



St Andrew's Westlands

A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.

After the 10.45 service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall.

Sunday, 14th January

8.30 am Holy Communion

Isaiah 54:1-8 (p.743) John 3:22-36 (p.1071)

10.45 am All Age Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Café Church, Parish Room

Collect for: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

*Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*



**Welcoming the
whole community**



**Discovering
God's love**



**Following
Jesus' teaching**

The church building is also open on Monday & Thursday 9.30-3.00

Mon 15 th Jan	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
Tues 16 th Jan	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 17 th Jan	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via MSTeams
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Fri 19 th Jan	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 21 st Jan	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Holy Communion – We will be welcoming Caroline Jiggins, speaking about the work of Tearfund
	6.30 pm	Ecumenical Service at St George's

Christian Ministry to Those Struggling With Alcohol and Substance Misuse ... this important subject will be the main focus of the Deanery Synod Meeting on Wednesday (17th January). Malcolm Mycock, team vicar of Bucknall, who also runs the 'Keys' project will be leading us. It is at St Thomas, Kidsgrove with refreshments from 7.00 pm and a 7.30 pm start. As with almost all of our Deanery Synod Meetings, it is very much open to all - do have a word with one of our Deanery Synod Reps (Andrew, Chris and Glenys Gill, Helen and Alan Swanborough) to find out more, or if you would like a lift.

Churches Together Service ... to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Newcastle Churches Together's Annual United Service will be held next Sunday (21st January) at 6.30 pm in St George's Church. Taps Mtemachani, pastor of Temple church, Newcastle will be speaking, and we will also be hearing updates from Newcastle Foodbank and the North Staffs Blaze 24/7 youth ministry - with an opportunity to give to support them both. All welcome - this will replace our evening service in the Westlands.

Christmas Quiz ... we are grateful to Linda and Les Stonier for organising this, and for all who took part. £123 was raised for the new hall. Congratulations to the winners, Chris and Linda Spicer, and Tracey Holland.

Notices From Previous Weeks

New Hall ... it is (largely) good news about our planning application - as it has been approved by Newcastle Borough Council, and without any extra conditions that could have added significantly to the cost. However, although the preliminary ecology survey indicates a low likelihood of bats being present, we are still required to follow its recommendations to commission a bat activity survey for mid-May, to see if any are roosting in the old hall roof. If this does not identify any bats we should then be able to go ahead with the project fairly promptly. However, if bats were to be spotted by the survey, there would then be further delays to enable two more surveys to be undertaken in subsequent months, to agree a bat mitigation plan, to obtain a licence and (conceivably) also to await the best time of year to demolish for that particular species of bat. It is a bit frustrating as our advisors could have got us to do all this last August. We are where we are though - if nothing else, church building projects teach you patience, and it is very good news that planning permission has been granted!

Legacies ... we are very grateful to all who give generously to St Andrew's. In addition to regular and one-off giving, church funds have been boosted by several very generous legacies - which are providing a significant part of the funding for the new hall project. Over the last couple of years PCC funds have also been helped by some further legacies, from the estates of Pam Gotham, Isabelle Cooper and John Moseley. If any are considering writing a will, future generations at St Andrew's could be greatly helped in their mission through this kind of generosity.

Hope Explored ... we are planning to offer *Hope Explored*, a 3 week introductory course to the Christian Faith. It will include short videos and time for discussion; and will also be suitable for anyone wanting a 'refresher' course, or for any adults interested in the possibility of being confirmed. Please speak to the vicar if you would like to know more.

Snow/Ice ... over winter it is possible there will be snowfall or ice on the church grounds. We will endeavour to keep a pedestrian route to the front door clear on Sundays. But even this is not always possible, and if the weather is particularly hazardous there may be occasions when we could close the car park for safety and ask cars to park on the road.

If there is anyone who lives nearby that could volunteer to join our small team of snow-clearing volunteers either on a Saturday or Sunday morning, please have a chat with Andrew.

Used Postage Stamps ... please remember to save your used postage stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church. The preferred way is to cut them from the envelopes, leaving a small border. Stamps are accepted by the Oxfam Shop, not just at Christmas but all year round and are taken regularly.

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