

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, 1st March

St Peter's Church

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

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Mark 2:23-3:6 (p1010)
Exodus 20:1-17 (p73)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Karen Barnett
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (p5)
Matthew 4:1-11 (p6)

Additional PCC Meeting for PCC & Building
Development Committee Members 12.00 – 12.30 pm
(Parish Room)

Café Church in Parish Room 6.30 pm
Revd Andrew Dawswell

Collect

*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

In quietness we still our hearts and draw near to God in prayer. We bring to God the communities of which we are a part, at home, in our streets, our work, social groups, and the church. We pray for the renewing of our church, that God would restore our fortunes and make us effective for his kingdom. Almighty God, give us opportunity to live the good news of your kingdom every day of our lives. Holy Spirit, calm our fears, equip our lives and inspire us to declare the wonders of Jesus, for his mighty name's sake. **Amen** .

Monday, 2nd March

Pastoral Team Meeting	11.00 am	Parish Room
“Xcite” After School Club	4.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Parish Room
St Andrew’s Prayer Meeting	7.30 pm	Parish Room

Tuesday, 3rd March

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, 4th March

Lent Course	10.30 am	Parish Room
Lent Course	7.45 pm for 8.00 pm	Parish Room

Thursday, 5th March

Holy Communion	10.00 am	Parish Room
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Saturday, 7th March

Messy Church	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	St Andrew’s Church Hall
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St Andrew’s Church

Sunday, 8th March

St Peter’s Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion	8.00 am
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Revd Andrew Dawswell

Morning Prayer	10.30 am
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Revd Andrew Dawswell

Morning Worship
Mrs Karen Barnett

6.30 pm

Circuit Service
Revd John Palmer

(NB the monthly evening communion service has been re-scheduled to 22nd March in St Andrew’s Parish Room)

2020 Lent Course ... will be following some studies to inspire our hope and care for God's creation entitled 'Tenants of the King'. They will feature discussion, bible study and a short video clip each week, for five Wednesdays beginning on 4th March at 10.30 am and 7.45pm for 8.00 pm in St Andrew's Parish Room. All welcome - Please sign the list at the back of church.

Circuit Service ... in recognition of 40 years’ service for Joe Cartwright as a Methodist Local Preacher on Sunday, 8th March at 6.30 pm in St Peter’s Methodist Church. All welcome.

Quiz Night with Pie and Mash Supper ... Saturday, 14th March in St Andrew’s Church Hall, tickets priced at £5 per person. There will be a choice of pies (vegetarian and gluten free options available). Tea and coffee provided, feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks (alcoholic/non-alcoholic). Open to all, friends and family, teams of up to 6 people. Multi-round general knowledge format and a prize for the winning team. Doors open at 6.30 pm, food served at 7.00 pm, followed by the quiz. For further information or tickets please contact Camilla Forrester or Naomi Savage.

Afternoon Tea ... you are invited to our next Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 10th March, in St Andrew’s Church Hall, from **3.30 pm to 5.00 pm**. 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 Peter's Church Council Members ... are reminded that there will be a Church Council Meeting on Thursday, 19th March at 10.00 am.

Church of England Communion Practices and Infection ... recently issued government and C of E medical advice continues to be that use of alcoholic wine, combined with careful wiping of the cup, means that the risk of transmitting infection to other recipients is minimal. However, those with coughs and sneezes are encouraged to refrain from handshaking during The Peace, and also to receive just the wafer - as C of E teaching has always been that the grace of receiving the sacrament is not dependent on receiving in both kinds. (Intinction -retaining the wafer to dip in the cup - is no longer recommended). All are also encouraged to practice general good hygiene, including regular handwashing with soap and hot water, and in addition alcohol-based hand sanitiser will be available at the back of church.

Fairtrade Fortnight is Now in Full Swing ... with the encouragement to adopt the habit of buying fairly traded goods as much as possible. The Newcastle group invite you to a chocolate tasting at the Guildhall next Saturday (7th March) between 11am – 2.00 pm.

Being a Happy Human Child in the 21st Century ... half-day seminar delivered by The Children's Society's Head of Youth Engagement Jim Davies on Wednesday, 25th March, 10.30 am – 1.00pm. Drawing on evidence from a decade of research into children's wellbeing and listening to young people express their own views about mental health, this seminar will inform, challenge and equip. The charity's drop-in services for young people in the Diocese give an insight to what young people struggle with and find helpful in overcoming their fears and worries. Participants will learn from what it has discovered and make use of tools and guidance to apply in their Parish. Venue: College Hall, The Close, Lichfield, and costs £12. Refreshments from 10.00 am. E-mail: theresa.willmore@lichfield-cathedral.org to book.

Keys to Unlocking Life with Dementia ... a training morning to help individuals and churches wanting to support people with dementia on Saturday, 7th March, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm (coffee from 9.30 am) at St Matthias Church, Hanford, ST4 4QB. Topics include: The keys to understanding dementia; The things that help a person with dementia; The things that don't help; The spiritual life of the person with dementia; All that caregiving involves; Avoiding dementia caregiver syndrome; The best support that individuals and churches can give. The two speakers are from Pilgrims' Friend Society – a 212 year old Christian charity supporting older people: a cognitive behavioural therapist and a former GP with personal experience of dementia who lectures widely on the subject. Please let Andrew know if you would like to attend.

Meet Our New Mission Partner ... Jimmy Rocks is planning a short visit to the UK and is able to visit us to share more about his and Katia's work in Brazil on the evening of Friday, 6th March. It would be great if as many as possible could come along - there will be drinks and desserts/cakes too, 7.45 pm – 9.00 pm in the Parish Room. Please sign the list at the back of St Andrew's if you are planning to come. If some are able to bring a dessert/cake please indicate on the list and/or contact John Soto.

If you haven't already got one, do pick up a leaflet about their work in Florianapolis, Brazil from the back of St Andrew's.

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.

Circuit Prayer & Praise ... the next meeting will take place on 17th March at The Higherland Methodist Church at 7.00 pm (refreshments) for a 7.30 pm start. Parking is at the rear of the church but only available on the first car parking area which is first right off the Priory Road entrance. Parking is no longer available next to the rear doors but drop-off of disabled persons is still available. All are welcome to join in this time of worship, quiet reflection and prayer.

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank are Recruiting ... for a new project lead and also new administrator and volunteer co-ordinators. These are all paid part-time roles, and the job descriptions can be found on <https://newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk/news/> They are also looking for a volunteer driver for 1 to 2 hours every Thursday between 12.00 noon and 1.30 pm. Own vehicle is required but mileage costs will be reimbursed. For further information please phone 07519159061 or email: info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org. Uk

Bishop of Lichfield's Lent Appeal 'Precious In My Sight'... raising funds for a) Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall - currently at the centre of an urgent £2m appeal to secure its long-term future b) Families under stress in our link diocese of Matlosane South Africa. More details and response envelopes are available at the back of St Andrew's for any who would like to contribute. Though these can be returned directly to St Mary's House the Diocese's preference is for local churches to collect and send as a single sum - which means putting gifts on the collection plate and making any cheques payable to St Andrew's PCC, Westlands.

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Same contact details (or St Peter's letterbox which is on the wall next to the Pilkington Avenue door) for the next notice sheet (before 9 am on Thursday, please). Rest of week for St Peter's & Circuit Business: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk 01782 612648.

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