

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, 17th November
Second Sunday Before Advent

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

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Revd Andrew Dawswell
Psalm 139 (p627)
Matthew 10:26-33 (p983)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Brenda Dyble
Psalm 148 (p627)
Romans 8:31-39 (p196)

United Evening Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell

6.30 pm

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

*Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

	Monday, 18th November	
“Xcite” After School Club	4.00 pm – 5.00 pm	St Andrew’s Church Hall
	Tuesday, 19th November	
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
	Saturday, 23rd November	
Farewell Service for Geoff Annas	4.00 pm	Stoke Minster
St Andrew’s Church	Sunday, 24th November	St Peter’s Church
	<i>Christ the King</i>	
Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		
Morning Prayer	10.30 am	Morning Worship
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		<i>Mr Richard Orrell</i>
United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm	
<i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>		

Prayer Chain ... for many years St Andrew’s and St Peter’s have operated a prayer chain. It is intended for pressing needs (major medical problems or emergency, job interview, bereavement, family crisis etc). The chain aims to communicate promptly with a small group (currently 12) who are committed to pray for the situation. If you would value this kind of prayer support at any point, please do speak to one of the ministers, who are responsible for initiating prayer chain requests.

In addition, the Ecumenical Exec has agreed that we open up the prayer chain to up to 6 extra members. Members of either congregation who are willing to make a commitment to pray for others' needs in this way, and are willing to maintain confidentiality, are encouraged to speak to Andrew or John. From the new year, members of the chain will have the choice of receiving information either by email or telephone.

Ladies Night ... Friday, 22nd November 'Pudding & Body Shop' evening in St Andrew’s Parish Room at 7.30 pm. All ladies welcome. Come and sample delicious homemade desserts and perhaps order some Body Shop products for Christmas presents! Tickets are £4 and proceeds will go to support Messy Church. Tickets and further details from Glenys Gill or Naomi Savage.

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 November prayer letter - copies available at the back of St Andrew's; or if you email Andrew, I will forward the fuller electronic original.

Christingle Making Session ...Saturday, 30th November, 9.30 am in the Parish Room. Come along and enjoy the fun!

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.

Naomi's Prayer Update ... please take a bookmark to pray for the children and families work at the Church in the Westlands. Thank you.

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.

St Andrew's Flower Rota ... the flower rota for 2020 is being prepared. There are some Sundays available for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers in memory of a person or occasion. Also, we are in urgent need of further help in the flower team. Experience is not essential (but a welcome bonus) and a very warm welcome is assured. For further information please contact Diana.

St Andrew's Bible Reading Notes 2020 ... if you would like to continue to subscribe to daily bible reading notes, would you please confirm that with Helen Swanborough. There are some samples of the various notes available at the back of Church, in case you might like to try something different next year or for anyone who would like to try this means of establishing a pattern of daily bible reading for the first time. Helen is happy to answer any queries.

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'. All welcome, lifts should be available if needed - please sign the list at the back of St Andrew's.

Election Forum ... Churches Together are again organising an opportunity to put questions to the candidates of the Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency on Friday, 6th December, at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm in Newcastle Baptist Church (Stafford Avenue, ST5 3BN) All welcome.

Keele Bach Choir Winter Concert ... a celebration of music and St Cecilia with works by Gounod, Handel, Howells and Peter Phillips, Saturday, 30th November at 7.30 pm in Keele University Chapel. Tickets £12 (£10 if purchased in advance).

Our Toy Services ... are on 8th December, 10.30 am.

Gifts given at St Peter's will be passed on to Tri Alpha (Action for Children). Gifts for teenagers would be very welcome. Please see Joe, Val or Marion if you cannot come on that Sunday but would like to contribute a gift.

Gifts given at St Andrew's will be passed on to Elizabeth House refuge who work with families experiencing domestic violence and abuse. They have particularly asked for donations of: women toiletries, sanitary products, toys, gifts suitable for teenagers, small decorations/items for houses to help somebody make their house a home, gloves, hats and scarfs (or donations of money, in an envelope marked 'Arch - Elizabeth House'). Please bring items along to the services at 10.30 am on 8th December, or leave them at the back of St Andrew's in the week beforehand (the building is open Monday-Thursday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm).

Operation Christmas Child ... today is the last day for our shoe box donations. This may seem a little early to finish, but all of our contributions have to be collected and prepared for their journey to children in very deprived areas of countries such as Latvia, Belarus and

Romania. Many thanks to so many of you for your wonderful support in so many ways. May we also say an enormous thank you to St Peter's for allowing our "Knit-Wits" group to store a whole year's worth of knitted, crocheted and sewn items ready for this year's collection.

St Peter's November 10.30 am Services ... apologies for the errors in Link, future weeks should read: 24th Morning Worship.

Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford ... 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all who gave to the Remembrance Sunday Collection, £116 will be passed on to each of the three service charities.

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