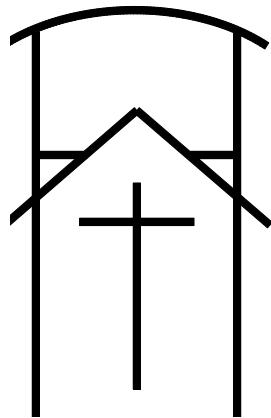


Church in the Westlands

Easter 2022



LINK

ST ANDREW'S

Anglican Church

Rev'd Andrew Dawswell

www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk

Faith in the Future: Church and Community Hub Building Project

We are aiming to construct a modern facility which, in addition to hosting church activities, can also be booked for community use. This should be able to accommodate both existing and new groups, including uniformed children's organisations, social activities, and groups for older people. It is hoped to start building in summer 2022 - subject to tender and appointment of a constructor. Our website gives more details including a new Q&A Section.

An appeal to our congregation has received a generous response. In addition, two fundraising events are planned, which will enable members of the wider community to show their support:

All Things Bright & Beautiful

We are busy knitting and crocheting flowers, insects & animals, to be fixed on a net, to decorate the front of the church in the spring and summer to make a colourful display to brighten everyone up after difficult Covid times.



Look out for this, and if you enjoy seeing it, why not make a donation on our justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/westlandshall

If you don't want to wait until May, you can make a donation anyway!

Grand Charity Auction of Items and Talents

SATURDAY 7th MAY 2022, 10 AM – 12 NOON

At St Andrews's, Westlands

Doors open for viewing 8.30 AM

Entrance by Catalogue £3

Light Refreshments Available

PREVIEW OF ITEMS FRIDAY 6th MAY, 4.00-8.30PM

Mr. Charles Hanson has promised to be our Guest Auctioneer



We are still looking for donations of items of value to be auction lots.

All enquiries about the auction to:

Bob Bell 07768 516495

Email: faithinthefuture.auction@gmail.com

or **Chris Spicer 01782 629357**

Why not visit our website for updates on progress of these projects, including a list of some of the items that have so far been given to be auctioned

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Easter Message

The last couple of years have been the most turbulent times that most of us have ever experienced. No sooner had we felt that we were making progress in the battle with Covid, we were confronted with graphic pictures of war in Eastern Europe. It's understandable why cynicism or despair can set in.

The bible sees a source of lasting hope, though, in the events that took place on the first Easter Day 2000 years ago.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 1st Peter 1v3

In the life, the death, and the miraculous resurrection of Jesus, God has demonstrated his continuing commitment to our world. Believers can taste something of the difference he makes in the new birth, the new life, that we experience when we come to faith in Christ. The raising of Jesus acts as concrete proof too that we can trust his promise to one day return to usher in an age without death or mourning or crying or pain.

As believers, of course we still share in others' anguish at our world's problems. And we rejoice when there's good news to celebrate of progress being made in overcoming some of them.

But the solid hope of a better future that we have comes ultimately not from human endeavours, but from what our Lord achieved through his death and resurrection.

Andrew Dawswell

Easter & Holy Week Services

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th April

7.30 pm Mon 11th (prayer meeting), Tues 12th (devotional service), Wed 13th (study group), Thurs 14th (Maundy Communion)

Good Friday (April 15th)

10.00am Good Friday Service
Children's activity morning in the Hall

12.00pm Churches together service by Guild-hall

2-3.00pm Devotional Service

Easter Sunday (April 17th)

5.45am 'Sonrise' open air service
(Bunny Hill, above Wye Road Community Centre)

Followed by services in St Andrew's at what are now the usual Sunday times of 8.30 am, 10.45am & 6.30pm

At 10.45 there is also a Sunday Club for 3-11's in the hall - although on some weeks (e.g. 8th May, 12th June we hold an all age service in church instead.

At the time of writing our 10.45am services are almost back to normal: we sing - face coverings not expected (although there is an area reserved for those who wish to sit with others who are wearing masks).

The early service (now at 8.30am) service continues to request that those who are able to, wear masks. It also offers extra spacing for those who feel the need to minimise their risk.

Xcite After School Club

For Years 5, 6 & 7

Mondays 4-5pm

St. Andrew's Hall

With games, crafts,

cooking, quizzes

Bible stories, chats,

chill time,

refreshments, and fun!

Mondays in term-time - 4th & 25th April, then weekly from 9th May onwards



Other regular church events in our hall...

Little Sparklers for parents and 0-3's

every Tuesday 10am-11am

Forget me not Café, for those who have been bereaved Fri Apr 8th 10.30am-12noon, then 20th May, 17th June,... (3rd Fridays)

Family events on

May 7th - Family Event/Messy Church (Sat pm)

June 5th - Jubilee Family Event (Sun pm)

July 2nd - Family Event/Messy Church (Sat pm)

More details – see our Families at Church in the Westlands Facebook page, or from our Children & Families' worker Naomi 07864 127523 naomi.westlands@gmail.com - All welcome.



Sat May 21st

10.30am - 12

Our Annual Open Café is back with stalls for plants, books, toys, bric-a-brac, cakes and craft. Car wash too.

Admission £1, children free. In aid of people throughout the world in greatest need.