

## Harvest Sunday

We will be celebrating God's provision on Sunday services on 9th October at 8.30am, 10.45am and 6.30pm.

A warm welcome to join us if you can.



*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever!  
Psalm 118, verse 1*

## Church and Community Hub Building Project

For some time we had been pursuing a proposal to replace our current hall with an extension to the church. Regrettably, when tenders were returned there was a huge increase in the cost from what had been anticipated by our quantity surveyor and architect. Though we are sadly unable to proceed with this plan, we remain keen to do what we can to provide up-to-date facilities in the Westlands for church and community use, and so are actively pursuing other possibilities.

## Prayer for our leaders and nation



The bible includes the instruction to churches and believers.. *that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way* (1 Timothy 2:1,2)

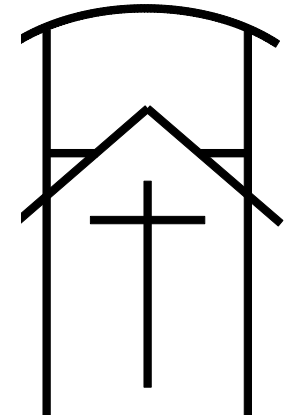
This is a regular component of our church worship, and of course it is having a special prominence as we join with others in giving thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II, and pray for both our new King—and our new prime minister too—as they take up the reins of office.

God of love,  
We thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may find comfort and hope in your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King,  
and for all who serve in government.  
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
Help us to work together so that truth and justice,  
harmony and fairness flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

# Church in the Westlands

October 2022



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## ST ANDREW'S

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## October Message

There's an unattributed saying 'Change is here to stay'. The Queen's death has brought a reminder how much life in the UK has changed since she began her reign in 1952. And now, sadly, the one constant figure in our public life over that period is no longer with us.

A number of those changes, of course, are extremely welcome. Many benefit hugely from hospital treatments that just a few years ago would have sounded like science fiction – but are now being delivered fairly routinely by the NHS. Other changes, we may be less certain about. And for a number of people, particularly as we ourselves get older, the continual nature of change can be hard to cope with. Some may at times feel a certain sympathy with the cry 'stop the world I want to get off'.

Almost all Christian churches, of course, change and adapt their worship over the years. We had originally planned to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Andrew's current church building by playing a recording of the 1962 opening service. But then realised that expectations and norms for worship had altered too much for this to be feasible. But we nonetheless point to the Lord's unchanging nature. The bible celebrates that 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever' *Hebrews 13:8*

We are privileged to bear witness to how faith in God can and does give us a stability and assurance—that we believe can't be found anywhere else—to help us make the most of life in the changing world that he has given us.

Andrew Dawswell

## Sunday Services

Each week at **8.30am, 10.45am and 6.30pm**  
*including Sunday Club for 3-11's at 10.45 am*

We also continue to offer a half hour online service each week 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 on 01782 454883.

## Special Services

**9 October 10.45am Harvest Sunday All age worship (also 8.30am and 6.30pm)**

**Sunday 16th October 10.45am Churches together in Newcastle Pulpit exchange**

**Sunday 16th October 4.00pm Memorial and Thanksgiving service**, for those we have loved and lost (NB in place of 6.30pm service)

**Sunday 13th Nov 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service**

**Sunday 4th Dec 4.30pm Christingle Service**

## 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 (9 Oct & 11 Dec) we remain together for our 45 minute service.

**Xcite After School Club** For Years 6, 7 & 8  
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

## Pakistan Floods Appeal

With an estimated third of Pakistan under water, help is desperately needed. The main UK agencies are again pooling resources as part of the Disasters Emergencies Committee, with the first £5million of donations being match funded by the UK government too. Among the routes to give are [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) or [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk) Alternatively if you prefer to give by phone, Tearfund's number is 020 3906 3906.

## Newcastle Foodbank

Our local foodbank reports a a 50% increase in demand recently, leading to shortages in their warehouse. The following items are particularly needed: Long Life Milk, Tinned Cold Meat - Ham/Corned Beef/etc, Pasta sauce, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Sponge Puddings, Sugar, Mash Potatoes, Biscuits, Chocolate, Shower Gel/ Shampoo, Deodorants, Shaving Gel & Razors.

There are foodbank collection boxes in several local supermarkets, or items can be left at the collection point at the back of St Andrews. As well as Sunday worship, the building is also open for individual prayer on Mondays & Thursdays during term-time from 9.30-3pm

## 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 (21st October, 18th November, 16th December)

