

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, 8th September

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion

Trinity 12

8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

United All Age Worship

10.30 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell & Revd John Taylor

Mark 10:13-16 (p1020)

United Holy Communion & Prayers

6.30 pm

for Healing

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

*Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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, 9th September

Pastoral Team Training 7.30 pm Parish Room

Tuesday, 10th September

Morning Prayer 9.00 am – 9.30 am St Andrew's Church
Little Sparklers 10.00 am – 11.30 am Parish Room
Afternoon Tea 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Andrew's Church Hall
TMNC 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm Parish Room
Home Group 8.00 pm 16 Rugby Close

Wednesday, 11th September

Home Group 10.30 am Parish Room
Home Group 10.30 am 5 Friars Walk
Home Group 8.00 pm 32 Beresford Crescent

Thursday, 12th September

Home Group 8.00 pm 19 Westcliffe Avenue

Saturday, 14th September

Truth 19 Youth Event Daytime Shallowford House

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 15th September

St Peter's Church

Trinity 13
Holy Communion 8.00 am
Rev'd Andrew Dawswell
Holy Communion 10.30 am Morning Worship
Mrs Irene Hardacre *Mrs Karen Barnett*
United Evening Prayer 6.30 pm
Rev'd Andrew Dawswell

Welcome Sunday ... is on 22nd September at 10.30 am. Please think and pray about who you might invite to come along, perhaps by giving them one of the invitation leaflets that are available at the back of St Andrew's & St Peter's.

Explained and Proclaimed ... St Andrew's is again hosting this annual inter-denominational Bible teaching day on Saturday, 21st September. This year we welcome Brian Elphick, rector of St Philemon's, Toxteth, to speak on "A light to the nations: Pleasure, money and power shaped by the Gospel" This is a fantastic opportunity to benefit from more in-depth bible teaching, without having to travel! Coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch The full day is 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, but you are welcome to come to individual sessions - planned running times are 10.00 am - 11.30 am, 12.00 noon - 1.00 pm and 1.45 pm - 3.00 pm.

Midlands Men's Convention ... we are aiming to get together a group to attend this event in Nottingham on Saturday, 9th November, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm. Aiming to explore what it means to know the true delight of fearing the Lord, it offers a number of workshops in addition to two main addresses by Michael Reeves. Cost £15, there are flyers at the back St Andrew's with more details, or contact Chris Gill.

School RE Lessons ... Naomi is starting some "Walk Through the Bible" Old Testament lessons with Year 5 (9 and 10 year olds) in Westlands School this Monday afternoon. The

lessons will run for 5 weeks and they include Bible stories, reflection times, the history and God's big story through the Old Testament, all taught with hand signs and fun! She would really appreciate prayers for these sessions especially for wisdom for any difficult and deep questions from the children! Thank you.

Homegroups Will Be Re-Starting ... on 10th/11th/12th September, beginning a new course entitled 'Real Prayer'. For St Andrew's this fits in with our current Mission Action Plan main focusses on developing our prayer lives. We very much hope that some will give home groups a try for the first time, or after a break. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church, or speak to Helen Swanborough (NB groups continue on 24th/25th/26th September; 8th/9th/10th and 22nd/23rd/24th October; 12th/13th/14th and 26th/27th/28th November, 14th/15th/16th and 28th/29th/30th January).

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 10th September, 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.

Big Questions of the Universe ... to commemorate the moon landing anniversary, Lichfield Cathedral is hosting a series of six prestigious but accessible lectures that draw from a range of academic disciplines on Wednesday evenings from 4th September to 9th October. Speakers are Prof Raphael Hirschi, Revd Prof David Wilkinson, Dr Bethany Sollereeder, Prof Tom McLeish, Dr Ruth Bancewicz and Dr Robert Asher. Titles include: 'God, the Big Bang and Stephen Hawking', 'Animals Suffering in Evolution: Did God Create Death?' and 'A Physicist Reads the Book of Job: Towards a Theology of Science as Gift.' More details and £10 tickets on www.lichfield-cathedral.org

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 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.

Circuit Prayer & Praise ... the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th September at Cross Heath Methodist Church commencing at 7.30 pm. A warm welcome to all to join in this time of praise, worship and prayer. Tea/coffee and biscuits from 7.00 pm.

A Self Help Support Group ... for people bereaved by suicide is being started in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Chesterton, ST5 7HJ. It is not offering counselling but aims to provide a safe space for people over 18 to talk with others affected by suicide bereavement. It is an informal relaxed evening with tea, coffee and refreshments and will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

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Same contact details (or St Peter's letterbox which is on the wall next to the Pilkington Avenue
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