



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, 17th March

8.30 am Morning Worship
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.798) John 15:1-10 (p. 1087)

10.45 am Holy Communion
Philippians 2:1-11 (p1180) Matthew 16:21-28 (p991)
We welcome to lead us Iain Lingwood, Curate of Castle Church, Stafford.

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.*



Welcoming the
whole community



Discovering
God's love



Following
Jesus' teaching

This week ...

- Mon 18th Mar 10.30 am Bereavement Visitors Team
 4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room
 7.30 pm PCC, Parish Room
- Tues 19th Mar 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room
- Wed 20th 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 22nd Mar 10.30 am Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
 7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 23rd Mar AM & Afternoon Music Exams, Parish Room
- Sun 24th Mar 8.30 am Holy Communion
 10.45 am Morning Worship
 6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

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

Calling All Gardeners ... plant stall for Tearfund Café on 18th May. If you are thinking of splitting any shrubs in your garden, could you please consider potting them up, putting on one side and donating them (nearer the time) to our plant stall? Many thanks, Margaret and Mike.

Notices From Previous Weeks

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 27th 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. There is a large box at the back of church for any donated items. Come and grab a bargain, enjoy a late breakfast or early lunch! Refreshments including coffee, tea, bacon baps, oatcakes, cakes. Free entry.

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

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

Sat 12th 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.

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

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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