

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.

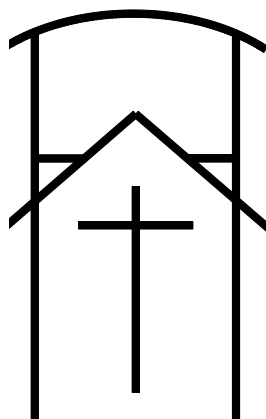
We are grateful to all in the community who have supported this project in different ways. Our auction raised around £7,000, and donations of scrap metal over £1,500.

The project has been delayed a little but we are continuing to make progress. More details of the project are available on our website

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Church in the Westlands

Summer 2022



LINK

ST ANDREW'S

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Holiday Club
in St. Andrew's Church



Mon 8th - Fri 12th Aug - 10am to 12

For children aged 5 to 11 (Reception to Year 6)

Includes games, crafts, Bible stories, prayers,
keep fit, songs, messy challenges and loads more!

Contact naomi.westlands@gmail.com for booking

Summer Message

‘Summertime.. and the living is easy’ is a song that many warm to. And most of us enjoy too the *reality* of summertime, with the opportunities it brings to be out and about a bit more. Whether that be relaxing in our own gardens, a UK break—or enjoying the freedom again to fly to even sunnier climes.

At the same time, Summer this year seems to have brought with it more than its fair share of concerns and anxieties. Even if there are good amounts of sunshine to enjoy, summertime in 2022 seems to be a long way from the easy living that the song-writer celebrates.

For many, wondering how we will make ends meet amidst rapidly rising prices is now a pressing concern. The war in Ukraine continues. As I write, there is great uncertainty in the UK’s government and politics. And we are aware that Covid has not completely gone away either.

Those with a faith do not, of course, have an immunity from these kinds of issues and concerns. But we look to the Lord, assured that, in the words of Psalm 46 ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.’ And we pray that others might also find, in God: his grace, support and strength in their lives too.

Andrew Dawswell

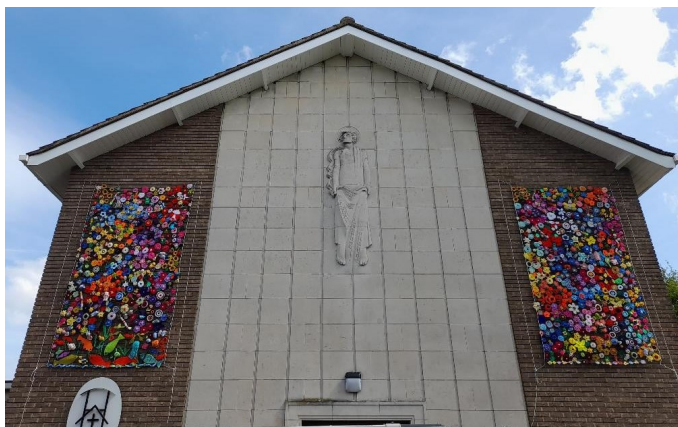
Sunday Services

Each week at 8.30am, 10.45am and 6.30pm

We also continue to offer a half hour online service each week, now in conjunction with St Giles’. This is available on Youtube, alternating between the St Giles Newcastle and Church in the Westlands channels. If you don’t have access to the internet you can instead listen to the service on 01782 454883. As well as providing for those who are still concerned about Covid, or are housebound, this also gives an opportunity for others to get a preview of our worship, before joining us in-person. In recent months, it’s been great to welcome people to our services who have tried us online first!

Our worship is, thankfully, largely back to how it was pre-covid. Having a large building and maintaining good ventilation reduces the risks - especially at our 8.30am and 6.30pm services where there’s less of a crowd.

In addition, at each of the services there are areas reserved for those wearing face coverings, so that there is the option of sitting in an area where everybody else should be masked.



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 (19th August, 16th September, 21st October...)



Thank you...

to all who supported our Tearfund Open Café - £1300 was raised at this event. At around the same time many local people supported Christian Aid week too. These organisations continue to provide support for people in areas of particular need throughout the world.

Weekly activities

... will be resuming in September

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 (14 August, 11 Sept, 9 Oct...) 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!
Mondays 4-5pm

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