

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, 23rd September

St Peter's Church

Trinity 17

Holy Communion
Revd Leslie Siu

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
Revd Leslie Siu
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (p668)
2 Timothy 2:1-13 (p1197)

10.30 am

United Holy Communion Service at
St Luke's Methodist Church
Revd John Palmer

United Evening Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 St Andrews); and on Tues & Wed (at the Vicarage). All are welcome.

Monday, 24th September

Pastoral Team Meeting
St Andrew's PCC Meeting

11.00 am
7.30 pm

Parish Room
Parish Room

Tuesday, 25th September

Vintage Time
Little Sparklers
TMNC
Home Group

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

St Peter's Church Hall
Parish Room
Parish Room
16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 26th September

Home Group	10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 27th September

Home Group	8.00 pm	19 Westcliffe Avenue
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 30th September

St Peter's Church

Welcome Sunday

Trinity 18

Holy Communion	8.00 am
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Rev'd Andrew Dawswell

Morning Prayer & Baptism	10.30 am
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Rev'd Andrew Dawswell

Holy Communion

Rev'd John Taylor

United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm
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Rev'd Leslie Siu

At this Morning's 10.30 am Service ... St Andrew's welcome Olivia Rigby the local staffworker from UCCF (University and Colleges Christian Union) who will be letting us know more about their ministry.

Regular Sunday groups have now re-started ... for 3-7's, 7-11's and 11-14's.

TMNC for 14-18's have also now re-started on Tuesdays, 7.30 pm -9.00 pm in the Parish Room. All 14-18's welcome for a variety of activities, time together, bible study and discussion.

Vintage Time ... the next session of Vintage Time will take place on Tuesday, 25th September 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.

Homegroups Continue ... on 25th/26th/27th September; 9th/10th/11th and 23rd/24th/25th October; 13th/14th/15th and 27th/28th/29th November, 8th/9th/10th and 22nd/23rd/24th January; and 5th/6th/7th February with a new course entitled 'Life to the Full' focussing on the life and teaching of Jesus from the first half of John's gospel.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 9th October, 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.

Our Harvest Lunch on 14th October ... will also include an opportunity to mark the Siu's last Sunday among us. The menu is: soup, cheese or paté ploughmans, choc ices and celebration cake. Sign up sheets will appear shortly, cost £5 adults, £1 Under 18's. Helpers also needed, please contact Glenys Gill or Ann Harvey.

Letters of War ... 'Act It Out' drama company re-tell a family's experience of WW1. 2.00 pm at St Andrew's Porthill – Saturday, 6th October, entry free (and also on Saturday, 10th November at 1.00 pm)

We Are Grateful... to all who give generously to both our churches on a regular basis. St Andrew's has also recently benefited from a bequest from the late Annie Edwards, which we are very thankful for.

Little Sparklers Toddler Group ... has started again for the new school year. If you have any good quality toys that you think would be suitable for 0 to 3 year olds, especially push-along or ride-on toys, please let Naomi, Gabi or Cynthia know. Thank you very much.

St Andrew's Building... will be open from around 9.00 am - teatime Monday – Friday.

St Andrew's PCC ... will, among other matters, be considering clergy robing at our main 10.30 am service. Since 2017 PCC's and clergy together have been formally allowed to decide on their practice. I am aware that this can provoke strong views for or against, do feel free to communicate this to PCC members before we meet on 24th September.

St Andrew's New Hall Project Update ... as has been reported before, the PCC felt that there was more than enough encouragement from the congregation to decide to fund an application for planning permission for the kind of proposal presented in January, ie to build a new hall attached to the church, part-funded by the sale of the old hall site. Before proceeding with a formal application, the buildings development committee are taking advice on a few key points from the relevant local authority departments. A couple of months ago we received an encouraging reply from the highways department regarding the proposed new roadway junctions; although they indicated that they would defer to the planners' advice in regard to a new building's interaction with the trees on highways land, and we are still waiting for the planners' response on this. We are also awaiting more detailed legal advice on land covenant issues. Please pray that in time all of these discussions will yield a constructive outcome.

Gift for the Siu Family ... we are very grateful for all that Leslie has brought to the role of curate and it has been great to have Mel and indeed the whole family involved in church life too. Please do please pray for them all as they make preparations for their move to Suffolk towards the end of October. If any are able to be at the induction service in Wickham Market at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 31st October there would be a very warm welcome. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please put it on the church collection plate in an envelope marked: 'Siu's leaving gift', or alternatively post it through the vicarage study letterbox by Sunday, 7th October. Envelopes are available by the church entrance - please make any cheques payable to 'St Andrew's Westlands PCC' There is also a card to sign at the back of St Andrew's - and Steve Forrester is collecting video goodbye or thank you messages to pass on too - please email to Steve.

Welcome Sunday ... is on 30th September Please think and pray about who you might invite to come along, perhaps by giving them one of the invitation leaflets that are available at the back of St Andrew's.

Christmas With a Difference ... can you make some room for an international student to learn what true British Festive hospitality can mean? Would you like to add that international element to your Christmas, learning another countries traditions and enjoying the connection and friendship that such sharing brings? HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief homestays with UK hosts, one day, a weekend or, over the festive period-a three day visit. They need more hosts - if you would like to know more, please go to their website: <http://www.hostuk.org> or ring 0207 739 6292.

Canzonetta Wind Quintet ... Saturday, 29th September, 7.30 pm in St Peter's Methodist Church. An evening of entertaining music including Water Music – Handel, Petite Symphonie – Gounod, The Entertainer – Scott Joplin and much more. Tickets £7 are available from A Major Music, Trentham Gardens or contact Margaret Tebby or on the door. Children free, refreshments provided. Proceeds in aid of Newcastle-under-Lyme Festival for Music, Speech and Drama.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Foodbank ... thank you to all who continue to support Foodbank At the present time the items that are low/out of stock are:- tinned tomatoes, small jars of coffee, small bags of sugar, tinned spaghetti, dried rice, tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard/sponge puddings, chocolate, jam, shower gel, gents toiletries, washing powder/gel, washing up liquid.

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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