

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, 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**St Peter's Church**

*Baptism of Christ*

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

8.00 am

All Age Worship  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*  
*Luke 2:21-38 (p1033)*

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
*Mrs Margaret Holmes*  
*Malachi 3:1-5 (p926)*  
*Mark 1:1-8 (p45)*

United Holy Communion & Prayers for  
Healing  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

6.30 pm

**Collect**

*Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.*

**A Prayer for the Church**

Loving Lord, There are times when you call us to tasks that seem beyond us, responsibilities we would rather avoid. We hear your voice but we don't feel up to the challenge, our natural inclination is to turn away. Yet if you ask anyone to do something, you always give the strength to do it. Give us courage then to respond when you call, knowing that however things may seem, you are always able to transform them in ways beyond our expectations. Amen

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Morning Prayer  
Little Sparklers  
Afternoon Tea  
TMNC  
Home Group

9.00 am – 9.30 am  
10.00 am – 11.30 am  
**3.00 pm – 4.30 pm**  
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm  
8.00 pm

St Andrew's Church  
Parish Room  
St Andrew's Church Hall  
Parish Room  
16 Rugby Close

### Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Ecumenical Executive	7.30 pm	St Peter's Choir Vestry
Home Group	8.00 pm	19 Westcliffe Avenue

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January

Forget Me Not Café	10.30 am – 12.00 noon	Parish Room
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### St Andrew's Church

### Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January

### St Peter's Church

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

*Epiphany 2*  
8.00 am

Holy Communion  
*Revd Andrew Dawswell*

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
*Mr Richard Orrell*

Board Games Afternoon

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Parish Room

Unity Service

6.30 pm

The Higherland Methodist Church

**Churches Together Service** ... to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Newcastle Churches Together's annual united service will be on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm in Higherland Methodist Church. Martin Ball, Vicar of St Georges will be preaching. All welcome - this will replace our evening service in the Westlands.

**Games Afternoon** ... Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm in the Parish Room with Board Games, Wii Games, nibbles and good company. All welcome.

**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.

**Afternoon Tea** ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, in St Andrew's Church Hall, from **3.00 pm to 4.30 pm (please note the change of time)**. 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.

**St Andrew's New Hall Update** ... we are continuing to work with BDP (Building Design Partnership) on the plans. Although the architect we had been dealing with Graeme Renton has now retired, his supervisor, Architect Director Svetlana Solomona, came to meet us last week and is now taking direct control of the project. BDP anticipate making a planning application on our behalf at the end of January. Please do pray for their staff who are working on this for us, and for a successful outcome. An increasingly large majority of the PCC are convinced that the provision of updated and attractive facilities will be a valuable asset to our mission, to the

welcome we are able to give people, and in enabling us to serve our local community by offering a great space for local groups to use.

Our new architect has advised us to invite opinions on our proposals from all members of the local community, and there will be a drop in session on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm in the Parish Room. Updated display boards have been produced for this - do have a look at them – and the same material is now available on [churchinthewestlands.org.uk/buildings/](http://churchinthewestlands.org.uk/buildings/)

**Holiday Club Dates For Your Diary** ... if you loved or would love to come along to our Holiday Club 2020, then please add these dates to your diary ... Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon each morning. Children and helpers needed. Please speak to Naomi for more information.

**The Lent Book for 2020** ... being promoted both by our Archbishop and Lichfield Diocese is 'Saying Yes To Life'. Written in a very accessible style by Tearfund's Ruth Valerio, it explores what it means to be a follower of Jesus and make a difference for good in the light of current environmental concerns and the first chapter of Genesis. John and Andrew are looking to see whether or not there is good material on a similar theme for our lent course - but many may consider this a worthwhile book to read anyway - and if you order by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> (via the list at the back St Andrew's) we can get copies via the Diocese for the reduced price of £6.

**House Insurance** ...when your house insurance is due for renewal this year, would you consider asking for a quote from Ecclesiastical? They are the company used by St Andrew's and they are offering the church £130 for any new home policies taken out during 2020. Individual circumstances vary, so it is very important to check first if it is both suitable and competitive for your needs. Their contact details are [www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130) or 0800 783 0130 and quote "Trust 130".

**Lichfield Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship** ... John Dunnett of CPAS will be speaking on 'Looking forwards with hope' on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at St John's, Stafford, ST16 3RP - 9.30 am refreshments for 10.00 am - 12.30 pm meeting. All welcome, lifts should be available if needed - please sign the list at the back of St Andrews.

**Considering Mental Health Issues** ... on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January the Deanery Synod meeting is dedicated to this subject. The speaker is Chris Munday from Crossways Community, a Christian charity providing homes and support for those with poor mental health. 7.00 pm prompt - 9.20 pm at St George's Church Centre. All welcome.

**Stoke Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Centre** ... some local Christians are beginning to investigate the feasibility of starting a local centre, to offer support to those who are pregnant, including alternatives to abortion. An evening of Information and Prayer is being held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at Christ Church Cobridge, Emery Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 2JN, with Judy McGibbon, National Director of Pregnancy Centres Network. More details from Nikki Tomkins e-mail: [simonandnikkitomkins@gmail.com](mailto:simonandnikkitomkins@gmail.com)

**Stoke & Newcastle Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre** ...

Please give thanks for

- An ex-offender who has been through the process and has been released from previous debt.
- Rob, our dedicated debt centre manager.

Please pray for

- A returning CAP client who has had addiction issues and recent treatment. Pray that they might commit and continue engaging with CAP.
- A client who was tragically a victim of a serious recent accident whilst engaging with CAP. Please pray for them and their befriender(s) supporting them at this difficult time. Also, that they may continue to engage with CAP to find release from their debt issues.
- A couple currently engaging with CAP who are facing imminent eviction, one of whom is experiencing complicated health issues.
- Another couple, one of whom is experiencing significant mental and physical health challenges. Wisdom to resolve working circumstances that make it difficult for their partner to provide care and may be making the debt problems worse.
- An ex-offender with addiction problems in unsuitable accommodation. Ability to provide the necessary paperwork for CAP to proceed with providing help with debt issues. Better living circumstances would be beneficial.
- Please pray too for the future of the centre. The committee feel that it will only be feasible to continue beyond the summer if we find an additional volunteer able to offer at least 2 days a week. (Do speak to Andrew if you want to know more about what this might involve)

**Foodbank are Very Grateful** ... for all who donate, and especially to volunteers and donors at recent collection days at Tesco's in Trent Vale and Kidsgrove. Alternatively do you know you can pledge regular financial support to Newcastle-Staffs Foodbank? Through Friends of the Foodbank, donors can give a set amount of money each month to provide emergency food to those in need. Or perhaps you could dedicate a donation as a gift to a loved one. Call 07935 066980 for details.

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