



## 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 Robbie James White who is being baptised this morning.*

*After the 10.45 service, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> December

8.30 am Morning Worship

Isaiah 9:1-7 (p.692) Revelation 11:15-18 (p.1243)

10.45 am Morning Worship & Baptism

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

4.30 pm Christingle Service

### **Collect for: The First Sunday of Advent**

*Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.30 am	Bereavement Visiting Team
	2.00 pm	Craft and Chat, Parish Room
	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting, Parish Room
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	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 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Holy Communion, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30 pm	Christmas Special Messy Church, Church & Parish Room
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Holy Communion & Toy Service
	6.30 pm	Café Church, Parish Room

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

## **PCC decisions last week included...**

Mission Action Plan ... a plan for 2025/6 was agreed (link [here](#)) - this will be formally launched in January.

Safeguarding ... with the importance of this subject for churches highlighted recently, the PCC formalised its commitment that our local policies will take account of a 2017 policy paper which remains the foundation of CofE thinking - [Promoting a safer church](#) Our current policies are pinned on the notice board near to the hymn book shelves, and are [here](#) and [here](#).

**Festive Afternoon Tea** ... Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 pm in the Parish Room. All are very welcome, please bring along friends and family for this special tea. Cost £4.50. 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.

**Gospel Concert at St James Church Audley ...** 7.00pm, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Jake Leg Jug band will be playing a concert of gospel music from the 1920's and 30's, and Luke Cawley will bring a gospel message in the interval. £5 including refreshments. Why not consider bringing a friend too, to hear about the Christian faith.

**Coins/Silver/Gold collection ...** thanks to all who have donated coins, elements of silver and gold scrap. Last weekend's visit to the Birmingham Jewellery Quarter generated another £1,224 for the Hall Fund taking the total well over £10,000. Because of this, it has been decided to continue receiving any contributions of pre:1946 British silver coins; pre:1964 USA silver coins and any scrap silver or gold bits. Funds raised will go directly into Church Funds.

Thank you again for all your support, Bob Bell.

**Used Postage Stamps ...** please remember to save your used postage stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church. Please cut them from the envelopes, leaving a small border. Stamps are accepted by the Oxfam Shop, not just at Christmas, but all year round and are taken regularly. Oxfam will also accept stamp albums.

**Contributions of Greenery ...** are required to help decorate the church for Christmas - please bring to church around 9.30 am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Toy Service – Next Week (8<sup>th</sup> December) ...** gifts will be passed on to Elizabeth House /'find the glow' refuge who work with families experiencing domestic violence and abuse. They have a need for toys and toiletries for children of all ages, but especially this year they have five boys aged 1, 2, 6, 7 and 16; and nine girls aged newborn, 6 months, 2 (x5), 6, 10, 13 (x2) and 15. They would also appreciate toiletries for the ladies. We will also pass on donations of money, in an envelope marked 'Elizabeth House'. Please bring items along to the services at 8.30 am or 10.45 am.

**Links ...** are available for distributors to collect from the back of church.

## **Carol Singing ...**

**at the Royal Stoke University Hospital ...** the Chaplaincy Team invite you to come and sing carols for some of the wards on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6–7.30 pm. For further information or to book please contact Andrew by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**around Westlands Parish ...** there is also the opportunity to sing carols around the nearby streets on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Meet at the Parish Room in time for a 7.30 pm departure; and we will conclude with refreshments and mince pies at the Vicarage.

**Bible Reading Notes ...** if you would like to subscribe to Scripture Union Daily Bread or Encounter with God notes to help you with daily Bible reading, please have a word with Helen Swanborough. There are sample copies at the back of church. Would existing subscribers please confirm with Helen that they wish to continue in 2025.

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