

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, 24th March

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell
Matthew 15:32-39 (p990)
Romans 1:8-17 (p1131)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Karen Barnett
Psalms 63:1-8 (p573)
Luke 13:1-9 (p96)

United Evening Prayer
Mrs Irene Hardacre

6.30 pm

Collect

Almighty God,

*whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.*

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Monday, 25th March

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
(Doors open from 3.30 pm)

St Andrew's Church Hall

Morning Prayer
Vintage Time
Little Sparklers
TMNC

Tuesday, 26th March

9.00 am - 9.20 am

10.00 am

10.00 am – 11.30 am

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

St Andrew's Church
St Peter's Church Hall
Parish Room
Parish Room

Lent Course
Lent Course

Wednesday, 27th March

10.30 am

7.45 pm for 8.00 pm

Parish Room
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St Peter's Church Council

Thursday, 28th March

10.00 am

St Peter's Church

Ecumenical Prayer Café	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Parish Room
St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 31st March	St Peter's Church
	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
All Age Service <i>Naomi Savage</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Local Arrangement</i>
United Evening Prayer <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	6.30 pm	

Mothering Sunday at St Andrew's ... help is needed with the bunching of daffodils on Saturday, 30th March at 9.30 am in St Andrew's Parish Room. Donations of greenery would be much appreciated.

Mothering Sunday at St Peter's ... anyone wishing to donate towards the cost of the daffodils on Mothering Sunday in memory of a loved one please contact Marion.

Do consider inviting others to come along - invitations are available at the back of church.

Lent Course ... will take place on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm in the parish room. We will be looking at the Lord's Prayer, with meetings continuing on 27th March and 10th April (with the encouragement for as many as possible to go along to the Churches Together/Jeff Lucas event on the evening of Wednesday, 3rd April, and a meeting for prayer at 10.30am). All welcome - please sign the lists at the back of church if you are planning to come.

An Evening with Jeff Lucas & Searchlight Theatre Co ... is being organised by Newcastle Churches Together on Wednesday, 3rd April to be held in St George's church, from 7.15 pm - 9.15 pm. We hope that many from our churches will plan to join us. Tickets are now available, priced £10 (to include mid-evening refreshments) from Alan Swanborough.

St Andrew's PCC News ...

... we are planning to replace the central strip of carpet through the chancel

... we registered that some people struggle to hear what is said in church. Before we think seriously about replacing our sound system, we are

a) encouraging all who address us (bible readers and pray-ers especially) to speak quite a bit more loudly. In our building even with amplification it needs far, far more than a regular conversational level of speech to be heard by everybody

b) looking for people to be on a rota to control the sound levels from the mixer desk - please see Andrew about this

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... The annual meeting will be held in the church hall at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 14th April. We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2018-19, and there is a nomination form at the back of church for those who are willing to stand. We also need to elect two church wardens to serve for the next 12 months, and are grateful to Helen Dodds for her willingness to continue in this role, and for Helen Collins for being willing to stand, but others can be nominated too. Please note that, for the first time, signing that you are being willing to be nominated as a PCC member or warden includes confirming that you are a 'fit and proper person' to act as a charity trustee - the requirements for this being spelled out on the attached sheet.

There is also an additional list for any who would like to volunteer to join the sidesperson's rota.

Lent Prayer Stations ... why not take some time out of your busy day to spend some quality time with God over Lent. The Lent Prayer Stations will help you journey with Jesus through to Easter Day and will be available in St Andrew's Church from now till Easter. Church will be open week days 9 till 3 and there will be someone around this afternoon, Sunday, 24th March (and the church will be warmer!). So just pop in or spend as much time as you want. More details from Irene or Helen Dodds.

St Andrew's buildings cleaning ... we are very grateful to Mary Bosson and Diana Cotes who for several years have helped to keep our buildings looking respectable on the weeks when our regular cleaner is on annual leave. We need others to take on this role - either regularly or on a rota basis (with this week 25th – 29th March the first week when cover is needed). If you might be able to help with this please speak to our churchwarden Alan Swanborough.

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

Legacies to St Andrew's ... we continue to be grateful to all who give in this way. In addition to receiving an additional component of a legacy mentioned earlier in the year, we have also recently received a bequest from the estate of Jocelyn Budibent.

Easter Gardens ... if anyone has any corner yoghurt pots that we can use for Easter gardens at Messy Church on 6th April please give them to Naomi. Thank you.

Tearfund Café ... on Saturday, 11th May in St Andrew's Church Hall. Put the date in your diary now and please collect books, toys, bric-a-brac and plants. If anyone is willing to help on the day please speak to Helen Dodds, thank you.

St Peter's Church Council Members ... are reminded that there will be a meeting on 28th March at 10.00 am. The date has been changed as Revd John Taylor is unavailable on 21st.

Vintage Time ... wishes to inform members that it is closing down. The last meeting will be on 23rd April 2019. Thank you to all members, past and present, for their support over the years. Zillah Roberts and Ann Harvey.

St Andrew's Stewardship ... we are most grateful to all who give regularly using the weekly envelopes. The new sets of envelopes starting 7th April are now available at the back of Church. If anyone else in our congregation would like to join St Andrew's Stewardship scheme, or if you have any questions concerning giving and Gift Aid, please contact Alan Swanborough.

St Andrew's Gardening Morning ... on Saturday, 6th April 2019, starting at 9.30 am. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Mental Health & Wellbeing - Lichfield Diocese 2019 Lent Appeal ... charities to be supported this year include: Combat Stress, offering peer support groups for ex-service personnel in the UK experiencing PTSD and other mental health issues; and Embrace the Middle East's Soteria Project, running courses at a Coptic Orthodox retreat centre for rural Egyptian women who have experienced sexual, physical or emotional abuse. More details and response envelopes are available at the back of St Andrew's for any who would like to

contribute. Though these can be returned directly to St Mary's House the Diocese's preference is for local churches to collect and send as a single sum - which means putting gifts on the collection plate and making any cheques payable to St Andrew's PCC, Westlands.

Ecumenical Prayer Vigil at Stoke Minster today, Sunday, 24th March ... since the Friday following the ecumenical event is the originally planned 'Brexit Day,' a 12-hour prayer vigil will take place at Stoke Minster from 12 noon until 12 midnight today, Sunday, 24th March. The vigil will take various forms during the 12 hours, with periods of corporate prayer, led prayer and silence. Prayer topics will include business, education, health, the community and Europe. Anglicans, Methodists, Roman Catholics and Pentecostals (so far) have agreed to take responsibility for different sections of the vigil. People will be free to arrive when they are able and to leave as they need. Drinks will be available at the back of the Minster throughout and there are toilet facilities on site. As part of this there will be an ecumenical service at 6.30 pm, attended by most of the main denominational leaders in the area. All welcome.

St Andrew's Electoral Roll ... forms can still be accepted until today, Sunday, 24th March.

The New Methodist Church Plant ... continues to meet weekly on Sundays at Newcastle Methodist Church at 4.00 pm until Easter Day when this will be reviewed. All are very welcome to attend.

Keele Bach Choir Easter Concert ... Brahms: A German Requiem and Liebeslieder, on Saturday, 6th April at 7.30 pm in Keele University Chapel. Tickets £12 (£10 in advance), students £5, under 16's free.

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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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