

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, 15th March
Third Sunday of Lent

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion
Revd Andrew Dawswell

8.00 am

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Revd Andrew Dawswell
Mark 6:45-52 (p1015)
Isaiah 43:1-7 (p729)

10.30 am

Morning Worship
Local Arrangement

Stillness & Reflection Service
Revd John Taylor

6.30 pm

Collect

*Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.*

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, 16th March

"Xcite" After School Club

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Parish Room

Tuesday, 17th March

Morning Prayer
Little Sparklers
TMNC

9.00 am – 9.30 am
10.00 am – 11.30 am
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

St Andrew's Church
Parish Room
Parish Room

Wednesday, 18th March

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

Friday, 20th March

Forget Me Not Café 10.30 am – 12.00 noon Parish Room

St Andrew's Church

Sunday, 22nd March

St Peter's Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Holy Communion 8.00 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

All Age Worship 10.30 am

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Holy Communion

Revd John Taylor

Holy Communion 6.30 pm

Revd Andrew Dawswell

Church of England Communion Practices and Infection ... we will be following new Cof E instructions in offering only the wafer of bread to communicants - Anglican teaching has always been that the grace of receiving the sacrament is not dependent on receiving in both kinds. We will also be following the national guidance in refraining from handshaking and other forms of physical contact. 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.

Praying for the Rocks family in Brazil ... it was great that Jimmy was able to visit us earlier in the month. We very much hope that church members will commit to praying for their work. The most regular updates are available by following the Rocks family in Brazil on Facebook (which also includes a video of a presentation and sermon from last week). Alternatively there is a sign up sheet at the back of St Andrew's to request email updates and/or 3-monthly paper newsletters.

Keele Theological Society ... on Monday 23rd March the speaker is David Nussbaum, who has been Chief Executive of the World Wide Fund for Nature-UK, chairing their Global Climate and Energy Initiative; and is now Chief Executive of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders working together for peace, justice and human rights. Moser Building, Room CM0.012 at 7.00 pm £5.

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.

'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.

Mothering Sunday at St Peter's ... anyone wishing to donate towards the cost of the daffodils on Mothering Sunday in memory of a loved one please contact Marion.

St Peter's Easter Offering Envelopes ... please put your Easter Offering Envelopes on the collection plate, they will be given to the right treasurer in due course.

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.

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.

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.

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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