

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.
After the main morning service, in both churches, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments which are held in St Andrew's Church Hall and St Peter's Room 2.*

St Andrew's Church	Sunday, 21st July	St Peter's Church
Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	<i>Trinity 5</i> 8.00 am	
Holy Communion <i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i> <i>Matthew 7:15-27 (p979)</i> <i>Colossians 1:1-23 (p1183)</i>	10.30 am	United Service at St Luke's Methodist Church <i>Mrs Christine Benson</i>
Special service for Baptism of Zac Honeyfield – all welcome	12.15 pm	
United Evening Prayer <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	6.30 pm	

A Prayer for the Renewal of our Church

In quietness we still our hearts and draw near to God in prayer. We bring to God the communities of which we are a part, at home, in our streets, our work, social groups, and the church. We pray for the renewing of our church, that God would restore our fortunes and make us effective for his kingdom. Almighty God, give us opportunity to live the good news of your kingdom every day of our lives. Holy Spirit, calm our fears, equip our lives and inspire us to declare the wonders of Jesus, for his mighty name's sake. **Amen.**

Collect

*Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

Tuesday, 23rd July

Morning Prayer

9.00 am – 9.20 am

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Sunday, 28th July

St Peter's Church

Trinity 6

Holy Communion

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Morning Prayer & Baptisms

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Revd John Palmer

United Evening Prayer

6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Baptism at St Andrew's ... Zac Honeyfield (who is a regular with his dad Paul) will be baptised this morning. Due to a combination of scheduling issues it is taking place at 12.15 pm. Members of the main morning congregation are very welcome to come along to support - there should be a chance to grab a quick drink beforehand.

Summer Holiday Club ... "On Your Marks" will take place from Monday, 29th July to Friday, 2nd August, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm every morning in St Andrew's Church Hall for 4 to 11 year olds free of charge. **Please note** that there are a limited number of spaces and we will have to have a cut-off point. Please collect any large or small cardboard boxes, kitchen roll inner cardboard tubes and small, clear, plastic, water bottles and leave them at the back of St Andrew's Church or give them to Naomi. Thank you.

St Andrew's Annual Stewardship Statements ... are now available at the back of St Andrew's church. For data protection reasons, the envelopes will be available only at church services. Thank you to all who give regularly through Stewardship. (NB St Peter's members who contribute to the Children & Family Worker Fund will find their statements in St Peter's post rack.) Please let me know if you find any errors. If anyone is interested to join the scheme, or has any questions about giving or Gift Aid, please contact Alan Swanborough.

St Andrew's Grass Cutting ... we are grateful for our team of grass-cutters, and are looking for an extra volunteer, either to provide occasional cover, or to help on a more regular basis. For more details, speak to Alan Swanborough or the vicar.

St Andrew's Building Development ...

- We have received a broadly positive report from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and our architect has been asked to work up our proposals to enable a planning application to be made this autumn. We have taken on board some of this feedback and suggestions received following the presentation to the congregation at the beginning of 2018: the PCC deciding on a predominantly brick exterior, with the proposed location and design of the building otherwise largely unchanged.

- Though we will not be launching a formal appeal until all of the necessary approvals have been granted, the PCC has decided to set up two related funds to enable any who want to give towards the project to do so from now on:

- a) Planning fund. Though the PCC has already allocated funds for this, gifts will be used to cover any additional costs that need to be incurred to take the project forward from our current position to completion (including construction costs). If the project is unable to proceed, then any unused gifts to this fund will be transferred to our general fund, and will not be refundable.

b) Construction fund. Gifts will only begin to be used when construction of a new hall is underway. If this does not happen by 2025, donors will be eligible to have their gift returned, if they wish.

Donations by cash or cheque, can be given via the collection plate. Regular givers can use a plain envelope marked 'Planning' or 'Construction'; and, assuming that your total charitable giving for the year is less than the amount of income tax that you will pay - please also write your gift aid number on the envelope. Alternatively one of the pre-printed envelopes in the pews can be used, with additional wording to indicate which fund the gift is to be allocated to. As with any other one-off gifts, you can also instruct your bank to transfer funds to our church account – although you will also need to contact our treasurer Steve Forrester confirming that the sum transferred is intended for either the planning or the construction fund; and whether or not it is eligible for gift-aid. If you have not given by this method before, he can also let you know the church bank details.

An All Age Summer Picnic ... is scheduled for Saturday, 31st August 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm - in church grounds; bring your own picnic; drinks and ice creams provided. Bouncy castle. More details to follow.

Mission Prayer Letters ... Olivia Rigby, St Andrew's mission link with UCCF working especially to promote Christian Union Ministry at Keele and Staffordshire University Christian Unions, has produced a further prayer letter - copies available at the back of St Andrew's.

A Time for Silence and Contemplation ... do you find that your life is more Martha than Mary? Is that possibly what stops you getting closer to God? Then join us for a time of quiet contemplative prayer in the old Circuit Office, Newcastle Methodist Church and experience the use of silence as a way of going deeper with God; as a way of reflecting on your journey and as a way of listening to God. Wednesday, 24th July 6.45pm for a 7.00 pm start. Entrance off the car park through the church. Thursday, 25th July 1.45 pm for a 2.00 pm start. Entrance off Merrial Street.

Church of England Communion Practices and Infection ... the medical advice is that the use of alcoholic wine, combined with careful wiping of the cup, means that the risk of transmitting infection to other recipients is minimal. In the past those with known infections have sometimes been encouraged to receive the wine by intinction (retaining the wafer to dip in the cup). These days, however this is not generally recommended, as an infected person's hands may well contain even more germs. Those with a real concern about infecting others are encouraged instead just to receive the wafer - as Cof E teaching has always been that the grace of receiving the sacrament is not dependent on receiving in both kinds. Those who wish to continue, on occasions, to practice intinction are not barred from doing so; but are asked to be among the very last to come for communion, as the dipping of a wafer in the cup can transmit gluten to those with coeliac disease who subsequently drink from it.

Action for Children ... Marion and Carol Reddish would like to thank everyone who over the years has supported Action for Children so well. We would want this good work to continue and so if you feel you could have a house collection box to put your loose change in we would be very pleased to hear from you. It is surprising how quickly small amounts of loose change on regular basis mount up, so please think about supporting this Methodist organisation. Tel: 613265 for more information.

St Andrew's Prayer Board ... is situated as you enter church on the right by the Memorial Chapel and is available for people to write their own request for prayer. The encouragement is

for others to read what is on the board to inform their own prayers; and the concerns mentioned will also be brought before God in prayer at our mid-week services

St Andrew's Church Opening ... will resume on Wednesday, 4th September when the schools have re-started.

St Peter's Church Council ... the date of the next meeting has had to be changed. It will now be on Thursday, 17th October at 10.00 am and not Thursday, 10th October.

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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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