



St Andrew's Westlands

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

Sunday 23rd January

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer (John 17:1-5, 20-26 p1089)
Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel.

6.30 pm Churches Together at Newcastle Baptist Church,
Stafford Avenue

Collect for: the Third Sunday of Epiphany

*Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.*

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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This Week

Monday 24 th Jan	7.30 pm	PCC via Zoom
Tuesday 25 th Jan	7.30 pm	Homegroup via Zoom
Wednesday 26 th Jan	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 am	Homegroup in Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Homegroup in Parish Room
Thursday, 27 th Jan	7.30 pm	Homegroup
Friday 28 th Jan	7.30 pm	Compline, via Zoom
Sunday 30 th Jan	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer in the Parish Room

Faith in the Future Update... as mentioned in last week's service, Bob and Margaret are pleased to be able to report another positive outcome to our grant applications, the Beatrice Laing Trust offering £7,500 towards the project. This trust has arisen from the success of the construction company John Laing, and the generosity and commitment to the Christian faith of its founder and his family.

Mission Action Plan 2022/23... if you haven't received a copy, please do take one from the back of church. An updated leaflet about our mission partners is also available.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Churches Together Service ... to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Newcastle Churches Together's annual united service will be tonight, Sunday, 23rd January at 6.30 pm in Newcastle Baptist, Stafford Ave. Josh Penduck, Vicar of St Giles, will be preaching. All welcome - this will replace our evening service in the Westlands. It will also be available live, and afterwards, on:

www.youtube.com/NewcastleBaptistChurch

Living in Love and Faith ... is the name of a Church of England learning process, aimed at exploring the different views that Christians hold on same-sex relationships. Those taking part in the process are invited to give feedback, which will be considered by a committee of bishops as they decide whether to put forward any motions for General Synod to consider (e.g. to allow local congregations and clergy to conduct blessings, or even same-sex marriages).

There had been an intention to run the 5-week Living in Love and Faith course in both Stoke and Newcastle, but unfortunately these are not looking likely to happen. However you can still engage with the material, and so be entitled to contribute to the feedback process, in a couple of ways:

a) Bishop Jan McFarlane and Canon Gregory Platten, both on the Cathedral's staff, will be leading the course via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm beginning on 27th January (continuing on 3rd, 10th & 17th February; and 3rd March). To register interest email: jan.mcfarlane@lichfield-cathedral.org

b) A more in-depth book has also been produced. This can be downloaded free from llf.churchofengland.org along with other material (including the course booklet and videos) and links to submit feedback. In my view this book succeeds in its stated intention of presenting different viewpoints reasonably fairly, yet without drawing a definite conclusion; and it avoids being too technical either.

There is of course a wide variety of material available on the internet and in book form, as this is an issue that denominations across the world have been reflecting on for many years. Fuller defences of the church's traditional & biblical teaching than the LLF material gives include: www.livingout.org and the writing of Robert Gagnon (which in my view is the most in-depth study of the biblical material). We could also consider running a LLF course in St Andrew's if there is sufficient demand - Andrew

Repair Book ... just a reminder that any problems noted/repairs needed to the church building, hall or church grounds can be written by anyone in the small grey book on the tables at the back of church to be dealt with by the Facilities Committee. Anything more urgent should be reported verbally to Helen Collins or Andrew.

Lost Property ... a number of items have been found in church after services in recent weeks, including gloves. If you think you may have left items behind, please ask a steward to look in the lost property box; we would like to reunite people with their belongings.

All Things Bright and Beautiful ... thank you to all who came along for a get together recently; it was great to see so many and everyone enjoyed having a catch up. We are progressing very well with items for our spring display. Another get together is planned for Monday 7th February in the church hall, 2 pm to 3.30 pm. All very welcome, look forward to seeing you then, and please keep knitting and crocheting!

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.

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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.