

Church in the Westlands

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September Message

Dear Friends

It's not unusual to wake in the morning to the news of violence, natural disasters and other events that shake our world and us.

How do we as Christians and a people of faith react to this news?

Do we allow it to bring us down, to spoil the start of a new day or to sigh in utter despair?

We think our world is a mess now at this time... but guess what?

These things have happened in the past and... we have overcome.

Today is our call to act in the face of disaster, violence, putdowns, bullying and refusal to love

Each of us can be the presence of love in the world when we reach out to the neighbour, volunteer our listening ear to the story of another, carry the shopping bag for the lady struggling out of the supermarket, wishing the cashier "have a good day" day and blessing the person who just cut you up in traffic.

Evil things, bad things, are happening all around us these days.

But, we can "love out loudly" with random acts of kindness, joining our voice with others united in a bond of love and standing in the shoes of those lost souls on our streets.

Did you know love is a verb, a "doing word"?

Let us DO LOVE in the ordinariness of our days and

L o L ...love out loudly!

Have a good summer,

Every Blessing,

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Forget-me-not café

10.30am - 12 noon – Friday September 20th

Share a hot drink and a biscuit with others who have been bereaved, in St Andrew's parish room (enter through small door at back of church car park), every third Friday of the month.



Children are welcome at all our services; and our teaching program for them during the 10.30 services re-starts in earnest in September. Most weeks, they worship as part of the whole church family for the first 15 minutes or so before leaving for their separate activities. Most months, on the second Sunday, in St Andrew's all ages remain in church for a shorter, more interactive, service of worship and learning together. For more details contact our Children & Families' worker Naomi Savage on 07864 127523.



Exclaimed and Proclaimed

Saturday September 21st from 10am -3pm,

St Andrews is again hosting this annual inter-denominational Bible teaching day. This year we welcome Brian Elphick to speak on "A light to the nations: Pleasure, money and power shaped by the Gospel". Coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.



Summer Picnic

Saturday 31st August 12:30-2:30pm

In Church in the Westlands' Grounds.
Bring your friends and family, and your own picnic!
With a Bouncy Castle and Games.
Ice-creams and drinks available for free!

**Sunday Services
in September**

St Andrew's

8.00 am		Holy Communion	every Sunday
10.30 am	1 st	Holy Communion	
	8 th	United All Age Service	
	15 th	Holy Communion	
	22 nd	Morning Prayer	
	29 th	Morning Prayer	

St Peter's

10.30 am	1 st	Morning Worship	
	8 th	United All Age Service (St Andrew's)	
	15 th	Morning Worship	
	22 nd	Holy Communion	
	29 th	Morning Worship	

United Evening Services

6.30 pm	1 st	Taizé Service	St. Peter's
	8 th	Holy Communion	St. Andrew's
	15 th	Evening Service	St. Andrew's
	22 nd	Evening Service	St. Andrew's
	29 th	Evening Service	St. Andrew's

 **Regular Events**

- Little Sparklers** every Tuesday 10am-11.30am
(from 10th September)
- Knit Wits** every Monday (not BHs) 2pm-4pm
- Afternoon Tea** Tues September 10th 3.30pm-5pm
- Forget me not Café** Fri September 20th 10.30-12
- TMNC** every Tuesday 7.30pm-9pm

 **After School Club**

Xcite - A New After School Club at St. Andrews

All 7-11 year olds are welcome to the new after school club which is called Xcite and takes place every Monday in term time 4 - 5pm (doors open at 3.30pm) at St. Andrew's Church Hall. Games, craft, Bible Stories & discussion, quizzes and refreshments! 50p each child. Please contact Naomi on 07864 127523 or at naomi.westlands@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome Sunday

On **Sunday September 22nd** at **St. Andrew's** we'll be holding special services of welcome for newcomers at 10.30am. Come and find out what our services are like, with the bonus of refreshments afterwards!

Of course, you are always very welcome to any of our other services too!

St Andrew's Hall facilities

Our existing hall is now over 80 years old and is becoming increasingly hard to keep it in good condition - hardly surprisingly, as it was only ever designed to be temporary building. After careful consideration over several years, the church council has decided to apply for permission to replace it with a new building of comparable size, which would be connected to the church. Further details will be posted on <http://www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk/buildings/> - and will also be available via Newcastle Borough's online planning portal, or their offices; or alternatively by contacting the vicar.