



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 Evelyn Bostock who is being baptised this morning.

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, 6th October

8.30 am Morning Worship

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p.876) Matthew 16:13-20 (p.991)

10.25 am Prayers for Naomi, Mr Noisy's Room

10.45 am Morning Worship & Baptism

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing

Collect for: The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

*O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 7 th Oct	2.00 pm	Craft and Chat, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting, Parish Room
Tues 8 th Oct	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 9 th Oct	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 10 th Oct	10.30 am	Book Club, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 11 th Oct	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 12 th Oct	7.00 pm	Beetle Drive and Fish & Chips, Whitfield Community Centre
Sun 13 th Oct	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Harvest	10.45 am	All Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Café Church

If needed, Zoom Meeting ID: 874 8565 0744 Passcode: 384920

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

Responses to Conflict in the Middle East ...

- Pray! Tearfund have just updated their webpage giving some suggestions
www.tearfund.org/stories/2023/10/how-to-pray-for-gaza-and-israel
- In addition Tearfund are launching an emergency appeal to offer humanitarian support in connection with their local partner churches in the region - details [on their website](#) or you can give by calling 020 3906 3906.

Safeguarding Training ... The Church of England has in recent years seen the need for church members to be better informed about this important area. For over three years PCC members and those involved in ministry with children and vulnerable adults have been required to undertake two short training courses. In addition, these training modules can be accessed online by any church member; and indeed everyone with a role in the life of a local congregation is now encouraged to benefit from this. The 'basic awareness' and 'foundation' modules can be accessed via <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> (If any need further help

with filling in the initial screen to enable you to proceed, see the details on our 3rd October email update and/or contact our Safeguarding Officer Sue Maddison.

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 15th October at 3.30 pm in the Parish Room. 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.

Book Library ... the book library at the back of church has been tidied and refreshed with some recently received donations of books, so you may like to browse and discover a book to inform and inspire you on autumn evenings.

Notices From Previous Weeks

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 10th October, from 10.30 till 12 noon, for sharing our thoughts followed by light refreshments. For more details, speak to Karen Gallagher.

Fish and Chip Supper and Beetle Drive ... Saturday 12th 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 6th 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.

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 12th October. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - meet at church at 10.00 am on Monday 14th October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

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.

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