



## 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, 28<sup>th</sup> January

8.30 am Holy Communion

Hebrews 11:32-12:2 (p.1212) Mark 6:17-29 (p.1014)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

### Collect for: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

*God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of 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

## **This week ...**

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	PCC, Parish Room
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via MSTeams
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Holy Communion, Parish Room
	7.45 pm	Singing Practice, Parish Room
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	2.30 pm	Messy Church, Church Hall
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

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

**Naomi** ... your prayers are urgently requested for Naomi Savage, our Children & Families Worker. Many will be aware that she had been off work for most of the last 3 weeks. It has now been diagnosed that this was because of a cancerous brain tumour. Surgery in Liverpool was scheduled for Friday (26<sup>th</sup>). As well as praying for Naomi, please pray for her family too - especially her parents Hilary and Steve, and her sisters Michelle and Liz as they support her.

**Messy Church** ... though we may not always be able to cover all of Naomi's duties, we are very grateful for those who have agreed to step in. Please pray especially for Glenys Gill and Karen Gallagher who are leading this Saturday's (3<sup>rd</sup> February) Messy Church. Also, if you are aware of any parents/carers and 0-9's who might enjoy it, do pass the invitation on. It is in the hall from 2.30 - 4.00 pm.

## **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**New Edition of Link** ... thank you to all who help deliver Links, the next edition is now ready for collection.

**Church Weekly Emails** ... are sent out each week, with a full version of the notice sheet. If you want to be added (or subtracted) from the blind circulation list, please email me the Vicar.

**Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal** ... thank you so much for all your shoeboxes and donations. Nationally, the final total was 26,417 Family & Elderly Shoeboxes. A small team went out to Romania this year to distribute some of them. They have written a Shoebox Delivery Diary to update you on what happened when they were there which can be accessed online via [this link](#)

In addition to also sending thousands of shoeboxes to Ukraine they write 'were also able to fund several short term projects over the Christmas period. We are very aware of the continued plight of IDF (internally displaced people) who remain as refugees in their own country without homes or belongings. We funded a soup project, Christmas meals, food parcels for families with disabled children, support for injured soldiers and mothers and families living in a safe house.' More information is available online via [this link](#)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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