

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, 20th October
Trinity 18

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

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Psalm 88 (p593)
Luke 18:1-8 (p1056)

10.30 am

United Service at
St Luke's Methodist Church
Mr Nigel Jones

4.00 pm

United Memorial Service
Revds Andrew Dawswell & John Taylor

A Prayer for the Church

Lord, fill your church with love and power that together we may change the world. Lord, we are your workers here on earth. Guide us, show us, lead us, and make us as we ought to be; whole and full of love, joy, hope and peace. Lord, all things are possible with you. Fill us with your Spirit that we may fulfil all that you want us to be. Lord, let your love fill your church and the world. **Amen.**

Collect

*Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.*

NB Commissioning service congregational responses:

1) **It is.** 2) **With God's help, we will.**

“Xcite” After School Club	Monday, 21st October 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm (Doors open at 3.30 pm)	St Andrew’s Church Hall
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	Tuesday, 22nd October	
Morning Prayer	9.00 am – 9.30 am	Parish Room
Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
Deanery Synod	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm	St Mark’s, Basford
Home Group	8.00 pm	16 Rugby Close

	Wednesday, 23rd October	
Home Group	10.30 am	Parish Room
Home Group	10.30 am	5 Friars Walk
Induction of Joshua Penduck as Vicar	7.30 pm	St Giles’ Church
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent

	Thursday, 24th October	
Home Group	8.00 pm	19 Westcliffe Avenue

St Andrew’s Church	Sunday, 27th October <i>Last Sunday After Trinity</i>	St Peter’s Church
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Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd John Pallister Curate of Madeley & Betley</i>		
<i>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Luke 18:9-14</i>		
Morning Prayer	10.30 am	Holy Communion & Trial Service
<i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>		<i>Revd John Taylor & Mr Ryan Davies</i>
United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm	
<i>Mrs Jane Machin</i>		

Jane Machin Licensing as Reader ... Jane has served as a reader in other congregations over many years, and the PCC have agreed for her licence to be re-activated so that she will be formally licensed as a reader at St Andrew’s. Our 10.30 am service today (Sunday, 20th October) will include a short formal commissioning.

St Andrew’s Hall Update ... today (Sunday, 20th October) there will be a brief meeting for any who want to know more about the latest developments, and to ask questions, in the Parish Room after the main service, starting around 12.00 noon. There will also be an A5 sheet available to everybody.

Annual Memorial Service ... will be at **4.00 pm** today (Sunday, 20th October) in St Peter’s, with cake and drinks afterwards. (NB this is again in place of a 6.30 pm service). As well as mentioning by name those whose funerals we have taken, others can also be included. Please contact one of the Ministers to request this.

St Peter’s are Looking for:

... someone to assist with the projection of the hymns on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help in this way please have a word with Jeff or Joe.

... a volunteer to become the Health and Safety Officer. Please speak to Marion, Val or Joe if interested.

Genesis 1-2 and the Challenge of Climate Change ... this year's annual Selwyn Lectures in Lichfield Cathedral will be given by the Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox. The full title is 'Human Beings in Time and Space: Genesis 1-2 and the Challenge of Climate Change'. It is on Thursday, 14th November 10.00 am - 1.15 pm (with tea and coffee from 9.30 am) All welcome, no booking needed. Pete Wilcox is an excellent speaker, and I can offer lifts to any who are interested - Andrew (PS in addition there are differing Christian perspectives on the issue available in many places online including operationnoah.org and an article on archbishopcranmer.com entitled 'Which Gospel Shall Be Preached at Harvest').

Operation Christmas Child ... is well under way and as usual both churches are taking part. - Our "Knit Wit" group work all year for this wonderful cause. At the moment we need stationery and toiletries to top up boxes. If you do not feel able to complete a whole box, please would you pop your contributions, however small, into the box in either church. - You are also, of course, welcome to fill a whole box yourself, with a slightly wider range of items: Stationery (pencils, crayons, pencil cases etc) and small toys are especially welcome, along with warm hats, gloves, soap, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, little packets of sweets (not chocolate) and financial gifts. Filled boxes or separate items to June or Simon or at either church by 15th November please.

St Andrew's Archives ... we are grateful to John Whieldon for overseeing these for many years, and are now looking for someone to take on this role. For more details please speak to Helen Collins or Andrew.

New Prayer Station at the Back of St Andrew's ... based on the parable of the sower. A warm encouragement to spend some time using this as a stimulus to your reflection and prayer.

Identity Course ... *Who is God? Can I make contact with Him? Who are we? What is the purpose of life?* We have run this course several times over the last couple of years and are beginning to think about doing so again. Each week includes a discussion starter on DVD, with opportunity for interaction and questions. Ideal for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, or looking for a refresher course. It also forms the main part of the preparation course for adults who would like to think about being confirmed in a future year. More details from the vicar.

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; or if you email Andrew, I will forward the fuller electronic original.

Open Deanery Synod Meeting on the Diocesan Priorities ... 22nd October at St Mark's Church, Basford Park Rd, ST5 0PG, 7.00 pm refreshments for 7.30 pm start. The speaker is Lindsey Hall who is responsible for lay training in Lichfield diocese. All welcome.

Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship ... following a very successful re-launch meeting earlier in the year, the next meeting will be held on Saturday, 30th November, 9.30 am refreshments for 10.00 am - 12.30 pm meeting at St John's, Stafford, ST16 3RP. Paul Harcourt, national leader of New Wine is speaking on 'Holding to Truth and Love'.

Midlands Men's Convention ... a group of men will be attending a day of Bible teaching "The Joyful fear of the Lord" in Nottingham on Saturday, 9th November, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm (leaving the Westlands between 8.00 am and 8.30 am). Flyers are available at the back of Church, outlining the day's programme including the workshops available during the day. If

you have already indicated you wish to attend or would like to join us then please email Chris Gill with your choice of workshops on or before Sunday, 3rd November.

This Notice Sheet ... is generally available electronically on the church website, usually from Thursday (albeit without personal information because of data security/privacy issues.) If you would like it to be emailed to you each week, perhaps to encourage your own prayer for our churches, or to give you the information when you miss a Sunday, this is also possible - please ask by contacting churchinthewestlands@gmail.com

Recordings From the Bible Teaching on Ecclesiastes ... Brian Elphick's 3 talks are now available on www.explainedandproclaimed.org

Homegroups ... continue on 22nd/23rd/24th October; 12th/13th/14th and 26th/27th/28th November, 14th/15th/16th and 28th/29th/30th January) with 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, and it's not too late to join in.

Comedy Night with Andy Kind ... on Saturday, 9th November at 6.00 pm at Silverdale Methodist Church. Tickets £5 each are available from Lee Leighton or via 'Eventbrite' (booking fee applies), or on the door (if still available).

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