

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.
We welcome especially Robin and Sarah Davies and their family
and friends as they bring Stanley to be baptised.*

St Andrew's Church

**Sunday, 30th September
Welcome Sunday**

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

Trinity 18
8.00 am

Morning Prayer & Baptism
Revd Andrew Dawswell
Psalm 19:1-14 (547)
Acts 14:8-18 (p167)

10.30 am

Holy Communion
Revd John Taylor
James 5:13-20 (p292)
Mark 9:38-50 (p59)

United Evening Prayer
Revd Leslie Siu

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting 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.*

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, 1st October

Bereavement Care Team Meeting
Prayer Meeting

11.00 am
7.30 pm

21 Paris Avenue
Parish Room

Tuesday, 2nd October

Little Sparklers
TMNC

10.00 am – 11.30 am
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Parish Room
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	Wednesday, 3rd October	
Churches Together Prayer Café	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
	Thursday, 4th October	
Holy Communion	10.00 am	Parish Room
St Peter's Property Committee Meeting	10.00 am	Choir Vestry
Home Group	8.00 pm	19 Westcliffe Avenue
	Saturday, 6th October	
Messy Church	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 7th October	St Peter's Church
	<i>Trinity 19</i>	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Mrs Peggy Fitchett</i>
	6.30 pm	Contemporary Worship <i>Revd John Taylor</i>

Harvest Visiting ... on Monday, 8th 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 ... will go to Foodbank this year. Anyone wishing to give tinned produce or non-perishable gifts please leave them clearly marked in church by 10.00 am on Saturday, 13th October. Toiletries are most welcome. Anyone who has greenery to give for decoration purposes please leave that in church on the Saturday Morning by 10.00 am. Offers of help to decorate are also very welcome, please just turn up on the Saturday morning.

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. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - please meet at St Andrew's church at 10.00 am on Monday, 15th October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

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.

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

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 22nd 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 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.

The Bible Course ... following a good response to the first session of the course, we will continue fortnightly from Wednesday, 7th November. Alan and Helen Swanborough will order the course manuals (£5 each) for participants after Sunday, 7th 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, 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.

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)

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.

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.

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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