

Faith in the Future



Church and Community Hub Building Project

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.

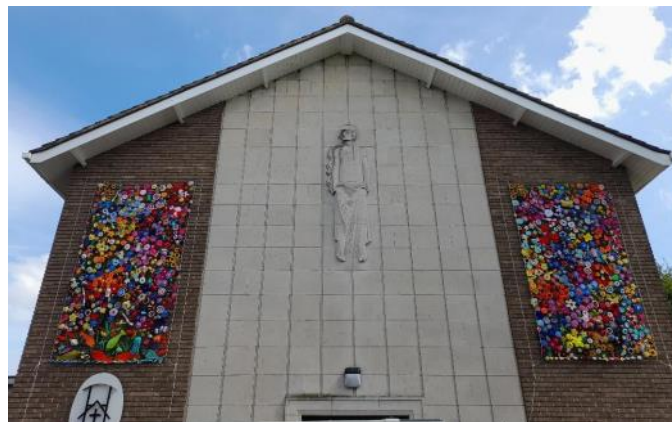
The detailed design work has now been completed and several local building firms are in the process of tendering for the contract. We are continuing to make good progress in gathering together the funding, including identifying a buyer for the old hall site. We are very grateful to all in the community who supported our very successful auction, or have made online donations. We are still hopeful of being able to start building work this summer, but with building costs rising, we won't be sure if that is possible until we receive the tender prices. More details are available on

www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk

All things bright and beautiful

We are very grateful to all who had a part to play: in knitting and crocheting the flowers, insects, animals & fish; in painstakingly affixing each one to the net; and in helping to get it into place on the front of our church building.

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all*

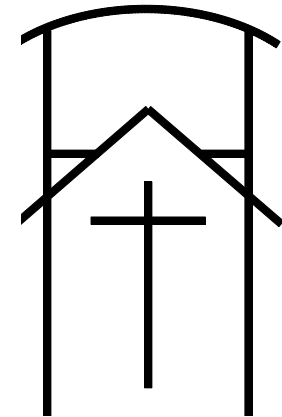


The effect has exceeded our expectations. If you haven't seen it yet, do come along to have a look, or to take a photo. In addition, there's a slightly smaller net inside, focusing on the animal kingdom. This can be seen when the church is open, on Mondays and Thursdays in term-time between 9.30am -3.00pm.

There is also a very warm invitation to join us at 10.45 on Sunday 26th June for a special service giving thanks for the project and celebrating that...
The Lord God made us all.

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June Message

In recent years there's been a growing awareness in the UK government and media of the many people throughout the world who, sadly, are denied freedom of religion or belief. In St Andrew's we've recently started supporting an organisation called Open Doors which aims to support the many persecuted Christians across the world.

Accounts of those who are marginalised or ill-treated for their faith in other nations firstly gives us a fresh appreciation of the virtue of living in a country where there is still largely freedom of religion. True, this means that eccentric and outlandish beliefs and ideologies may be allowed to persist. But the more that is prohibited today, the greater the danger that one day beliefs now considered to be mainstream might be banned.

The stories we have heard of those willing to face considerable hardship, rather than deny their faith, have also been an inspiration: Reminding us of the way in which believers down the centuries have considered their faith not just as a minor add-on to their lives. But to be of such immense value that, if necessary, they would be willing to lose anything and everything else that they hold dear. Jesus himself compared the kingdom he was bringing to a precious pearl. Of such great value that a genuine collector might be willing to trade everything else that they owned in order to be able to attain it.

We invite you to join us to discover more about the treasure we consider we have found in Christ. That, we believe, is of far greater value than anything else that this world offers.

Andrew Dawswell

Sunday Services

Our main service each week is at 10.45 am, including Sunday Club for 3-11's

We enjoy singing together and refreshments afterwards, so apart from ensuring extra ventilation, for most people this service is almost completely back to normal. *However the far right aisle - the south transept- is reserved for those wearing face coverings, in order to give the option of sitting in an area where everybody else should be masked*

8.30 am

Safer service, with plenty of space in our large building for good distancing, mask-wearing, and without singing.

6.30 pm in church.

In addition we envisage continuing with online services for quite a while, which will be available on our Church in the Westlands Youtube channel.

Platinum Jubilee

As part of our worship on 5th June, our worship will include thanksgiving for the contribution to the life of our nation, and to the church, by The Queen.



Forget me not Cafe

For all who are bereaved, whether recently or some time ago. An opportunity to meet with others in a similar position over coffee, tea and biscuits, in the church hall between 10.30-12noon on the 3rd Friday of the month (17th June, 15th July, 19th August...)



Weekly activities

Sunday Club for 3-11's.. Activities, Games, Quizzes and Bible Stories to help children learn about the Christian faith. This meets initially at 10.45 in church, to enable children to join in with the first few minutes of our worship. On All Age Sundays (12 June, 10 July...) we remain together for our 45 minute service.

Xcite After School Club For Years 5, 6 & 7
With games, crafts, cooking, quizzes, Bible stories, chats, chill time, refreshments, and fun!
every Monday 4-5pm

Little Sparklers for parents and 0-3's
every Tuesday 10-11am

Special Family events...

Sun June 5th 12noon - Jubilee Family Picnic
Sat July 2nd 2.30pm- Family Event/Messy Church

More details from our Children & Families' worker, Naomi 07864 127523
naomi.westlands@gmail.com or via our Facebook page for Families at Church in the Westlands .
This will also, next month, have the booking details for our holiday club week for 4-11's, taking place from 8-12th August, 10am-12noon.

All welcome