



St Andrew's Westlands

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Welcoming the whole community



Discovering God's love



Following Jesus' teaching

tearfund

Following Jesus where the need is greatest

Open Café



Plants

Books

Toys & Games

Bric-a-Brac

Cakes



Car wash Chocolate lucky dip

Sat May 18th 10.30am - 12noon

Admission £1, children free.

All proceeds go to support Tearfund's relief and development work in the poorest parts of the world

Sunday Services

8.30am Join us to begin the day with a traditional service. This includes prayer, and hearing God's word in the bible read and explained. Though there aren't any hymns, this means that the service is relatively short (30-40 minutes).

10.45am Our main service offers a warm welcome to all. Again God's word is at the centre, but there's plenty of music too, led either by our organist (generally on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays) or by a lively worship band (2nd & 4th Sundays) *Running in parallel with this is our Sunday Club: Activities, Games, Quizzes and Bible Stories to help 3-11's learn*



about the Christian faith. This meets initially at 10.45 in church, to enable children to join in with the first few minutes of our worship. On All Age Sundays (12 May, 19 June, 14 July) we remain together in church for a 45 minute All age service. As each 10.45 service concludes, there's the opportunity to stay on for refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

6.30pm We're one of the few local churches to still hold a weekly Sunday evening service. It generally follows a fairly traditional pattern, although on the 2nd Sunday of each month it's Café church, which includes time for fellowship and discussion of the scriptures together.

Each week, one of our services includes Holy Communion—generally as part of our 8.30 service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays; at 10.45 on the 3rd & 5th Sundays; and at 6.30 on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Come near to God & he will come near to you

May Message

The story is told of a very wealthy, but arrogant, man who was challenged by the boss of a big local charity as to why he didn't help them out. He replied that there were other demands on his money: like his elderly mother's care costs and his children's university fees. Before concluding rather unexpectedly '...and as I don't give anything to help the people I do know, I'm certainly not going to help the people I don't.'

As a local church, our main focus is unsurprisingly on ministry to the area in which we are set. We aim to ensure that our worship continues to be available to the whole community; and to offer a variety of activities to support people with at different stages of life.

However we have long been convinced that we should also be involved in supporting work taking place beyond the boundaries of our own relatively affluent parish. For many years, a significant proportion of what is given to the St Andrew's has been passed on to support a number of organisations both in the UK and overseas. We've recently decided that this should include the Lyme Trust, helping to provide suitable local housing for those with a variety of mental health needs, and are continuing to support a Mission partner helping to establish a church amidst the poorer part of the community in Florianapolis. Brazil.

Our links with Tearfund and Christian Aid continue too, and we invite neighbours and friends to join us in helping to make a difference not only in this area, but among some of the world's neediest communities too.

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Xcite Club

All 9/10 to 11/12 year olds (School Years 5 to 7) are welcome to our Xcite Club in St. Andrew's Parish room. directly accessible from the rear car park



We meet together every Monday in term time from 4 to 5pm .

We currently have Wii games, table football, snacks, discussions about life and faith,

cooking and crafts. There are also trips out to the cinema, day trips and other special events. There is a short bible and prayer-time and we are looking to explore other things that members would like to chill out with

All welcome. For more info. contact Chris on 01782 625924 or email mrchrisgill2@gmail.com

Renew Westlands Café

Every Wednesday in the parish room, drop in anytime between 1.30-4.00. Especially for any who are

- a bit lonely and want a chat
- anxious but would value a safe place.

Including a cuppa and the option of crafts, jigsaw, games etc.

Afternoon Tea

3.00pm in St Andrew's Hall on Tuesdays 14th May, 11th June & 9th July

£4 book by contacting Glenys on 01782 625924 mrsglenysgill@gmail.com Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance.

For children & families

Little Sparklers for 0-3's and their parents or carers, with Bible stories, toys and a chance to chat. From 10-11am on Tuesday mornings in school term time.

Meeting in St Andrew's parish room (round the back of the church.)

Messy church for Children and Parents together in St Andrew's Hall

Saturdays 2.30-4.00pm

11th May, 8th June & 6th July

Craft and Chat

Come along and join our monthly Craft and Chat Group on Monday 13th May, 3rd June or 1st July , 2 pm to 3.30 pm. Social time with a cuppa and biscuits; bring whatever craft you enjoy such as knitting, crochet or embroidery, or just bring yourself! All in St Andrew's Parish Room . For more details, contact Margaret on 01782 612009.

Forget me not Café

For all who are bereaved, whether recently or some time ago. An opportunity to meet with others in a similar position over coffee, tea and biscuits,. We meet in our parish room—directly accessible from the rear car park. The café operates each month on a Friday between 10.30-12noon (24th May, 21st June, 19th July)

More details on churchinthewestlands.org.uk or ring 01782 619594