



St Andrew's Westlands

A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time

Sunday, 24th March

8.30 am Holy Communion

Psalm 118:19-end (p.614) Matthew 21:1-11 (p.995)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

After the 10.45 service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall. Today the Craft and Chat Group will also be selling items they have made with an Easter theme (some edible). All proceeds in aid of the Building Development Fund.

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: Palm Sunday

*Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 ...

There are also music exams in the church & parish room on Tue (AM only) & Thurs (AM & afternoon)

Mon 25 th Mar	7.30 pm	Holy Week Service, Parish Room
Tues 26 th Mar	7.30 pm	Holy Week Service, Parish Room
Wed 27 th Mar	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 am	Lent Course, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
	7.10 pm	Prayers for Naomi, Office/Meeting Room
	7.30 pm	Lent Course, Parish Room
Thurs 28 th Mar	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion, Parish Room
Fri 29 th Mar	9.45 am	Easter Messy Church, Hall
	10.00 am	Good Friday Service, Church
	12.00 pm	Churches Together Witness, Outside Guildhall
	2.00 pm	'The Last Hour' devotional service, Church
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 31 st Mar	6.15 am	Easter Sunrise Service, Bunny Hill, above
Easter Sunday		Wye Road Community Centre, ST5 4AZ
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	All Age service, including Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion, Parish Room

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

Parish Electoral Roll ... an up-to-date list of those on the electoral roll is due to be published in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 12th May at 6.30 pm. If you believe you are not on this roll and wish to be; or if your address has altered since April 2023, please complete one of the forms at the rear of the church, and return it by Sunday 14th April at the latest.

Materials for Messy Church ... the Messy Church team would like you to collect the following materials (clean please!) for use in future Messy Church sessions and place them in the labelled box at the back of Church: kitchen roll or foil cardboard tubes; Gü small glass dessert pots; milk carton tops; mushroom trays; food boxes (cereal etc) suitable for junk modelling.

New Hall Donations ...we are very grateful to all who have responded so generously to the appeal, which has now seen something like an extra £49,500 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.

Notices From Previous Weeks

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.

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.

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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