

St Andrew's Westlands

A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time, and especially to the family and friends of Emilia Campbell who is being baptised this morning. After the 10.45 am service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall.

Sunday, 5th May

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p.181) John 10:1-14 (p.1080)

8.30 am Morning Worship

10.25 am Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room

10.45 am Morning Worship, including baptism of Emilia Campbell Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

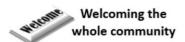
12.45 pm Thanksgiving Service for Amelie & Elodie Hales

6.30 pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing

Collect for: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;

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.







This week...

Tues 7 th May		Little Sparklers, Parish Room Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 8 th May	10.30 am 1.30 pm	Morning Prayer via Zoom Home Group, Parish Room Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room Home Group, Parish Room
Thurs 9 th May	•	Ascension Day Holy Communion, Church Home Group
Fri 10 th May		Gardening Morning, Church Grounds Compline via Zoom
Sat 11 th May	2.30 pm	Messy Church, Church Hall
Sun 12 th May	10.25 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room All Age Worship Annual Church Meeting in Parish Room

The church building is also open on Thursday 9.30-3.00

Thank You ... to all who supported our Garage Sale and Mini Auction on Saturday - and to those who organised it too. £1314 has so far been banked for the New Hall Fund. We are still uncertain as to when in the year building work will be able to start; a lot depends on the outcome of the bat observation survey scheduled for later in May.

Gardening Morning ... There will be a gardening morning to tidy up the church grounds on Friday 10th May, starting at 9.00 am (weather permitting, of course!). Mainly weeding, trimming and pruning. We will aim to finish at lunchtime, but if you can't manage the whole morning, just come and do as long as you can spare. Refreshments provided. All offers of help would be appreciated (contact Margaret Hollins). We have several tools but it is helpful if you can bring your own.

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 14th May at the **new start time of 3.30 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.

Tearfund Open Cafe ... 18th May at 10.30am - come and enjoy refreshments, browse the stalls and support some of the poorest people in the world. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, bric-a-brac, toys, and games in good condition as well as homemade cakes/biscuits to sell would be most welcome. Please leave any donations at the back of church. Paper plates are available to put cakes on.

Tearfund Display ... a display about the work of Tearfund is on the boards at the back of church. Tearfund works in partnership with local churches and communities in more than 50 countries to try to alleviate the challenges of extreme poverty. Tearfund also provides relief when disasters occur and works in areas of conflict. All the work is underpinned by prayer.

Notices From Previous Weeks

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will be held in the hall at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 12th May, and will include worship, sermon and prayer. Please do collect a copy of our annual report beforehand (or you can download it from our website)

We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2024-25. There are nomination forms at the back of the church for those who are willing to stand. We also need to elect two church wardens to serve for the next 12 months. Please note that signing that you are being willing to be nominated for either of these roles includes confirming (a) that you are a 'fit and proper person' to act as a charity trustee - the requirements for this being spelled out on the attached sheet; and (b) that you are willing to undergo DBS clearance. There is also an additional list for any who would like to volunteer to join the welcomer's rota.

Katia Rocks ... latest link letter is available via this link or from the back of church. Sadly Katia needed cancer surgery in December and is just beginning preventative chemotherapy - please do pray for her and for her children Joanna and Davi at this difficult time.

St Andrew's Stewardship Statements ... thank you to all who have given generously over the last 12 months to support the work of St Andrew's, and our new hall project. The annual statements of individual donations have been prepared, and sent out on email by our Treasurer, Chris Gill on behalf of Alan Swanborough, Gift Aid Secretary, to those who provided their email address. If you are expecting a statement by email, please also check your spam folder as it may have been directed

there. If you have not received your statement, need a paper copy, or have any questions, please contact Alan Swanborough.

Christian Aid Week ... is fast approaching (12th–18th May). We deliver envelopes to all properties in the Westlands Parish but we no longer collect them. Instead, we have drop off points, obviously the more drop off points we have the more likely it is that people will donate. Therefore, please contact Simon Wright if you are willing to be a drop off address. You will only have to simply keep the envelopes and Simon will collect them from you.

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Children & Families Worker: Naomi Savage is currently on sick leave.

Secretary: Michelle Bradbury churchinthewestlands@gmail.com 07395 087090 (Thurs only)

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