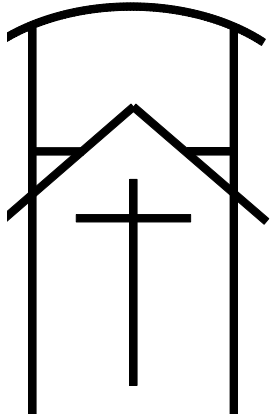


Church in the



Westlands

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ST ANDREW'S

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Harvest Sunday

We will be celebrating God's provision on Sunday services on 8th October. There's a very warm welcome to join us if you can

8.30am—Shorter traditional service

10.45am—All Age Worship

6.30pm—Café church (in the parish room)

We will also be joining in with the national Tear Fund Big Quiz Night, to support their work in seeking to end poverty across the world.



*O, give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures
for ever!*

Psalms 118, verse 1

And each week...

There's a welcome too to any of our regular Sunday services at 8.30am, 10.45am and 6.30pm; and to our Remembrance Sunday service at 10.45 on 12th November

Also online worship via our website and the Church in the Westlands Youtube channel

Faith in the Future: Church and Community Hub

We are continuing with our new plan to replace our current church hall. We are grateful to all who supported last month's garage sale, which raised a little over £1,000.

Charity Evening with Charles Hanson

Wednesday 27th September 7.00 pm
at Newcastle under Lyme Golf Club, ST5 2QB

- Wine & Cheese
- Talk by Charles on his Antiques Career
- Up to 30 Valuations (pre-booked @ £5.00)

Tickets £27.50 from 07768 516495 or Golf Club



Harvest Message

I often enjoy walking from Westlands to Keele through 'the Butts' and the fields. On a couple of very late evenings in August, I was able to watch the wheat being harvested. This reminded me of the vital and demanding agricultural work that is done to provide for our needs – many working very long hours to make the very most of the available daylight. And all to ensure that the food that we need is readily available on our supermarket shelves.



These days all kinds of organisations will describe themselves as a 'provider': from healthcare to financial services; education - to the internet. The Bible uses similar language to remind us of the different ways in which God provides for his people.

Do join us for our harvest services as we remember—both the people who in many different ways ensure that our needs are provided. And as well as that, the God who we are pleased to call *our provider*.

Andrew Dawswell



Each Sunday at 10.45 there are activities for 3-11's to enjoy and help them understand the Christian faith. Most weeks we run a Sunday Club, which takes place in our church hall after participating in the beginning of our main church service; although we all remain in church for All Age Services on 8th Oct & 10th Dec.

Xcite Club

is re-launching with a new age range— school years 4 to 7. Includes Wii games, table football, snacks, discussions about life and faith, cooking and crafts. Mondays in term time 4-5pm in St. Andrew's Parish room. directly accessible from the rear car park.



Other activities for children and families

Little Sparklers Toddler Group— a friendly and fun space for babies, toddlers (0-3 year olds) and their parents, grandparents or carers. Tuesdays in term-time at 10-11am in St Andrew's Parish Room

Messy Church— bring your children. 2.30-4.00pm on Saturday Oct 7th and Nov 18th. There is also our Christingle service at 4.30pm on Sun 3rd Dec.

More details of all of the above activities available from Naomi Savage naomi.westlands@gmail.com 07864 127523 or on our facebook page for Families at Church in the Westlands.

Craft and Chat

Come along and join our monthly Craft and Chat Group on the first Monday of each month, 2 pm to 3.30 pm. Social time with a cuppa and biscuits; bring whatever craft you enjoy such as knitting, crochet or embroidery, or just bring yourself! All in St Andrew's Parish Room . For more details, contact Margaret on 01782 612009.

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. next on 10th Oct) 3.00pm in St Andrew's Hall Cost £4 -pay on the day Please book by contacting Glenys on mrsghenysgill@gmail.com 01782 625924. Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance.

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,. We meet in our parish room—directly accessible from the rear car park. The café operates each month on a Friday between 10.30-12noon (22nd Sept, 20th Oct, 24th Nov, 15th Dec)

Renew Westlands Café

Every Wednesday in the parish room, drop in any-time between 1.30-4.00. Especially for any who are

- a bit lonely and want a chat
- anxious but would value a safe place. Including a cuppa and the option of crafts, jigsaw, games etc.