

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, 14th April

8.30 am Holy Communion

1 John 5:1-12 (p.1230) John 21:1-19 (p.1093)

10.25 am Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room

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 Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
 give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
 that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
 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.







Mon 15th April 4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room

Tues 16th April 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room

7.30 pm Home Group via MSTeams

Wed 17th April 8.30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10.30 am Home Group, Parish Room

1.30 pm Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room

7.30 pm Home Group, Parish Room

Thurs 18th April 7.30 pm Home Group

Fri 19th April 10.30 am Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room

7.30 pm Compline via Zoom

Sat 20th April 2.00 pm-10.00 pm Ceramic Choir, Church & Parish Room

Sun 21st April 8.30 am Morning Worship

10.25 am Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room

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

Clicks and Likes ... we are looking to improve and increase St. Andrew's online impact. What used to be done solely by word of mouth now includes pop-ups and app notifications on our smart phones and computers. So, while we are not undervaluing real human communication, we are looking to maximise our communication on digital media. To this end we are asking for Clicks and Likes from you all. We would really appreciate if, when you get our notifications, you would click, like, and maybe comment. In doing so knowledge of our events and services can be spread further than just the church contact list. We would love that our "welcoming of our whole community" was as well heard of as possible, and you could play a part in that. If you haven't vet found us on Facebook, just search for Church in the Westlands and then subscribe. In addition, can we encourage men in the congregation to search for St Andrew's Men's Fellowship when you are on Facebook, and subscribe to that too. Thanks in advance. Digital Warriorship Committee.

Ceramic City Choir Concert ... Saturday 20th April at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Church. Faure's Requiem with Divine Harmonies. Tickets £15; Students £7.50; Under 16's free. Please pay on the door.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Door to door introductions... We are hoping to get together a small team to make personal contact with those living in some of the streets of St Andrew's parish, while we have the benefit of lighter evenings. Please let me know if you might be interested in being part of this team, or in praying for this ministry - Andrew

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/4thJuly. 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

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 today (Sunday 14th April) at the latest.

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.

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Transport to 10.30 service: 07951 674453 on the morning.8.30-9.30 am www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk