



## **St Andrew's Westlands**

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

*After the 10.45 am service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall.*

### **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.45 am Morning Prayer

Acts 5:27-32 (p1101) & John 20:19-end (p1120)

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

*Collect for: the Second Sunday of Easter*

*Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

The church building is also open Mondays & Thursdays 9.30-3.00.

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Mission Partners Committee, Parish Rm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00 pm	Auction Briefing for Volunteers, Ch Hall
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm	Compline, via Zoom
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Gardening Morning, Church Grounds
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

**Churches Together Prayer Initiative 'Say One For Me'** ... we are hoping to get together a team of church members for the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10 am-12.00 noon to gather prayer requests from passers-by in the town centre. This pattern has been used in several other towns and worked well here in 2019 too. We will start with a briefing at St Giles; The aim will then be to spread out around the Guildhall, inviting prayer requests under the banner of 'Say one for me' with the promise that any cards filled in will be prayed for later in the morning. The team will return to St Giles at 11.30 am to do this. Please let Andrew know if you would be interested in joining the team.

**More Help Needed with Sunday Services** ... with the worst of the pandemic hopefully behind us, we are looking to fully resume our regular rotas over the next couple of months. This includes those for Bible readers, sidespeople, welcomers and coffee team. If you would be willing to resume responsibilities for any of these or want to offer to join for the first time, please contact the Vicar or Wardens (Helen Collins & Margaret Hollins).

**All Things Bright & Beautiful Update** ... we have completed all the netting! So many thanks to everyone who has given up their time to fix all the items onto the nets, and of course to all those who knitted, crocheted or sewed flowers, insects and animals. The next meeting for knitters and crafters will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2 pm - 3.30 pm in the church hall. Please bring along anything that you have completed for the craft stall at the Tearfund Open Cafe, and we can sort out what other handiwork people would like to do for a charity or other purpose. We will have a break over the Summer and hopefully resume in September. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided £1 per person. I look forward to seeing you then. Margaret

**Thank You Very Much** ... for the 13 Bibles and 208 study guides and notes that have been donated for CART.

**Scrap Metal** ... so far £1172 has been raised through the donations of scrap metal. Collection will continue until 31<sup>st</sup> May after which it will stop. Please continue to contact Bob.

### **Auction ...**

- Catalogues/Tickets (£3.00 each) for the Auction will be available after the 10.45 am service in the hall on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Forms will be available with catalogues for anyone wishing to place a Bid who will not be able to attend the Auction on 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- Glenys Gill would welcome further offers of help for refreshments at the Friday evening viewing, the Saturday morning viewing and at the Auction.
- We need a large van to transport a table tennis table for an Auction item. If you know of anyone who could help us with this please inform Bob.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Faith in the Future Q&A About Our New Hall Project** ... the main points of Andrew's presentation recently, as well as being on our website, are also available as an A5 leaflet at the back of the church. Do please take a copy, especially if you weren't in church to hear what was said.

**New Hall Fund Raising** ... we are pleased to report the latest information about the fund raising to date. Thank you to all who have given so generously for the Faith in the future project. We have now reached a total of over £344,400 (Note: correction of the figure issued last week). This is made up of donations, pledges, and grants, which include money raised from scrap metal collections and jam & chutney sales. We now await the results of the tendering process from potential contractors to know how much of the project can proceed.

**Home Groups will be Resuming after the Easter Break** ... on 3/4/5 & 17/18/19 May, 7/8/9 & 21/22/23 June & 5/6/7 July, meeting on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm via zoom; and in-person on Wednesdays at 10.30 am & 7.30 pm; and Thursdays 7.30 pm. If you haven't been part of a group this year but would like to join this is an excellent opportunity to do so as we are starting some new material looking at the parables of Jesus (which we may continue later in the year). Please contact Helen Swanborough.

**Mask-Wearing** ... at 10.45 services this is generally not required, except in the south transept of the church (the section with the large orange ceramic disc at the front). Now that the 6.30 pm service is taking place in the much larger space upstairs, face coverings are now not required then either.

However, mask-wearing is still requested (unless exempt) at the 8.30 am Sunday services. All services and church activities will continue to offer substantially more ventilation than normal.

**Parish Electoral Roll** ... an up-to-date list of those on the electoral roll is due to be published in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm. If you believe you are not on this roll and wish to be; or if your address has altered since April 2021, please complete one of the forms at the rear of the church, and return it by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the latest.

**Gardening Mornings** ... we plan to hold our second gardening morning on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, to continue to tidy up our grounds. This will start at 9.30 am and light refreshments will be provided. We have a few church tools, but you may prefer to bring some of your own. We would welcome any offers of help - please contact Helen Collins.

**Ukraine** ... a number of churches are aware of members who are planning to open their homes to refugees, and are looking to see whether there might be other members of their congregations who are willing to offer some support. Do let me know if you are considering offering to be a host, but might value some additional support from other members of St Andrew's in doing this.

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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.