniversary of our Local Ecumenical Partnership and also (within a few weeks) the 80th anniversary of both St Andrew's and St Peter's.

An 80th birthday cake is being made by Glenys Gill to mark the celebration, but we also need a few more cakes brought along to make sure that everybody can have a piece with their after-service refreshments. Please sign the list at the back of St Andrew's or St Peter's if you are able to bring a cake to serve, say 8-10 people.

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. This year will be looking at the book of Nehemiah with the title 'Restoring the Vision', led by 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.

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.

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

Roughshod Theatre Company are coming on 16th June at 7.00 pm ... mixing comedy, dramatic storytelling, spoken word and the personal experience of the actors themselves, Roughshod deliver a show that asks: what happens when God intervenes in ordinary lives? Tickets now available. Do think about who you might invite to come along to what should be a fantastic show. Tickets £5 in advance, £7 on the door, £3 for groups of 4+ teenagers. Most suitable for age 12+. Tickets available after services.

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.

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.

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.

Catch the Dream ... Becky Loo would like to thank everyone who supported the launch party event and who generously donated to help the villagers in Sierra Leone rebuild their lives after Ebola. Over £1,500 was raised which shall enable the farmers to replant this year and continue to build their ability to meet their own food needs. Our next steps shall be to apply for grants to

help provide them with training to improve their yield and increase the number of harvests in the year. We are planning another *Catch the Dream Party* later in the year, so look out for details of another fun night.

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.

THANK YOU

... to all who helped to organise, staff and support yesterday's Tearfund Café.

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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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