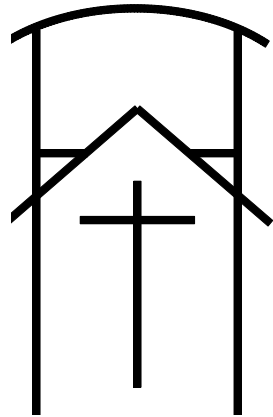


Church in the Westlands

Christmas 2022



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ST ANDREW'S

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Christingle Service



Sun Dec 4th 4.30pm
All are welcome to our annual candle-lit service which is ideal for children—to enable us to begin celebrating the coming of Jesus as The Light of the World.



Christmas Services

Carol Service

Sun Dec 11th 6.30 pm

Open Air Service at Guildhall

Sat Dec 17th 12 noon

All Age Carol Service

Sun Dec 18th 10.45 am

Christmas Eve

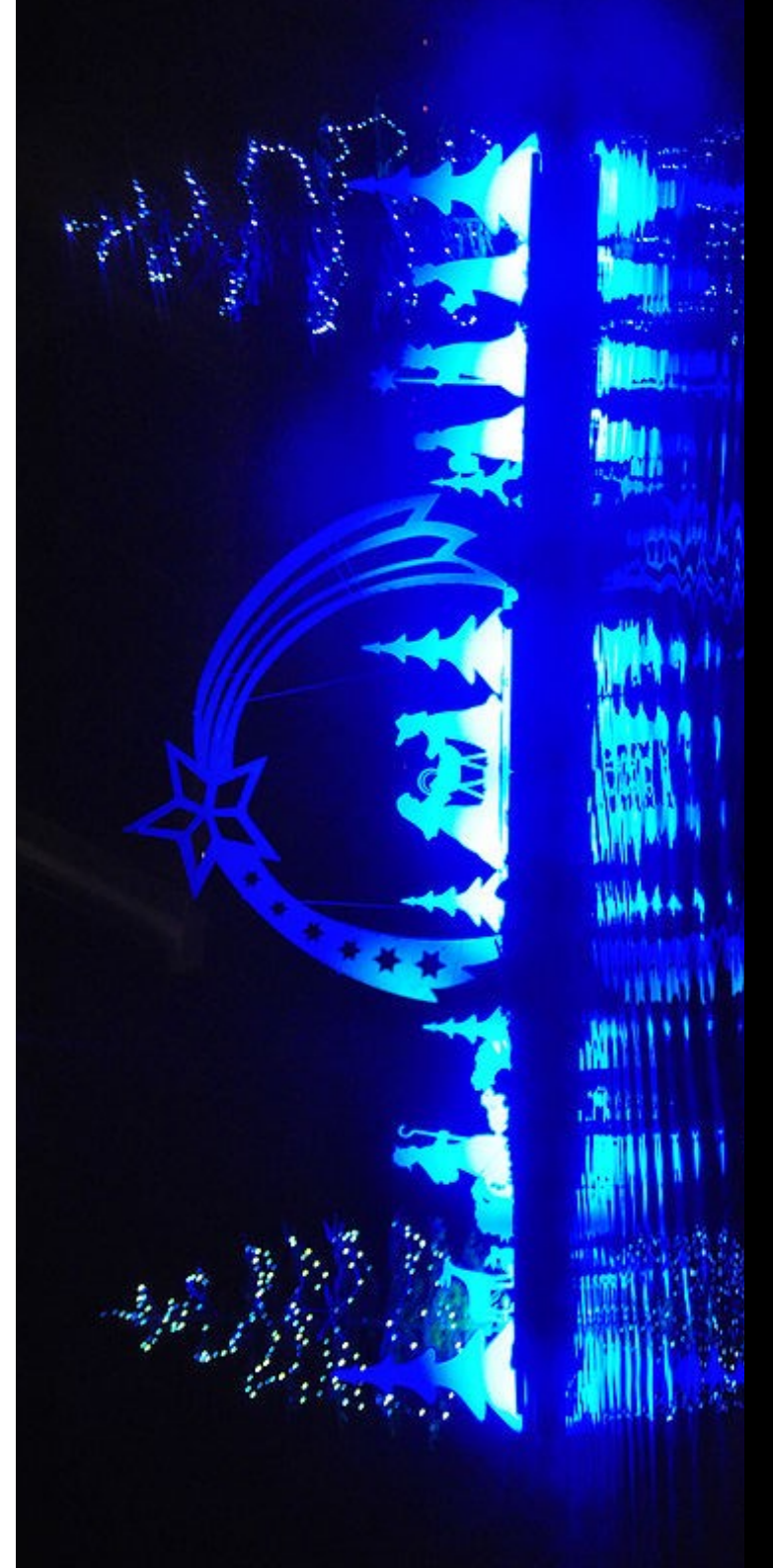
Crib Service 3.30 pm

Midnight Communion 11.30 pm

Christmas Day

All Age Service followed by Holy Communion 10.45 am

We are also offering a warm welcome to Seabridge, Coppice, Friarswood, Langdale & Westlands schools for their Christmas Services during the week of 12-16th December.



Christmas Message

The man born to be King

'The man born to be king' might sound like a potential title for a biography of Charles III, or for that matter William or George. In fact it was the name given by the author Dorothy L Sayers to a celebrated dramatization of the life of Jesus some years ago.

Like 'the Crown' in our day, I gather the play was quite contentious. Many unbelievers were opposed to what they considered to be free publicity for the Christian faith. Quite a few Christians objected on principle to the script-writer putting words into Jesus' mouth.

But the title is at least true to the earliest accounts we have of Jesus' coming in the gospels of Luke and Matthew. With his birth in Bethlehem being seen by the nation's advisors as fulfilling a longstanding prophecy that 'from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people, Israel.'

Many may be hesitant about why we need another king. Some might prefer that we didn't have any king at all. But the prophet Micah's words give a clue as to why Jesus' kingly claims over our lives is so welcomed by Christians. Many rulers in ancient times were concerned solely about their own self-aggrandisement. But Jesus' life was lived for others. On the first Good Friday, he gave his life for the salvation of the human race. And those who believe in him can testify personally to his kindness and care. Ruling not as a tyrant, but as a caring shepherd.

We invite you to join us this Christmas-time to discover something of the difference that Jesus can bring to your lives too—as both shepherd and king.

Andrew Dawswell

Little Sparklers

For 0-3's and their parents or carers, with Bible stories, toys and a chance to chat. From 10-11am on Tuesday mornings in St Andrew's parish room (round the back of the church.)



Meeting till 13th Dec then restarting from 17th Jan. Just turn up or contact Naomi on 07864 127523

Weekday activities

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 in the Parish Room

Messy church— For Children and Parents, in the Hall
Saturdays 7th Jan & 4th Feb 2.30-4pm

Forget me not Café 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 parish room (round the back of the church.)
3rd Fridays 10.30-12noon
(16th Dec, 20 Jan, 17 Feb)



Sunday Services

Each week at 8.30, 10.45am and 6.30pm

At 10.45 am this includes 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 (18 Dec & 8 Jan) we remain together for our 45 minute service.

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.

Toy Service

Please bring your unwanted toys- in good condition- to our 10.30am gift service on Dec 11th. They will be given to support local children linked to the Glow refuge in Newcastle.

Crib service

Christmas Eve 3.30pm

All children are invited to take part in the Christmas story. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character or borrow a costume when you arrive!

Bring a handmade decorated crown and you can hang it on our Christmas tree.

