

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, 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion

*Trinity 19*

8.00 am

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

Holy Communion

10.30 am

*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

*Genesis 2:4-25 (p2)*

*Matthew 19:1-12 (p993)*

Morning Worship

*Mrs Peggy Fitchett*

*Genesis 2:18-24 (p5)*

*Mark 10:2-16 (p59)*

6.30 pm

Contemporary Worship

*Revd John Taylor*

**Collect**

*O God, forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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.

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Little Sparklers

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

TMNC

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Home Group

8.00 pm

Parish Room

St Andrew's Church Hall

Parish Room

16 Rugby Close

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Home Group

10.30 am

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8.00 pm

Parish Room

5 Friars Walk

32 Beresford Crescent

	<b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Worship Committee	evening	Vicarage
Home Group	8.00 pm	19 Westcliffe Avenue
	<b>Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Compline	9.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Parish Room
<b>St Andrew's Church</b>	<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>St Peter's Church</b>
	<i>Harvest Sunday</i>	
	<i>Trinity 20</i>	
Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>		
All Age Worship	10.30 am	Harvest Service
<i>Revd Leslie Siu</i>		<i>Revd John Taylor</i>
United Holy Communion	6.30 pm	
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		

**Harvest Visiting** ... on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October we are taking out invitations to our Harvest Services to deliver personally to those who live on several nearby roads (Langdale Road and Earls Drive). The bundles of invitations will be available between 6.00 pm - 6.30 pm that evening and we will be meeting in St Peter's Foyer. If you are able to volunteer to help with this, then please speak to Irene or Marion. We have also left some cards near to the church entrances – so do take one if you might be able to use it when inviting a friend or neighbour to join us.

**St Peter's Harvest Produce** ... gifts this year will go to Newcastle Foodbank, we are looking for non-perishable goods and toiletries. Please leave them in the entrance hall if you would like to give. You are welcome to help arrange the harvest display on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am. Foodbank are always thankful for the support you give us all the year round. Carol and Marion.

**For St Andrew's Harvest** ... gifts of fresh produce, tinned and dried food and flowers will be distributed locally to those in need and to Arch women's refuge. Gift aid envelopes will be available for monetary gifts to TearFund. Contributions of greenery on Friday at 9.30 am to decorate the Church would be much appreciated. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - please meet at St Andrew's church at 10.00 am on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

**Our Harvest Lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Peter's Church Council - Change of Date** ... the date of St Peter's Church Council has changed from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am in St Peter's Church.

**St Andrews Grounds Maintenance** ... we will be organising work parties on the mornings of Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00 am onwards. All helpers will be very welcome.

**The Midlands Men's Convention** ... is taking place on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Nottingham. Glen Screvener and Dan Steange are speaking on the title Unashamed: a better story. If you are interested in going along please speak to Alan Swanborough; tickets £18.

### **St Andrews PCC News ...**

- The Standing Committee and PCC are grateful to Paul Topping and Brian Tattersall for beginning to preach at our services over the last couple of years. Under new Diocesan guidelines we formally agreed to support them in a variety of ways to enable them to develop this ministry further.
- We also unanimously accepted the proposal to appoint Richard Booth, a member of the congregation who is a qualified accountant, as the independent examiner of our church accounts.
- A reminder to all members of the congregation that when the screen is used for projecting words at the 10.30 am service, printed materials are always available from the sidespersons for those who struggle to see the screen - do please ask for a set when you come into church. Those who are reading or leading prayers etc might also consider asking for a set so that they can work out when in the service they are needed.
- The Church of England now permits churches church councils to decide whether or not clergy will continue to robe, The encouragement has been for PCC members to consider not only their own personal preferences, nor just the feelings of members of the existing members, but also what will best facilitate others feeling comfortable to join the congregation. A variety of views were expressed and relayed on this subject! Following this discussion, a motion was put that clergy continue to robe at the 10.30 am services when there is communion, but not on the other weeks of the month. This was passed by a strong majority.
- The PCC is having an extra meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October to formulate a mission action plan, setting some priorities for the development of our ministry & mission over the next couple of years. Please let PCC members or the Vicar know any views you have on this.

**Homegroups Continue** ... on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October; 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> January; and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Bible Course** ... following a good response to the first session of the course, we will continue fortnightly from Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Alan and Helen Swanborough will order the course manuals (£5 each) for participants after Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. You are still welcome to join and you could borrow the DVD of the first session to catch up. Please let Alan and Helen know to order a manual for you.

**Afternoon Tea** ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, 6<sup>th</sup> October, entry free (and also on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00 pm)

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> November (N.B. CORRECTION) 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 the end of today (Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Newcastle-under-Lyme Foodbank** ... continues to offer an important safety net to people in need. Both St Andrew's and St Peter's are formally members of the Newcastle (Staffs) branch - which is holding its annual meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm at Wolstanton Methodist Church.

**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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