

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, 20th May

St Peter's Church

Pentecost

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Leslie Siu

United Partnership Anniversary Service 10.30 am

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Acts 2:1-21 (p1096)

John 15:26-16:15 (p1088)

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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, 22nd May	
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, 24th May	
Blaze Youth Group	6.30 pm – 7.45 pm	Parish Room
Deanery Synod – about Sanctus	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm	Holy Trinity, Chesterton
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 27th May	St Peter's Church
	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	
Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		
Morning Prayer	10.30 am	Morning Worship at
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		St Luke's Methodist
		Church <i>Mr Nigel Jones</i>
United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm	
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Celebrating 80 Years of Worship in the Westlands ... today'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.

Please do join us for drinks and cake in St Andrew's hall afterwards to celebrate

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 22nd May 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.

Christian Aid... thank you to those who are involved in organising and collecting this year. There are some spare envelopes at the back of church for any who would like to contribute

Sanctus and the Ministry to Asylum Seekers at St Marks Shelton ... there is an opportunity to hear from Revd Sally Smith about this important ministry – at the Deanery Synod open meeting being held on 24th May, 2018 at Holy Trinity Chesterton, 7.00 pm refreshments for 7.30 pm start.

Our First of the Month Evening Services ... after the summer, our current Day One music team are becoming involved instead in St Andrew's morning worship. This means that the first of the month evening service, though aiming to retain its contemporary feel, will be changing somewhat. There will be a brief open meeting to take soundings on some of the possibilities that have been tabled on Sunday, 3rd June at around 7.30 pm - 7.45 pm at the back of St Peter's main hall (ie straight after that evening's Day One Service).

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.

St Andrew's PCC News...

Replacing our hall. The PCC considered a number of possible alterations to the design tabled earlier in the year that had been helpfully suggested by members of the congregation. For the most part we decided with what had been presented, although: altering the arrangement of toilet cubicles; asking the architect to explore a different location for storage; and exploring the cost implications of a brick (rather than rendered) facing. Please pray for continuing work on this - and especially our discussions with the council which could have considerably bigger implications on the design.

Mission Giving. With the McKnight's returning to the UK, it was decided to offer £3,200 to support Charlie Thorpe's planned year in the Philippines working with Wycliffe Bible translators. NB For her participation to be feasible, she will need to raise considerably more of her support costs - details are available at the back of church for any individuals who might be interested in offering additional support.

Projecting words. The PCC voted to continue with this- although we really need one or two people willing to be on a rota to operate the laptop - see Andrew if you might consider helping.

Home Groups ... studying the letter of James will continue on 5th /6th/7th June, 19th/20th/21st June and 3rd/4th/5th July.

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

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.

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.

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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