



## **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, 10<sup>th</sup> March**

8.30 am Holy Communion

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (p.1187) Luke 13:31-35 (p.1052)

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*Mothering Sunday*

*God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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.*

### **Memory Verse:**

"Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that  
God speaks" *Matthew Chapter 4 Verse 4*



**Welcoming the  
whole community**



**Discovering  
God's love**



**Following  
Jesus' teaching**

## **This week ...**

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Facilities Committee, Parish Room
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Langdale Visit, Church & Parish Room
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea, Church Hall
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via MSTeams
	10.30 am	Lent Course, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
	6.00 pm	Confirmation Preparation, Office/Meeting Rm
	7.10 pm	Prayers for Naomi, Office/Meeting Room
	7.30 pm	Lent Course, Parish Room
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

**Special Events Planned** ... we are pleased that a working group is now up and running to plan events for this year and beyond. They are envisaging:

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am to 12.30 - Mini-auction and sale with proceeds going 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.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May — Annual Tearfund Café, organised by the Mission Partners Committee.

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July — Hog Roast & Treasure Hunt to celebrate our old hall.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct — Beetle Drive with fish and chips.

Other events envisaged later this year include: Launch of Book Club and Christmas Wreath Making. All of our events will aim to offer a warm welcome to the whole community.

**Open Doors Display** ... take a few moments to have a look at the 2024 World Watch List on the display board at the back of church. This is a reliable ranking of the 50 countries where persecution of Christians is

most extreme. Open Doors operates in nearly 70 countries in partnership with the local church, providing emergency food and aid, spiritual care, bibles and books, training and legal advice. It is one of the mission agencies supported by St. Andrew's. Please pray that our brothers and sisters in Christ may be encouraged through the support of Open Doors and consider donating to that work if you can.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Afternoon Tea** ... Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 pm in St Andrew's Church Hall. All are welcome to come and join with others for afternoon tea. Cost £4. Please pay on the day. Places can be booked by speaking to Glenys Gill. Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance. We would like to encourage new folk to come along too and give it a try, you are very welcome to bring friends along. Offers of help will also be gratefully received.

**Easter Craft Stall** ... the Craft and Chat Group will be holding a stall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, after the 10.45 am service, selling items with an Easter theme (some edible). All proceeds in aid of the building development fund.

**Weekly Stewardship Envelopes** ... thank you to all who give regularly to the work of our Church. If you use these envelopes, please pick up your new box at the back of Church. If you would like to sign up for this convenient method of making regular donations, please contact Alan Swanborough.

**2024 Lent Course** ... will be continuing to focus on the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross, looking at Luke chapters 22-24. We will meet on Wednesday in the Parish Room either at 10.30 am or 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**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....

**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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