



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, 4th February

8.30 am Morning Worship

Acts 19:1-7 (p.1118) John 1:19-34 (p.1068)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

Collect for: The Second Sunday Before Lent

*Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the
Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.*



Welcoming the
whole community



Discovering
God's love



Following
Jesus' teaching

This week ...

Mon 5 th Feb	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat, Parish Room
	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting, Parish Room
Tues 6 th Feb	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Social Media Meeting, Parish Room
Wed 7 th Feb	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via MSTeams
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 8 th Feb	8.00 pm	Worship Committee, Parish Room
Fri 9 th Feb	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom.
Sun 11 th Feb	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	All Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Café Church, Parish Room

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

Naomi ... thank you for your ongoing prayers for Naomi, our Children and Families worker, following the diagnosis of a malignant brain tumour. After last Friday's surgery, she was thankfully able to be discharged on Wednesday and is now with her parents in Wales. The next stage of the treatment is chemotherapy, which will hopefully be able to begin within a matter of days.

New Hall Progress ... we have had very helpful discussions with Fords our builders and our recently appointed agent/clergy-of-works (a local firm of architects, Ellis Hillman). As reported before, work is delayed until at least June due to the planning requirement for a bat observation survey, which can't be done whilst most species are still hibernating. Nonetheless Fords and their architects Crofts are beginning on the detailed design; applying for building regulations approval; and preparing to submit other advance documentation required by the planning conditions. We are making progress too towards signing an industry-standard 'JCT' contract, which will firmly fix the price of most components of the project.

We are also very grateful for those who have responded so generously to the appeal, which has seen something like an extra £43,000 given or pledged since the end of November. We remain very open to more giving! This will enable us to help meet any unforeseen extra costs and/or to avoid having to reduce the resources available for the ongoing ministry of the church too greatly. In addition, at least one further fundraising event is being planned....

Mini-Auction and Sale Saturday 27th April ... advance notice of this event in aid of the Hall Fund, similar to the Garage Sale that we held in 2023. If you are spring cleaning or clearing out your garage or shed, please bear this in mind and keep back any items that you think might be saleable and useful. Any enquiries or offers of help to Bob Bell or Margaret Hollins.

2024 Lent Course ... will be focussing on the account of the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross, looking at Luke chapters 22-24. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays in the Parish Room (either 10.30 am or 7.30 pm for five sessions beginning on Wednesday 21st March. There will be a mix of Bible study and discussion and we will begin and end with worship and prayer too. As always, you don't need to say anything or pray out loud – you can merely sit back and listen. There is a sign-up sheet in church, or those reading the notice sheet online can use [this link](#)

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday 13th February in St Andrew's Church Hall at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to come and join with others for afternoon tea. Cost £4. Please pay on the day. Places can be booked by contacting Glenys Gill or Sara Froggatt. Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance. We hope a good number of our Church family and friends will be able to join us. Offers of help will also be gratefully received.

The 'Young at Heart' Project ... managed by Father Hudson's Care, is envisaging launching a Clayton social group (Fridays from 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm at St James' Church Hall, frequency to be decided). It is looking to recruit volunteers - if you are interested in knowing more please contact: e-mail:LakshmiPillai@fatherhudsons.org.uk tel: 07587 034299

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.

Notices From Previous Weeks

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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Transport to 10.30 service: 07951 674453 on the morning.8.30-9.30 am
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