



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, 22nd May

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.45 am Morning Prayer

Acts 16:9-15 (p1114) & John 14:23-29 (p1086)

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Collect for: the Sixth Sunday of Easter

*God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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

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

Mon 23 rd May	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod
Tues 24 th May	7.15 pm	PCC Meeting, Parish Room
	8.00 pm	Children & Families Worker Management Committee, Parish Room
Wed 25 th May	8.30 am	Morning Prayer, via Zoom
Thur 26 th May	10.00 am	Ascension Day Holy Communion, Parish Rm
	7.30 pm	Welcoming of Terry Merry as Vicar of Basford & Wolstanton
	7.45 pm	Singing Practice, Parish Room
Fri 27 th May	7.30 pm	Compline, via Zoom
Sun 29 th May	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer & Annual Meeting, Hall

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will be held in the hall at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 29th May. Copies of the first half of the annual report are available in church and online; accounts to follow later.

We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and one Deanery Synod member for 2022-23. There are nomination forms at the back of the church for those who are willing to stand. We also need to elect two church wardens to serve for the next 12 months, and although Helen Collins and Margaret Hollins are willing to stand for re-election, others can be nominated too.

Please note that signing that you are being willing to be nominated for any of these roles includes confirming (a) that you are a 'fit and proper person' to act as a charity trustee - the requirements for this being spelled out on the attached sheet; and (b) that you are willing to undergo DBS clearance. There is also an additional list for any who would like to volunteer to join the sidesperson's rota.

PCC Update ... thank you to those who expressed opinions about the frequency of Holy Communion. For both morning services they indicated a majority in favour of retaining the pattern that we have adopted in the covid period; though the numbers responding had been small, PCC members felt the same. We will therefore be aiming for Holy Communion to continue to be included in our worship: at 8.30 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (and also the 5th, so that there is a communion

service each week); at 10.45 on the 3rd Sunday; and at 6.30 pm on the 1st Sunday.

We do not plan to resume passing round the collection plate during services. At the 10.45 & 6.30 communion services, the collection will be formally presented during the service, which will also give an opportunity to thank the Lord for all the generous gifts that support the life our church. A collection plate will continue to be available before and after all of our services for all who give in this way.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back into church for the first part of all of our 10.45 services.

Jubilee Family Picnic ... the next family event will be a Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June, 12 noon until approx 1.30 pm, outside St. Andrew's Church. There will be ice creams, activities and hopefully lots of sunshine! Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome - Bring a picnic!

Thank You ... to all who helped organise and support the Tear Fund Open Café - and Christian Aid week too.

Vineyard Church Florianapolis ... like St Andrew's, have been holding a fundraising event this month - in their case an 'as new' to raise money for a young couple from church going to serve and do mission in Kenya. Like us, they saw part of the point of the event as making contact with extra people, adding too that everyone who came to buy something got prayed for. Details and pictures on [this facebook page](#) for The Rocks Family in Brazil. Katia Rocks has also messaged saying 'please keep praying for me and the kids (Joanna & Davi) that we can heal from all that is hurting us, and see God's work even in the midst of all that's happening. And also for the church to keep strong looking up to God.'

Notices From Previous Weeks

Scrap Metal Collection ... just a reminder that this comes to an end at the end of May. If you have any more scrap metal for Bob, please ensure you contact him before this date.

An Opportunity to go to Bishton Hall ... thanks to Charles Hanson, there is a further auction lot for 6 people to go to Bishton Hall near Shugborough, on Friday 16th September, to watch the Children in Need episode of Bargain Hunt being filmed. A champagne breakfast was also mentioned! The cost will be £200 in total. If you have 5 friends to go with you and want to bid for this, please contact Bob Bell by the end of May please. If there is more than one groups interested, priority will

be given to those who helped with the auction.

Knitting Meetings ... will resume on Monday 12th September, 2 pm. We are now knitting and crocheting squares for blankets for various charities, also baby clothes etc. why not join us for fellowship, a cup of tea and a chat? Please contact me if you need a pattern for knitted squares or wool. Margaret

Sale of Pews ... assuming that the building project is able to proceed, as the worship area will be reduced a little, we will need to dispose of several items of church furniture. (Details on our website; our faculty for the works included permission to sell these items). This includes 6 long pews and 6 slightly shorter ones. Though we intend to retain all of the little plaques indicating who donated these items, if there are pews that were given by families that are still connected to St Andrew's we should be able to make sure that the whole pew is retained. Please let Alan Swanborough know if this affects a pew associated with your own family.

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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.