



# St Andrew's Westlands

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## Summer 2024

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Welcoming the whole community



Discovering God's love



Following Jesus' teaching

## Teddy Bears Picnic

Sat 6th July 2.30-4pm

Children's picnic and ice cream will be provided

Fun activities & games, and we will hear from the bible about the big picnic when Jesus fed lots of people.



Please bring your teddies and your friends—also picnic blankets/ sunhats etc depending on the weather.

All welcome.

## After-church Picnic & Treasure hunt

Sunday 14th July, starting around 12noon

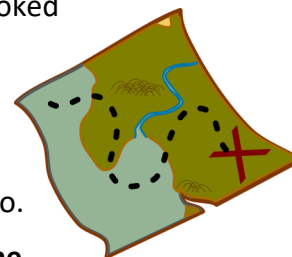
With the building of the new hall scheduled to begin very soon, we are giving thanks for our old hall and all the services and activities that took place in it over the last 86 years.

Roast Pork baps with trimmings and ice cream desserts can be booked

via Margaret - on 612009  
m\_hollins@yahoo.co.uk

or you're welcome to bring your own food

A treasure hunt is planned too.



All welcome.

## 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 in term-time 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 (14th July, 11th August & 8th September) 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.

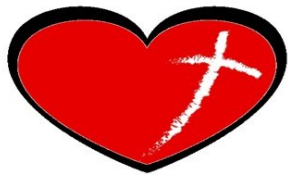
Each week, one of our services includes Holy Communion—generally as part of our 8.30 service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays; at 10.45 on the 3rd & 5th Sundays; and at 6.30 on the 1st Sunday of the month.

***Come near to God & he will come near to you***

## Summer Message

It's election time again, and across the nation millions of us will be giving serious thought as to where we mark our cross on the ballot paper. Our individual decision may not make a great deal of difference to the outcome. But it's vital to our democracy that a high proportion of the nation makes the effort to cast their vote.

Co-incidentally the cross, as well as being at the heart of the democratic process is also at the heart of our faith. Christians believe that Jesus' death on the cross of Calvary, far from being a disaster, has provided the means by which human beings can be reconciled to God. The one we have turned our backs on, has not rejected us in the way we might deserve. But instead has sent his son to bear the guilt of our sin, so that we could be forgiven.



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us  
*Romans 5:6-8*

We do though have to make a choice. Not just in our political allegiance, but even more importantly in the spiritual sphere. Jesus called all who heard his teaching to follow him, in trust and obedience. We make our response to him, not by where we place our mark on a ballot paper, but rather in turning to the Lord in prayer. Repenting of our rebellion against him, thanking him for the forgiveness that comes through Christ, and committing our lives to his ways.

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## Renew Westlands Café

- a friendly meeting place, with a cuppa
- meets each Wednesday. Drop in anytime between 1.30pm to 4.00pm

### **For Any Adults in the Community who:**

- Would enjoy a chat/company
- Might like to do or share a craft
- May want to have the opportunity of an optional prayer time

Access from car park to rear of St Andrews, Pilkington Ave ST5 3RE

## Afternoon Tea

3.30pm on Tuesdays 9th July (in the hall) ; 13th August & 10th Sept (probably in the parish room)  
£4 book by contacting Glenys on 01782 625924  
mrsglenysgill@gmail.com Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance.

## 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 (19th July 16th August & 20th September)

## Thank you Naomi

We are very grateful to Naomi Savage who has served as our Children and Families worker since 2018.

As well as bringing a great deal of experience to this role we give thanks for Naomi's warmth and friendship, her cheerfulness and her infectious faith.



Sadly since January Naomi has been undergoing treatment for a brain tumour, and with more chemotherapy now needed she decided has decided to hand her notice in. Among other things, this will enable her to continue to be nearer to her family.

Naomi is hopeful to be able to join our 10.45 service on Sunday 7th July to enable us to say a proper thank you and goodbye. Needless to say any in the wider community who knew Naomi are welcome to join us for this.