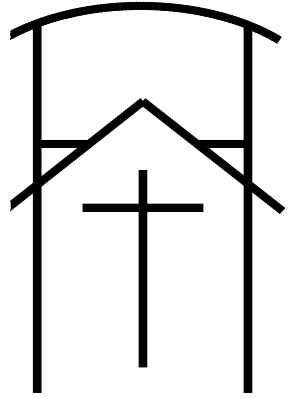


# Church in the Westlands

December 2019



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## ST PETER'S

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## ST ANDREW'S

Anglican Church

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## Christmas Services

### United Christingle

Sun Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 4.30 pm St Andrew's

### All Age Carol Service

Sun Dec 15<sup>h</sup> 10.30 am St Andrew's

### Open Air Christmas Service

Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 12 noon Newcastle Guildhall

### United Carol Service

Sun Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30 pm St Andrew's

### United Crib Service

*See inside for more details*

Christmas Eve 3.30 pm St Andrew's

### United Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm St Andrew's

### Christmas Day Services

10.30 am All Age Service followed by Holy Communion St Andrew's

09:30 am Methodist service Higherland Church



## School Christmas Services

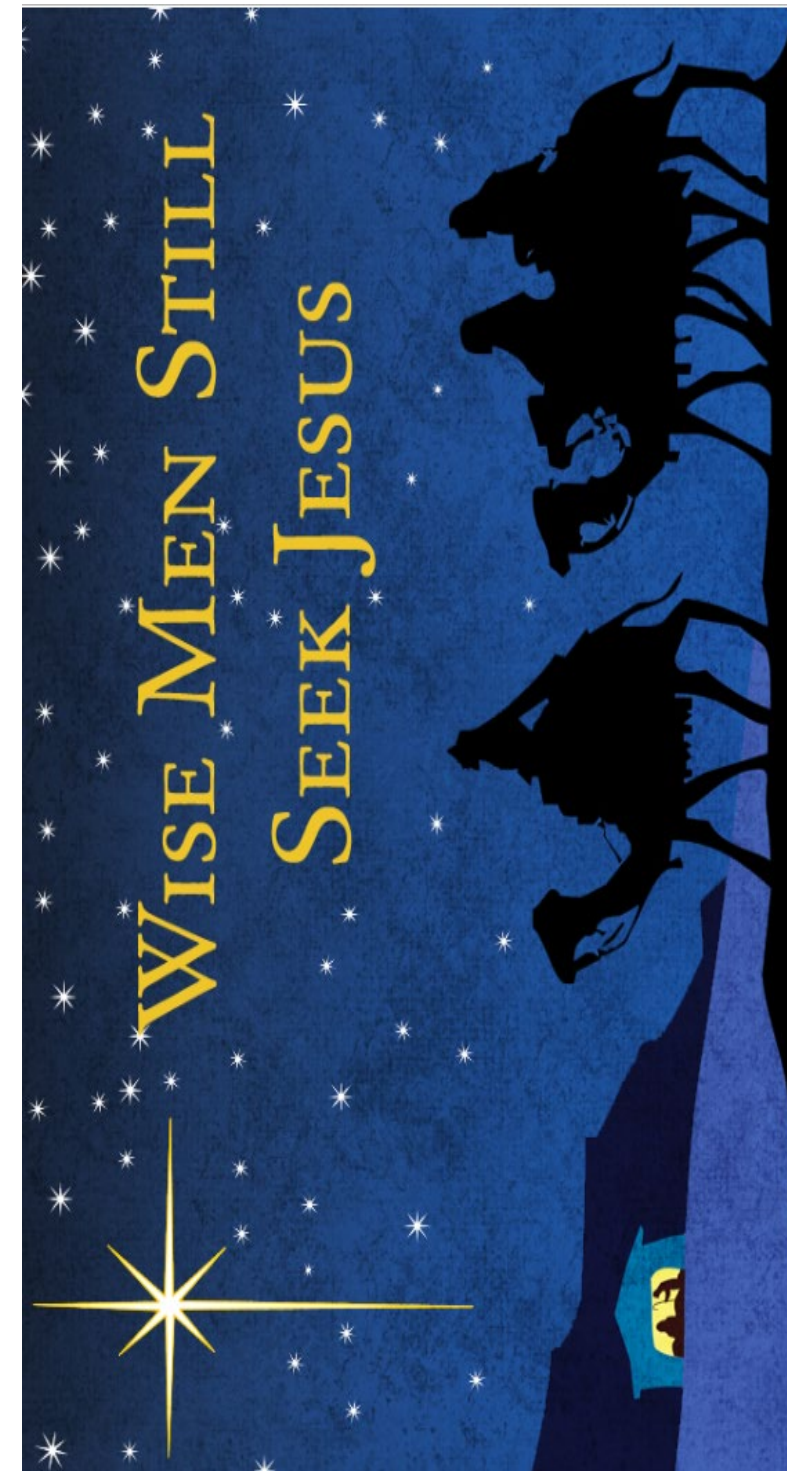
*A warm welcome to all schools holding their services in St Andrew's this year*

Westlands Primary Carol service (am) Tues Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Langdale Carol services (am &pm) Wed Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Seabridge Primary Carol service (am) Thurs Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

Coppice School Carol service (am) Thurs Dec 19<sup>th</sup>



## December Message

In recent years, one of the most popular TV series in the run up to Christmas has been *The Apprentice*. Following 16 candidates wanting to demonstrate their prowess in business by their contribution to each week's challenge

Though Lord Sugar doesn't join them in the chosen location for each task, they are accompanied by one of his two aides, in recent series Karen Brady & Claude Littner. Who, though offering an occasional note of praise, have as their main role providing an amusingly critical commentary for TV viewers.

That's quite a contrast with the reasons given for Jesus' coming to our world in John's gospel. 'For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.' (chapter 3, verse 17) It's true Jesus did offer some clear teaching about the best way to live, rebuking the religious leaders of his day especially for their failings. But, as that verse reminds us, his supreme purpose in coming to us was ultimately not to carp or condemn, but to offer help and rescue. And our hope at Church in the Westlands is that, this Christmas, more and more will come to know Jesus as the Saviour for themselves.

Andrew Dawswell

## Crib Service

Christmas Eve at 3.30pm  
in St Andrew's



All children are invited to take part in the Christmas story. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character, or borrow a costume when you arrive! Bring a handmade decorated crown and you can hang it on our Christmas tree



## Messy Church

December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm - 5.30pm

Fun craft activities with a snack and Christian theme for all young people from toddler upwards, with a parent/guardian. Meet in St Peter's Hall

## Christingle

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> - 4.30pm St Andrew's



All are welcome to our annual candlelit service which is ideal for children.

The orange of the christingle represents the earth and the candle represents Jesus as the light of the world. The christingles will be lit during the service and can be taken home afterwards

## Forget –me- Not Café

Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - 12 noon

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

## Sunday Services

### in December



#### St Andrew's

8.00 am	Holy Communion	every Sunday
10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	
	8 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer with toy giving	
	15 <sup>th</sup> All age Carol Service	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion	
	29 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer	

#### St Peter's

10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	
	8 <sup>th</sup> Morning Worship with toy giving	
	15 <sup>th</sup> Local Arrangement	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Service of Carols	
	29 <sup>th</sup> Morning Worship	

#### United Evening Services

4.30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Christingle	St. Andrew's
6.30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	St. Andrew's
6:30 pm	15 <sup>th</sup> United Service	St. Andrew's
6.30 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> United Carol Service	St. Andrew's
6.30 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer	St. Andrew's



## Toy Gift Services

Please bring your unwanted toys- in good condition- to either of our 10.30am gift services on December 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be given to support local children at Arch Refuge & tri -Alpha.

## Little Sparklers



Meets on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, then restarts on January 7<sup>th</sup>

## St. Peter's Toddlers

Thursdays 10:00am-11:30am