

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, 19th January

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

Epiphany 2
8.00 am

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell
Mark 1:1-8 (p1008)
Acts 19:1-10 (p1118)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mr Richard Orrell
Isaiah 24:1-10 (p688)
Luke 21:10-19 (p108)

Board Games Afternoon

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Parish Room

Unity Service

6.30 pm

The Higherland Methodist
Church

Collect

*Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

	Monday, 20th January	
“Xcite” After School Club	4.00 pm – 5.00 pm	St Andrew’s Church Hall
St Andrew’s PCC	7.30 pm	Parish Room
	Tuesday, 21st January	
Morning Prayer	9.00 am – 9.30 am	St Andrew’s Church
Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room
	Wednesday, 22nd January	
Home Group	8.00 pm	32 Beresford Crescent
St Andrew’s Church	Sunday, 26th January	St Peter’s Church
	<i>Epiphany 3</i>	
Holy Communion	8.00 am	
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		
Morning Prayer	10.30 am	Morning Worship
<i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>		<i>Revd John Taylor</i>
	12.00 noon – 12.15 pm	Meeting for Members of the Prayer Chain
United Evening Prayer	6.30 pm	
<i>Mrs Irene Hardacre</i>		

Churches Together Service ... to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Newcastle Churches Together's annual united service will be today, Sunday, 19th 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 ... today, Sunday, 19th January, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm in the Parish Room with Board Games, Wii Games, nibbles and good company. All welcome.

Wednesday Evening House Group ... the next meeting of the Wednesday evening house group at 32 Beresford Crescent will be a week earlier, on 22nd January. The Wednesday morning group will meet as planned in the Parish Room on 29th January. (For any queries contact Helen).

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 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.

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, 27th to Friday, 31st 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 today, Sunday 19th (via the list at the back St Andrew's) we can get copies via the Diocese for the reduced price of £6.

Stoke & Newcastle Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre ... unfortunately due to some additional recent development, our North Staffs branch will be unable to continue after the end of January unless an additional volunteer able to offer at least 2 days a week is found before then. Do speak to Andrew if you want to know more about what this might involve, and please pray that if it is the Lord's will for this ministry to continue, someone suitable will come forward.

Lichfield Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship ... John Dunnett of CPAS will be speaking on 'Looking forwards with hope' on Saturday, 1st 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, 29th 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.

Mental Health First Aid ... we are very grateful to Gary Peake for running a 4 hour awareness course last week. For those who want to engage with material from the same MHFA source, but at a deeper level, the Diocese are offering a 2 day course on 5th and 12th March at Three Spires House, Lichfield (WS13 6HX) from 9.00 am - 4.30 pm. Participants need to come to both sessions and bring their own lunch. Local parking is available nearby but not at Three Spires House. Email: emma.smith@lichfield.anglican.org to find out more or to book in (or ask for her via the Diocesan switchboard 01543 306030).

St Andrew's New Mission Links ... are Jimmy and Katia Rocks, who have been sent by CMS to Florianapolis in Brazil. Over the last 3½ years they have planted a church and seen it grow from a Bible study group in their home into a fully-fledged church as part of the Brazilian Vineyard movement, with various thriving areas of ministry. These include youth and children's work, small groups, evangelism where prayer is offered to folk on the streets, Alpha Courses, leadership training, prayer initiatives and work among the poor. They have two young children, Joanna and Davi, and are looking forward prayerfully and expectantly to the next phase of ministry in Florianópolis.

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, 27th 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

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 or 0800 783 0130 and quote "Trust 130".

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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