



## 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, 13<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest

8.30 am Holy Communion

Psalm 146 (p.631) Mark 12:1-12 (p.1022)

10.45 am All Age Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Café Church

### **Collect for: Harvest Sunday**

*Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



Welcoming the  
whole community



Discovering  
God's love



Following  
Jesus' teaching

## **This week...**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea, Parish Room
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
	7.00 for 7.30 pm	Deanery Synod, Holy Trinity, Chesterton
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Langdale Harvest Service, Church
	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Holy Communion
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>

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

**Annual Memorial Service** ... will be at 4.00 pm next week (Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October), with cake and drinks in church afterwards. (NB this is again in place of a 6.30 pm service).

As well as mentioning by name those whose funerals we have taken over the last year, others can also be included – do let me know by Tuesday if you would like this to happen - Andrew

**Night Shelter** ... The Borough Council are appealing for volunteers to make it viable to run a 'SWEP' facility during November to March. This would be opened up to homeless people when the temperature falls below zero or in other circumstances indicated by the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol. The shelter is intended to be staffed by a local charity, assisted by extra volunteers who can be called up when needed. More details from [Krestal.AI-Daami@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk](mailto:Krestal.AI-Daami@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)

**Wreath-Making Workshop, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm** ... the Events Working Group has arranged this event, which will take place in the Parish Room. A professional florist from the Lavender Room in Stone will run the workshop and provide all the materials. Hot drinks and mince pies will be provided. Make a beautiful natural wreath to take away and adorn your home over the Christmas period, or give as a lovely homemade gift. £35 per person. You will

need to bring an apron and secateurs. Book your place with Margaret Hollins.

**'Glorious Elgar'** ... is the next concert by the Ceramic City Choir taking place on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.30 pm at Stoke Minster. It is a programme of Elgar music (plus some Vaughan Williams) and includes Elgar's Te Deum and Benedictus and also the Sea Pictures. Tickets are priced at £15 (£7.50 for students) and are available on the door.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**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. 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.

**Afternoon Tea** ... Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> October email update and/or contact our Safeguarding Officer Sue Maddison.

**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.

**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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