



# St Andrew's Westlands

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Welcoming the whole community



Discovering God's love



Following Jesus' teaching

## Mini-auction and sale

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am to 12.30 p.m.

*Proceeds to the new hall development fund.*

Stalls will include jigsaws, books, pottery, household items, tools, bric-a-brac, etc.

Mini-auction items are likely to include ladders, a billiard/snooker table, a basketball net, a Drew & Cole cooker, an airbed, a dehumidifier, 2 sets of garage shelves and 2 compost bins.



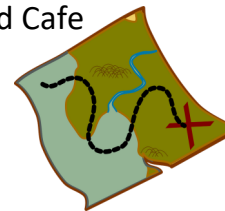
Come and grab a bargain, enjoy a late breakfast or early lunch!

Refreshments including coffee, tea, bacon baps, oatcakes, cakes. Free entry.

## Later this year...

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May — Annual Tearfund Cafe

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July — Hog Roast & Treasure Hunt giving thanks for our old hall

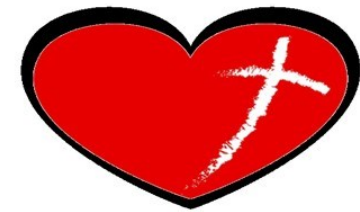


Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct — Beetle Drive with Fish & Chips

Other events envisaged later this year include:  
Launch of Book Club  
Christmas Wreath Making

There's a warm welcome to the whole community to all of our events

## Easter & Holy Week Services



Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Devotional service
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Devotional service
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Study group
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion

### Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>)

- 9.45 am Messy Church in the Hall
- 10.00 am Good Friday Service
- 12.00pm Churches together service by Guildhall
- 2.00pm Devotional Service

### Easter Sunday (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

6.15am 'Sonrise' open air service (above Wye Road Community Centre)

Followed by celebration services at the usual Sunday times of:

8.30am, 10.45am & 6.30pm

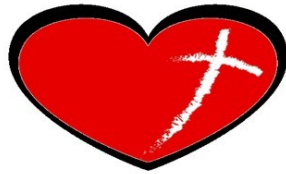
At 10.45 there is usually also a Sunday Club for 3-11's in the hall - although Easter Sunday is one of the special weeks when instead our main 10.45 service is designed to be suitable for all ages (the others coming up are 14<sup>th</sup> April & 12<sup>th</sup> May).

## Easter Message

This month, I'm focusing on the central part of St Andrew's new 'welcome message', Discovering God's love.

Many begin to sense God's greatness—and his care for us—by experiencing the wonder of creation. That's a great starting point! And Christians

believe that we see God's love even more clearly in the sending of his Son to our world. In Jesus life and teaching; in his resurrection from the dead on the first Easter Sunday; and also perhaps most surprisingly of all in his death on the cross for our salvation. The bible includes the following claim:



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...at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:6-8*

As many are all too aware, even the most apparently sincere declarations of love can sometimes evaporate into nothing. But the Christian understanding is that we discover the Lord's love not just in his words to us, but even more in his actions— In his being willing to come to our world and to give up his life to bear our sins. What's more, God's commission to his church is to help as many as possible to find out about his love, and to invite each one to return to him and to discover it as a reality in our own lives.

Andrew Dawswell

## Xcite Club

All 9/10 to 11/12 year olds (School Years 5 to 7) are welcome to our Xcite Club in St. Andrew's Parish room. directly accessible from the rear car park



We meet together every Monday in term time (ie from 8th April) at 4 to 5pm .

We currently have Wii games, table football, snacks, discussions about life and faith, cooking and crafts. There are also trips out to the cinema, day trips and other special events. There is a short bible and prayer-time and we are looking to explore other things that members would like to chill out with All welcome. For more info. contact Chris on 01782 625924 or email [mrchrisgill2@gmail.com](mailto:mrchrisgill2@gmail.com)

## Renew Westlands Café

Every Wednesday in the parish room, drop in anytime 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.

## Afternoon Tea

3.00pm in St Andrew's Hall on Tuesdays 9th April, 14th May & 11th June.  
£4 book by contacting Glenys on 01782 625924 [mrsghenysgill@gmail.com](mailto:mrsghenysgill@gmail.com) Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance.

## For children & families

**Little Sparklers** for 0-3's and their parents or carers, with Bible stories, toys and a chance to chat. From 10-11am on Tuesday mornings in school term time ie re-starts 9th April. Meeting in St Andrew's parish room (round the back of the church.)

**Messy church** for Children and Parents together in St Andrew's Hall  
On Good Friday 9.45-11.15am  
Saturdays 2.30-4.00pm 11th May & 8th June

## Craft and Chat

Come along and join our monthly Craft and Chat Group on Monday 8th April, 13th May or 3rd June, 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.

## 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 Mar, 19th April, 24th May)

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