

St Andrew's Westlands

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

Christmas Eve

11.30 pm Holy Communion (Luke 2:1-16 page 1032)

Collect for: Christmas Night

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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.

Christmas Day

10.30 am All Age Service followed by Holy Communion for those that can stay (Matthew 2:1-15 page 974)

Collect for: Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Sunday 26th December

10.30 am Morning Prayer (Acts 6:1-15 & 7:54-60 page 1101)

Collect for: the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,

who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. now and for ever.

Friday 31st Dec 7.30 pm Compline, via Zoom

Sunday 2nd Jan 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Morning Prayer (Ephesians 2:1-14 p1175)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer / Covenant Service

Collect for: the Second Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,

in the birth of your Son

you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy;

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God. now and for ever.

Monday 3rd Jan 7.30 pm Quiz, via Zoom

Tuesday 4th Jan 1.45 pm Funeral of Jenny Wild, Church & Hall

Wednesday 5th Jan 8.30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10.00 am Hub Funding Committee, Parish Room

Thursday 6th Jan 10.00 am Holy Communion, Parish Room

7.30 pm Prayer Meeting, via Zoom

Friday 7th Jan 7.30 pm Compline, via Zoom

Sunday 9th Jan 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion in Parish Room

Sunday Club for 3-11's in the hall ... resumes on 9th January. On 26th December and 2nd January, children are very welcome to participate in our main service and activity sheets will also be available.

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 before 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. More details from the vicar on 619594.

Faith in the Future Update ... Good news: we have received a number of offers from developers to buy the old hall site, and offering more than we had originally hoped for. Please continue to pray: for wisdom in deciding the best way round a small complication that has arisen; also for the architect, structural engineer & building services engineers at BDP as they work on the details of the design, in preparation for issuing the tender documentation to potential builders. Details of the project, which envisages the construction of a replacement hall as an extension to the church are available on www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk, or at the back of church.

Homegroups ... 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.

Notices From Previous Weeks

All Things Bright & Beautiful Update ... we are very grateful to everyone who is knitting or crocheting for this project. We have had a couple of large donations of yarn so there is plenty in the boxes at the back of the church; please help yourselves. I also have patterns and some knitting needles if these are needed. Following a successful get together in November (despite the awful weather), we are planning another meeting on Monday, 10th January at 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm in the Parish Room, unless the Government announces any further restrictions! Please bring along any items you have produced so we can get an idea of approximately how many flowers, insects etc we have so far. Please note that I don't want to take these home, as my

spare room is already full of items and wool! Tea, coffee, biscuits, company and chat will be available. We look forward to seeing you then. Margaret Hollins, Churchwarden.

Church Building opening on Mondays & Thursdays ... will resume when the schools are back (ie Thursday 6th January).

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Transport to 10.30 service: 07951 674453 on the morning.8.30-9.30 am Scrap metal collection: contact Bob Bell.

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.

Church website – www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk