



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, 27th October

8.30 am Holy Communion

1 Peter 1:13-21 (p.1219) Matthew 5:38-48 (p.977)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: The Last Sunday After Trinity

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

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 28 th Oct	7.30 pm	Standing Committee, Parish Room
Tues 29 th Oct	7.30 pm	Extra PCC, Parish Room
Wed 30 th Oct	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Fri 1 st Nov		Electrical testing of church 1 st ,4 th & 5 th Nov
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 3 rd Nov	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

With the schools on holiday, there are no open building days.

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank AGM ... to be held on Tuesday 5th 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. They are also looking for volunteers who can drive, who will be willing to empty a supermarket collection box for them once a week; and additional trustees too - speak to Simon or Andrew if you want more information.

Christmas Book Stall ... on Sunday 10th November (Remembrance Sunday) following the 10.45 am service, there will be a stall selling Christmas items: cards, Advent calendars and candles, books etc. Please ask Helen Swanborough if you have any particular requests for items.

Craft and Chat Stall - Sunday 10th November. Our Craft and Chat Group are having a stall after the 10.45 am service on Remembrance Sunday, proceeds in aid of church funds. Why not have a browse for small gifts etc while you enjoy your post-service coffee?

British Legion Poppy Appeal ... a supply of poppies is now available at the back of the church. Please support this annual appeal and buy a poppy.

Notices From Previous Weeks

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.

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.AI-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.

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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