



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, 20th October

8.30 am Morning Worship

1 Peter 1:1-12 (p.1219) Matthew 12:9-21 (p.985)

10.45 am Holy Communion

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

4.00 pm Memorial Service

Collect for: The Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity

*Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 21st Oct 4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room
 7.45 pm Social Media Team, Parish Room
- Tues 22nd Oct 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room
 7.30 pm Home Group, via MS Teams
- Wed 23rd 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 24th Oct 7.30 pm Home Group
- Fri 25th Oct 7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
- Sun 27th Oct 8.30 am Holy Communion
 10.45 am Morning Worship
 6.30 pm Evening Worship

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

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2024 ... we have again signed up to this appeal. If you search using the heading above all information will be available to you. Simon Wright has agreed to co-ordinate the church's efforts, so please contact him with any queries. You can either fill a Shoebox for families or the elderly, together with a £3 donation to cover the cost of shipping, OR you can make an online donation of £20 and Link to Hope will make a shoebox on your behalf. Other alternatives are to send bulk purchases of some of the items on their lists, or order them via the Link to Hope Amazon wish list, make a direct donation to the charity, or give a donation to Simon who will then purchase items to fill or partly fill a box. The shoeboxes will be sent to Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria or Moldova. Leaflets and posters should be available at the back of church either this week or next. *Please note that any shoeboxes need to be left at the back of church or given to Simon by Sunday 3rd November.*

Tearfund Big Quiz ... Saturday 16th November – 7pm in the Parish Room, with savoury nibbles and soft drinks served at the start, and a mid-way break for tea/coffee and dessert/cake. Suggested donation of £5 per adult, and £1 per child - the quiz is intended to be suitable for secondary school aged children. You can form a team in advance or join up with others on the night. There is a sign-up list at the back of church, and if you can help with providing any of the refreshments, that would be greatly appreciated.

Assisted Dying Bill ... you will be aware that this is soon to be debated in Parliament. Though Christian leaders and thinkers are not 100% in agreement on their response to this, a strong majority of them maintain the historic understanding that it would be a very retrograde step. Examples of this are: a report of last week's interview with Justin Welby [here](#); a article by a prominent Christian medical ethicist [here](#); and a provocative TV documentary [here](#) (especially pertinent is the section beginning 29 mins in which describes how the initial Canadian legislation is developing in practice). Some may perhaps consider writing to Adam Jogee, our new MP, to express their convictions.

Collection of Silver, Gold & Coins ... there is just one more week to support the building project in this way: Drop them in the receptacle at the back of church or contact Bob Bell.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Annual Memorial Service ... will be held today 4.00 pm (Sunday, 20th October), with cake and drinks in church afterwards. (NB this is again in place of a 6.30 pm service).

Wreath-Making Workshop, Saturday 30th 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.

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.Al-Daami@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

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.

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.

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