



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, 11th February

8.30 am Holy Communion

Revelation 7:9-17 (p.1240) Luke 2:26-43 (p.1033)

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 Sunday Next Before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 ...

- Tues 13th Feb 3.00 pm Afternoon Tea, Church Hall
- Wed 14th Feb 8.30 am Morning Prayer via MS Teams
1.30 pm Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
7.10 pm Prayers for Naomi, Office/Meeting Room
7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion, Parish Room
- Fri 16th Feb 7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
- Sun 18th Feb 8.30 am Morning Worship
10.45 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

With the schools on holiday, there are no open building days this week

Update on Naomi, our Children & Families' Worker ... our understanding is that the current plan is for treatment to start in 2 weeks time; with 6 weeks of chemotherapy and radiotherapy together, then a month's break, then more chemotherapy. Naomi is very grateful to all who are praying for her; and we have decided to have a short prayer meeting for her each Wednesday at 7.10 pm in the Office/Meeting Room next to the Parish Room. All welcome.

Jesus Christ Superstar at the Regent Theatre ... Matt Bateman is performing, and his family have access to tickets at around 1/2 price for Monday-Thursday – via Marie.

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank ... are in urgent need of carrier bags. Please leave at back of church near Mr Noisy's Room.

Notices From Previous Weeks

New Hall Progress ... we have had very helpful discussions with Fords our builders and our recently appointed agent/clerk-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 February. 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.

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