

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, 8th March
Second Sunday of Lent

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

Morning Prayer
Revd Andrew Dawswell
Mark 4:1-20 (p1011)
Colossians 1:1-14 (p1183)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Mrs Brenda Dyble
Psalm 121 (StF 830)
John 3:1-17 (p119)

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)

Collect

*Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

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, 9th March

"Xcite" After School Club

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Parish Room

Tuesday, 10th March

Morning Prayer	9.00 am – 9.30 am	St Andrew's Church
Little Sparklers	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Parish Room
Afternoon Tea	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
TMNC	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Parish Room

Wednesday, 11th March

Lent Course	10.30 am & 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm	Parish Room
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Saturday, 14th March

Quiz Night	7.00 pm	St Andrew's Church Hall
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St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 15th March

St Peter's Church

Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	8.00 am	
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Holy Communion <i>Revd Andrew Dawswell</i>	10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>Local Arrangement</i>
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Stillness & Reflection Service <i>Revd John Taylor</i>	6.30 pm	
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Circuit Service ... in recognition of 40 years' service for Joe Cartwright as a Methodist Local Preacher this evening (Sunday, 8th March) at 6.30 pm in St Peter's Methodist Church. All welcome.

Parish Electoral Roll ... an up to date list of those on the electoral roll is due to be published in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 26th April 2020. If you believe you are not on this roll and wish to be on or if your address has altered since April 2019, please complete one of the forms at the rear of the church and/or notify John Glover.

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.

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 **by today (8th March)**.

'Tenants of the King' ... our Lent course on our hope and care for God's creation is continuing on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm in the Parish Room. On 18th March at 8.00 pm we will be led by Naomi Soto, who many will know as a member of St Andrew's and is a Keele University reader in Ecology. Naomi will answer questions both on the science of climate change, and on how she sees it interacting with her Christian faith. There is a warm invitation for others to join us for that evening (NB for the benefit of the 10.30 am group Naomi will be offering similar input on either 18th or 25th).

Mothering Sunday at St Andrew's ... help is needed with the bunching of daffodils on Saturday, 21st March at 9.30 am in St Andrew's Parish Room. Donations of greenery would be much appreciated.

St Peter's Church Council Change of Date ... this will now take place on Thursday, 26th March at 10.00 am **not** Thursday, 19th March.

St Andrew's Stewardship Weekly Envelopes ... for next year are available for collection at the back of St Andrew's Church. Thank you to all who give regularly to St Andrew's through this envelope scheme. If anyone would like to start using this method for making donations to St Andrew's, please contact our Gift Aid Secretary, Alan Swanborough.

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.

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.

Revd Joy Ventom – Ordination Service ... Sunday, 28th June 2020 at 4.00 pm at St Chad's Church St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX. Attendance is by ticket only. Tickets must be booked by the online ticketing service. This will be available from 9.00 am on Monday, 30th March 2020 via www.methodist.org.uk/ordination-tickets Each applicant who applies for tickets will be allowed to order up to four tickets only. Please ensure that you request tickets for St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury and not any other venue. Tickets will be posted to the successful applicants. **If anyone is available at 9.00 am on Monday, 30th March to access the ticketing service and book four tickets we would be very grateful. Please let Michelle know.** There will be nine presbyters being ordained at this service so early booking of tickets is essential to ensure attendance. The North Staffordshire Circuit have reserved a 49 seater coach for this event, and seats will be allocated on a first come basis, assuming that we are able to secure 49 tickets. The North Staffordshire Methodist Circuit request a £5.00 contribution per person travelling by coach to supplement the cost. The remaining coach costs will be funded by

the Circuit. Further details and specific coach timings will be circulated by Michelle Bradbury (Circuit Office) in early April 2020.

'One Small Step' ... is an artwork replicating the moon's surface by Peter Walker, Originally exhibited in Lichfield Cathedral, a part of it is visiting St Giles on Saturday 21st and 28th March from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and Sunday 22nd and 29th from 1.30 pm to 6.00 pm. All welcome.

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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