

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, 4th August

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

Trinity 7
8.00 am

United All Age Worship
Naomi Savage

10.30 am

6.30 pm

Contemporary Worship
Revd Andrew Dawswell

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

*Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.*

Monday, 5th August

St Andrew's Prayer Meeting 7.30 pm Parish Room

Wednesday, 7th August

St Andrew's Standing Committee 7.30 pm Parish Room

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 11th August

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell 8.00 am

Holy Communion 10.30 am
Revd Andrew Dawswell

Holy Communion
Revd John Taylor

United Holy Communion 6.30 pm
Revd Andrew Dawswell

A Warm Welcome ... to any who have joined us in connection with the Holiday club. At each of our regular 10.30 am services (including the summer holidays) after the first 15 minutes of worship together there are children's activities - so there is a very warm welcome for all ages to come again!

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 13th August, 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.

Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford ... has announced his retirement. A farewell service to celebrate the good things happening across North Staffordshire in churches and their communities, and to express our thanks to Geoff and his wife Ann, will be held in Stoke Minster on Sunday, 24th November at 4.00 pm.

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.

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.

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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