



St Andrew's Westlands

A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.

After the 10.30 am service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall

Sunday 28th November

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer (1 Thessalonians 3, p1188)
Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel.

4.30 pm Christingle Service

Collect for: the First Sunday of Advent

*Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

This week

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| Monday 29 th Nov | 2.00-3.30 pm | Knitting/Crochet Project in Parish Room |
| Tuesday 30 th Nov | 7.30 pm | Homegroup via Zoom |
| Wednesday 1 st Dec | 8.30 am | Morning Prayer via Zoom |
| | 10.30 am | Homegroup in Parish Room |
| | 7.30 pm | Homegroup in Parish Room |
| Thursday 2 nd Dec | 10.00 am | Holy Communion in Parish Room |
| | 7.30 pm | Homegroup |
| | 7.45 pm | Choir Practice in Parish Room |
| Friday 3 rd Dec | 7.00 pm | Angel Making Workshop in Parish Room |
| | 7.30 pm | Compline, via Zoom |
| Sunday 5 th Dec | 9.00 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 6.30 pm | Holy Communion |

This Week's Homegroups ... are the last before Christmas. The series on Mission will resume in the new year, meeting on 11th/12th/13th January; 25th/26th/27th January (for prayer) and 8th/9th/10th February, Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 2nd March, and we will work out what the pattern for Lent meetings is nearer the time when the Covid situation is clearer.

Link Deliveries ... if you usually help with regular deliveries and are okay to do so, these will hopefully be ready on Sunday to collect from your folder at the back of church. As well as being open for Sunday services, the building is also open for collection in between 9.45 am - 10.30 am on Sunday and on Mondays & Thursdays 9.30 am -3.00 pm.

Faith in the Future Update ... marketing of our old church hall site is due to begin next week. We hope to be able to have offers for the land firmed up in mid April, at around the same time that we should be receiving tender prices for the new building - and these 2 key figures will tell us whether or not we have the finances to proceed with the project. We are hoping that we will be able to exchange contracts with a significantly delayed completion date to enable us to minimise the time that we are without hall facilities. However, this will depend on an offer

being made at a good price by a buyer that is willing to accept this condition.

Though some significant extra fee costs have recently become apparent, we have been very encouraged by some additional gifts and pledges, including a £10,000 grant offer from the Bernard Sunley Foundation - this brings the total of gifts or pledges to £269,735.

Notices From Previous Weeks

All Things Bright & Beautiful Knitters Get-Together ... Monday 29th November, 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm in the Parish Room. Everyone who is already knitting and crocheting, or would like to do so, is invited to a Get-Together in the Parish Room. A chance to do some knitting together, share ideas and socialise over a cup of tea. Patterns, yarn and needles will be available for those who need them to get started. Please let Sandra Baker know if you are planning to attend so that we have an idea of numbers. We look forward to seeing you.

Bible Reading Notes ... many find quarterly printed notes to be a good way of encouraging and informing their reading of the bible. Some samples are available to look at at the back of church. To subscribe for 2022, please speak to Helen Swanborough.

First Aiders ...we are very grateful to Jane Machin for being willing to be nominated as our health and safety officer. Especially in view of the Christmas services approaching, she is keen to know who among our worshippers either a) Have current first aid training or b) Are competent to provide first aid or medical help. If either applies to you, please speak to her.

Angel Making ... all ages from 8 upwards are invited to help make the angels which we decorate our church with on Friday 3rd December at 7.00 pm in the Parish Room. Help also needed to hang them in church, please contact Chris Gill for more details.

Toy service - 5th December ... gifts will be passed on to Elizabeth House /'find the glow' refuge who work with families experiencing domestic violence and abuse. They have a special need for toys and toiletries for under 2's, 9-13's and 13-16's, both boy and girls; and also ladies' toiletries. We will also pass on donations of money, in an envelope marked 'Elizabeth House'). Please bring items along to the services at 9.00 am or 10.30 am on 5th December.

Open Church ... we have resumed opening our church building, during school term-time from 9.30 am - 3.00 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. All welcome.

St Andrew's Flower Rota ... the flower rota for 2022 is being prepared. There are some Sundays available for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers in memory of a person or occasion. Also, we are in need of further help in the flower team. Experience is not essential (but a welcome bonus) and a very warm welcome is assured. For further information please contact Diana.

Sunday Transport ... lifts to and from the 10.30 service are available. You need to ring between 8.30-9.30am on the morning itself – although there is a new number to ring: 07951 674453. We would also value more drivers who would be willing to help out either on an occasional or a regular basis. To volunteer, or for more details, please speak to Stuart Rushton.

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