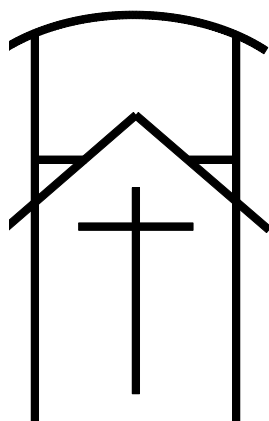


Church in the Westlands

Easter 2023



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ST ANDREW'S

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Easter and Holy Week Services



Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th April

7.30 pm Mon 3rd (prayer meeting), Tues 4th (devotional service), Wed 5th (study group), Thurs 6th (Maundy Communion)

Good Friday (April 7th)

10.00am Good Friday Service

Messy Church in the Hall

12.00pm Churches together service by Guildhall

2.00pm Devotional Service

Easter Sunday (April 9th)

5.45am 'Sonrise' open air service

(Bunny Hill, above Wye Road Community Centre)

Followed by celebration services in St Andrew's at the usual Sunday times of:

8.30am, 10.45am & 6.30pm

& also Church in the Westlands Youtube channel

At 10.45 there is also a Sunday Club for 3-11's in the hall - although Easter Sunday is one of the special weeks when instead our main 10.45 service is designed to be suitable for all ages (the others coming up are 14th May & 11th June).

Open



Café



Plants

Books

Toys & Games

Bric-a-Brac

Cakes



Car wash Chocolate lucky dip Crafts

Sat May 20st 10.30am - 12noon

Admission £1, children free. All proceeds go to support Tearfund's relief and development work in the poorest parts of the world

Little Sparklers

Little Sparklers Toddler Group is a friendly and fun space for babies, toddlers (0-3 year olds) and their parents, grandparents or carers. So if you have a little one at home and would appreciate a warm place to meet others for encouragement and a listening ear, then just turn up at St Andrew's Parish Room (accessible from our rear car park) on any Tuesday in term-time at 10am or contact Naomi on 07864 127523

Easter Message

A recent news story reported that a lorry containing 200,000 crème eggs had been stolen, causing the police to panic that Easter might be ruined. However, they need not have been unduly concerned, as even the loss of 200,000 crème eggs would have represented only a small fraction of the 200 *million* that Cadburys produce for the UK market each year.

So, there's not much danger of Easter being dropped from our national calendar! At the same time though, the meaning of Easter can easily be submerged... in a sea of chocolate. Recent surveys show that nearly half of the UK population saw Easter eggs, hot cross buns, and having a day off for the bank holiday as of more significance to the Easter season than Jesus.

But Christians maintain that recollecting the death and resurrection of Jesus isn't merely a reluctant seasonal duty. Rather, that the events we celebrate at Easter-time are central to our life and faith throughout the year. For the bible teaches that

'Jesus was handed over to die for our sins, and he was raised from death to make us right with God'
Romans 4:25

Through the extra-ordinary events of the first Easter, the way to God is now open to every single person. Whatever the past, our sins can be pardoned. We can enjoy, through the resurrection of Jesus, a new kind of life, with God at the centre. Which is not only life-changing here and now; it also is able to extend into eternity. Why not join us *this Easter* to find out more?

Andrew Dawswell

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,. We meet in our parish room—directly accessible from the rear car park. The café operates between 10.30-12noon on the 3rd Friday of the month (21st April, 19th May, 16th June)



Xcite Club



All 11 to 13 year olds (School Years 6 to 8) are welcome to our Xcite Club in St. Andrew's Parish room. directly accessible from the rear car park

We meet together every Monday in term time from 4 to 5pm .

We have Wii games, table football, snacks, discussions about life and faith, cooking and crafts. There are also trips out to the cinema, day trips and other special events

All welcome.

For more info. contact Naomi on 07864 127523

Coronation Weekend



Saturday 6th May: Westminster Abbey Service

After the big event, we are running Messy Church for children & families -exact times to be confirmed

Sunday 7th May: Celebrations

People in the locality are planning a coronation party on the square—If you are willing to help , please text 07818 661187

There will also be services in St Andrew's at the usual times of 8.30, 10.45 and 6.30

Monday 8th May: The Big Help Out

All kinds of community groups will be appealing for help with a variety of initiatives. Why not look for opportunities to help—details will be shown on thebighelpout.org.uk

Afternoon Tea

All are welcome to come and join us for afternoon tea, which generally takes place on the Tuesday of the 2nd week of the month (i.e. 11 April, 9 May, 13 June)

3.00 pm in St Andrew's Hall

Cost £4 -pay on the day, Please book by contacting Glenys on 01782

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