

Church in the Westlands

March 2020



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March Message

Some see spring as starting on 1st March. Others take the equinox on 21st of the month as its official beginning. And whilst in some parts of the world the change in seasons is fairly rapid, and predictable too, in the UK it varies hugely from year to year.

But whether spring comes early or late we can still look forward to a fresh reminder of the beauty of our world. And the visible re-starting of the natural processes of growth remind us too of the way in which our planet provides so well for our needs. For many, this is a powerful pointer to God's kindness. A God who, as the apostle Paul put it, "has always given evidence of his existence by the good things he does: he gives you rain from heaven and crops at the right times; he gives you food and fills your hearts with happiness."

Alongside this as you'll know, our world is becoming more aware how recent centuries' dramatic rise in human consumption may well threaten the continuing ability of our planet to support the current size of its human population.

In response to this, Christians may be rightly confident that even the worst human excesses cannot ultimately thwart God's final plans for his people or his world. But the same time we are surely wise to join with others in working out how we can play our part in more wisely preserving the wonderful world which we believe God has provided for us.

Andrew Dawswell

Xcite - After School Club

Every Monday 4-5pm - St. Andrews

All 7-11 year olds are welcome to this after school club. It takes place every Monday in term time 4 - 5pm (doors open at 3.30pm) at St. Andrew's Parish Room. Games, craft, Bible Stories & discussion, quizzes and refreshments! 50p each child. Please contact Naomi on 07864 127523 or at naomi.westlands@gmail.com for any more information or to book a place.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 26th

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent (traditionally the forty-day period -excluding Sundays- of fasting and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter). Historically, on this day palm crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday were burned and the ashes used to draw a cross on worshippers' foreheads to symbolise the dust from which God made us and as a sign of repentance. We will mark this day with a special service at 8pm in St Andrew's Parish Room.



Mothering Sunday

Sunday March 22nd

Gifts of flowers will be presented at special services in both of our churches at 10.30am.

We would love you to join us.



Ceramic Choir

Saturday March 28th – 7.30pm

The Ceramic Choir will be singing Handel's Messiah in St Andrew's. Tickets priced at £15 are available from www.ceramiccitychoir.org.uk



Chocolate Tasting

Guildhall - Saturday March 7th – 11am-2pm

In 2020 Fairtrade are continuing their mission to ensure that all farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa.

Quiz Night

Saturday March 14th – Evening

This is a new all age social event and will include a children's round and activities. There will also be food available.

For more details and tickets please contact Naomi on 07864 127523

Sunday Services in March

St Andrew's

8.00 am	Holy Communion	every Sunday
10.30 am	1 st Holy Communion	
	8 th Morning Prayer	
	15 th Holy Communion	
	22 nd All Age Mothering Sunday Service	
	29 th Morning Prayer	

St Peter's

10.30 am	1 st Morning Worship	
	8 th Morning Worship	
	15 th Local Arrangement	
	22 nd Holy Communion	
	29 th Joint Service at St. Luke's	

United Evening Services

6.30 pm	1 st Café Church	St. Andrew's
	8 th Celebration of Joe Cartwright's 40-year ministry	St. Peter's
	15 th Contemplative	St. Andrew's
	22 nd Holy Communion	St. Andrew's
	29 th Evening Prayer	St. Andrew's

Clocks Change

British Summer Time starts on Sunday **March 29th**. At 1am, we move forward an hour to 2am

Christian Aid Walk

Saturday 28th March 2019

The annual sponsored walk to raise funds for Christian Aid will be held at Tittesworth Reservoir. Registration from 9.15am, with the walk starting at 10am. A short (1-2miles) and longer (5 mile) walk are available.

For information and sponsorship forms, please contact Chris on 629357.



Lent Course

Wednesday March 4th for 5 weeks

Weekly study course on five Wednesdays throughout Lent. All are welcome, either to our 10.30am or 8pm sessions, in St Andrew's Parish Room.

Messy Church

Saturday March 7th 4pm-5.30pm

All the family are welcome to come along to Messy Church at St. Andrew's Church Hall for Bible stories, crafts, food & fun! For more info please contact Naomi on 07864 127523



Regular Events

Little Sparklers every Tuesday 10am-11.30am

Knit Wits every Monday (not BHs) 2pm-4pm

Afternoon Tea Tues March 10th 3.30pm-5pm

Forget me not Café Fri March 20th 10.30-12

TMNC every Tuesday 7.30pm-9pm

St. Peter's Toddlers Every Thursday 10am-11.30am