



St Andrew's Westlands

*A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.
After the 11am service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments, which are currently served from outside the church hall*

Sunday 3rd October

9.00 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Morning Prayer *Psalm 8 (p540)*
Opportunity for individual prayer after service (in lady chapel)

6.30 pm Holy Communion (in main church building)

Collect for:

17th Sunday of Trinity

*Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.*

Midweek Meetings

Monday 4 th Oct	8.15 pm	Children & Family Worker Committee
Wednesday 6 th Oct	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, via Zoom
Thursday 7 th Oct	10.00 am	Holy Communion in Church
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting, via Zoom
Friday 8 th Oct	7.30 pm	Compline, via Zoom
Sunday, 10 th Oct	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	All Age Service (NB Change of Time)
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

Church Cleaning Cover ... our church cleaner is taking a well-earned holiday later in October, and we need volunteers to help cover- please speak to the vicar or wardens if you might be able to help.

Evening Service Prayers for Healing ... there will be an opportunity for individual prayers for healing after this week's evening service, albeit with a slightly different way of doing things.

Help for Afghan Refugees ... with the Sentinel reporting that the Holiday Inn in Clayton has been booked for temporary refugee accommodation, I have been asked by members of our congregation how Newcastle Churches might help, with blankets, clothes etc being offered. Marion Reddish has made enquiries - and the answer is that local people are being very generous to the point that the council already have far more items donated than they are able to handle. The council have instead now set up a page to receive financial donations on <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/StaffordshireAfghanEvacuees>, so that they can in time buy what is needed. This is explained in the following press release:

<https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/news/justgiving-page-launched-support-afghan-evacuees>

St Andrew's Choir ... would welcome new members, and is re-forming with the aim of singing on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. They would very much welcome new members to join them - practices are the Thursday beforehand 7.45 pm - 8.30 pm in the Parish Room, which means that the next is on Thursday, 14th October. To find out more speak to Margaret Hollins.

Faith in the Future Funding ... one way of raising money towards our Faith in the Future project is to convert scrap metal into cash. So over the next year we will be gathering together scrap metal (which is easily transported ... not fridges and washing machines!) It would be good to raise £1,000 as a target. So, if you have any scrap metal (no matter how little) please let Bob Bell. You will be amazed how, working together, at no cost to you, can make a real difference.

Newcastle-Staffs Foodbank, Volunteer Role Available-Agency Support ... could you give some time to the Foodbank? We are looking for a volunteer who loves admin! People are referred to the foodbank by partner agencies who are supporting those in crisis, and we need help to maintain those relationships with our partner agencies – dealing with referrals and queries, keeping contact details up to date and so on. You'd need to be a confident computer user to cover all aspects of the role, but a role share is also possible – so why not get together with a friend and join us as a team! If you're interested, please email volunteering@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk for more info.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Harvest Festival ... will be on Sunday, 10th October, including an all age service at 10.30 am. Gifts of fresh produce, tinned and dried food and flowers will be distributed locally to those in need and to Arch women's refuge. Gift aid envelopes will be available for monetary gifts to TearFund. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - please meet at St Andrew's Church at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 12th October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

The Midlands Men's Convention ... is taking place in Nottingham on Saturday, 6th November. The theme is Making a Difference: Godly men in a godless world. Though it can also be accessed online, many have enjoyed travelling together to the event in previous years. More details are available via their website: <https://midlandsgospel.org.uk/conferences/> or contact Alan Swanborough.

Painting and Refurbishment of Window Frames, Gutters etc ... the main part of this work is now nearly finished. Later in October there is a separate contract to refurbish and repaint the tower. However, we have decided not to spend money on the windows to the south transept and vestries, as these are all due to be replaced when the extension is built.

All Things Bright and Beautiful ... do you knit or crochet? Would you like a project to keep you busy over the autumn and winter? St Andrew's is hoping to arrange a display on the outside of the church in the spring of 2022, called "All things bright and beautiful" with knitted or crocheted flowers, bees, birds and insects, fixed to netting. The aim is to send a positive message to our local community and to help with fundraising for our planned new church and community hub. In order to do this, we will need lots of help with knitting and crochet. We have some patterns, and hopefully people will have small amounts of wool to use up. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Margaret Hollins.

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worship, service and witness will demonstrate to everyone the
love of Jesus Christ***

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