



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, 31st March

- 6.15 am Easter Sunrise Service, Bunny Hill, above Wye Road
Community Centre, ST5 4AZ
- 8.30 am Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 15:3-20 (p.1157) Luke 24:13-35 (p.1066)
- 10.45 am All Age Service, including Holy Communion
Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel
- 6.30 pm Holy Communion, Parish Room

Collect for: Easter Day

*Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.*



Welcoming the
whole community



Discovering
God's love



Following
Jesus' teaching

This week ...

Wed 3 rd April	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 4 th April	10.00 am	Holy Communion, Parish Room
	7.45 pm	Singing Practice, Parish Room
Fri 5 th April	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 7 th April	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.25 am	Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

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

Home Groups Will Be Re-starting After Easter ... meeting on MS Teams on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm, and in-person groups on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm; and Thursdays at 7.30 pm. They will meet on 16th/17th/18th April, 7th/8th/9th May (note the 3 week gap!) then on 21st/22nd/23rd May, 4th/5th/6th June, 18th/19th/20th June and 2nd/3rd/4th July. The subject of our studies is Heaven, which can be a difficult concept to get your head around. These six studies for small groups look at what the Bible teaches about heaven—that it is God's throne room *today*—as well as the future new creation. As we look at the huge implications of these truths, it will affect how we live right here, right now. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church to help us gauge numbers.

Mission Support ... The Mission Partners Committee and PCC have been reviewing which organisations we will focus on in our giving and our prayer over the next 3 or 4 years. A number of suggestions for new links had been made. We decided to continue to focus on the Church Mission Society/Katia Rocks, Bible Society, Scripture Union, Open Doors and Tearfund. We are however moving our more local support to the Lyme Trust, who for 50 years have been providing supported accommodation in the Newcastle area for those struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues. You can find out more about them via www.thelymetrust.org

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 9th April at 3.00 pm in St Andrew's 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 contacting Glenys Gill. Please also contact Glenys if you are able to help. 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.

Craft and Chat Easter Stall ... a big thank you to everyone who supported the stall last Sunday, either producing items for sale, or purchasing them. We made £139 for the building development fund, which was a fantastic result. There are a few small bargain items left over (mainly including mini Easter eggs) and these will be for sale at the back of the church on Sunday, with a price list and honesty box). Let's see if everything can be sold!

Notices From Previous Weeks

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.

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.

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.

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