



St Andrew's Westlands

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

Sunday 9th January

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer (Isaiah 43:1-7 page 729)
Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel.

6.30 pm Holy Communion in the Parish Room

Collect for: the First Sunday of Epiphany

*Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.*

This Week

Monday 10 th Jan	2.00 pm	Knitting & Crocheting for All Things Bright & Beautiful, Church Hall
Tuesday 11 th Jan	1.45 pm	Funeral of Bob Baker
	7.30 pm	Homegroup via Zoom
Wednesday 12 th Jan	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 am	Homegroup, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Homegroup, Parish Room
Thursday 13 th Jan	7.30 pm	Homegroup
Friday 14 th Jan	7.30 pm	Compline, via Zoom
Sunday 16 th Jan	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Parish Room

Sunday Club for 3-11's in the hall ... resumes today (9th January).

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

We are Looking for a Number of People to Train as First Aiders ... or renew their certification, and are planning a free training course. If you are able to help by participating in this please speak to Jane Machin.

Reducing Covid Risks in Church ... thankfully for most of us, the personal threat presented by covid feels much less of an anxiety than it did 12 months ago. Nonetheless we can't escape the fact that a fairly large number of people gathering together in our church building continues to represent something of a risk, not only to those of us who are present, but potentially to our local health service's ability to cope too. Though most people won't (hopefully!) feel that it's right to stop coming out to worship - can I encourage people to consider spreading out a bit more for the 10.30 am service (and other bigger events), perhaps using the side aisles more?

Homegroups in the parish room will be going ahead – albeit with masks, and without refreshments (or alternatively people are welcome to switch to the Tuesday zoom. Andrew

Notices From Previous Weeks

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 and 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.

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 (NB this has been moved to the hall to reduce the covid risk) - 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.

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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.

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