



## St Andrew's Westlands

*A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.*

*After the 10.45 services, you are warmly invited to stay in church for refreshments. These will be served in the South aisle, tea & squash from near to the orange disc at the front, and coffee from the back.*

### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

8.30 am Morning Worship

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p.181) Matthew 5:13-26 (p.976)

10.25 am Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship

### Collect for: The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting 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.*



Welcoming the  
whole community



Discovering  
God's love



Following  
Jesus' teaching

## **This week...**

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	PCC, Parish Room
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Holy Communion, Parish Room
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30 pm	Messy Church, Church/Parish Room
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.25 am	Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room
	10.45 am	Morning Worship & Baptism
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing

The church building is also open on Monday and Thursday 9.30-3.00.

**One Last Push! Scrap for Cash ...** with 6 weeks to go before we stop collecting coins, silver and gold bits please take another look in your drawers and cupboards. We are all encouraged and further motivated now that we have seen work start on the Hall demolition and of course every penny counts to cover unanticipated costs. For those who don't know, we want old British and foreign currency, current foreign currency and any little bits of silver or gold which may be of no use to you but collected with other bits has value. Collection stops at the end of October which will be followed by a visit to Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter and the despatch of foreign currency to a specialist firm in Poole. Please make your donation, however small. Thank You!

**St Andrew's Organist ...** we are very grateful to the Lord for Geoffrey Walker's ministry over the last 12 years, and sad that his health will prevent him from returning to the role. We are advertising for a replacement, and there is the budget available to offer the same responsibility on similar terms. However reliable organists are extremely hard to come by, so we are also open to speaking to anyone who is interested in a lesser commitment. If you know anyone who might consider this, please encourage them to ring me – Andrew.

**Harvest Gifts ...** of fresh produce, tinned and dried food and flowers will be distributed locally to those in need and to Arch Women's Refuge. Gift aid envelopes will be available for monetary gifts to

TearFund. Contributions of greenery to help decorate the building would be much appreciated too - please bring to church around 9.00 am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - meet at church at 10.00 am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

**Prayers for Naomi** ... We very much hope that individuals will be continuing to pray for Naomi Savage, and we will continue praying for her in church services too. However now that she is settling back into Redcar, the Sunday morning prayer time next week (6<sup>th</sup> October) will be the last. As this timing seemed to work for a good number, one person has wondered whether we might use this kind of before-service time slot for a more general weekly prayer gathering. If you would envisage participating in this please let me know, and if there is sufficient interest we will give it a go – Andrew.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Fish and Chip Supper and Beetle Drive** ... Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, at Whitfield Community Centre. There is now a sign-up sheet at the back of church for this event. Price £10 per head, payable in advance, by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the latest, to Margaret Hollins please. There is a choice of fish and chips, sausage and chips, or cheese and onion pie and chips. Please also indicate on the sheet if you would like mushy peas, curry sauce or gravy. When you have booked and paid, you will be issued with an admission ticket including your choice of menu. Please bring your own cold drinks; plastic cups will be provided, as will plastic cutlery (or you can bring your own cutlery) and napkins. Please arrive by 7.00 pm; you should be seated and ready to eat by 7.15 pm. Beetle will follow the food at approx 7.45 pm. Please bring your own pencil. The evening will close at 9.00 pm.

**Safeguarding Officer...** we are grateful to Sue Maddison for taking on the role of Parish Officer for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults (Naomi Savage having previously held that role). If you have any concerns about this important area of church life, do contact Sue or the vicar.

**Children and Families Worker Co-ordinator Post** ... we have still not received any applications from suitable candidates, so the committee have decided to re-advertise. Please do pray for this - Matthew 9:37b-8 seems particularly apposite "... the labourers are few; therefore pray

earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

**The Old Hall** ... has now been handed over to our builders; and their demolition contractors were last week removing some asbestos pipe cladding. There may be a few weeks delay before the main dismantling of the building, but church members should not now be entering the hall.

**Newcastle Staffs Foodbank AGM** ... to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm at Wolstanton Methodist Church. Our Church Representative, who is entitled to vote at the meeting, is Simon Wright. However, it would be great if other church members are able to attend as a way of expressing your support and finding out more.

**The Book Centre, Gitana Street** ... (formerly the Methodist Book Centre) is now an independent book shop. On 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 am-4.00 pm the children's author and illustrator Ruth Hearson will be reading some of her stories to accompanied children aged 2-6 years old. There will also be discounts and special offers available on the day.

**Book Club** ... if you enjoy reading, discussing and sharing books, why not come along to the new St Andrew's Book Club. We aim to meet in the Parish Room on the second Thursday of the month, starting with an initial meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, from 10.30 till 12 noon, for sharing our thoughts followed by light refreshments. For more details, speak to Karen Gallagher.

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