



## 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, 17<sup>th</sup> November

8.30 am Morning Worship

Deuteronomy 33:1-11 (p.211) 1 Peter 2:3-12 (p.1220)

10.45 am Holy Communion

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

### **Collect for: Second Sunday Before Advent**

*Heavenly Father,*

*whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:*

*grant that we, having this hope,*

*may purify ourselves even as he is pure;*

*that when he shall appear in power and great glory*

*we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;*

*where he 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...**

*Music exams will be using the Church & Parish Room this week from 2.30 pm-5 pm on Tues and from 9 am-6.00 pm on Thurs, Fri and Sat.*

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 am	Pastoral Visiting Team
	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Facilities Committee, Parish Room
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	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 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

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

**Time for Reflection and Prayer** ... about 10 minutes after today's main morning service (ie just after 12 noon) I will be in the Parish Room for any who want to join with me in briefly thinking about, and praying for, all who are impacted by the recent report into the CofE response to the abuse that has led to our Archbishop's resignation – Andrew.

**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. Thank you to all who supported the Christmas stall last week. The Potteries Christian Bookshop give us a 10% discount on sales, resulting in a donation to the church of £34.

**Many Thanks** ... to all who supported the Craft and Chat stall in aid of church funds last Sunday. We raised about £170, which is fantastic. Thanks also of course to all the ladies in the Craft and Chat group who

created items for sale. There are a few items left, that I will put at the back of church for anyone who is interested in purchasing. Margaret.

### **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorated as The Longest Yarn ...**

21<sup>st</sup> November – 5<sup>th</sup> December at Stoke Minster. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm; Friday and Saturday 9 am – 2.00 pm and Wednesday and Sunday 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm. This is an 80m 3D depiction of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, in wool art. 80 displays, each measuring one meter in length. Free entry but a £5 suggested donation for Stoke Minister.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Wreath-Making Workshop, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm ... just 3 places remaining.** If you haven't already booked and wish to secure a place, please contact Margaret Hollins as soon as possible, and before 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**Refreshments at Thursday Communion ...** on the first Thursday of the month there is Communion in the Parish Room - all welcome. It would be a bonus if we were able to again offer tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards - if there's anyone willing to take responsibility for this, do let me know – Andrew

**Restoration/Reviving of Wooden Pews ...** over the next few months, our cleaner Debi will be undertaking a major project to revive our wooden pews. These all need some treatment following being regularly wiped down with disinfectant during the Covid pandemic. We are very grateful to Lancaster and Tomkinson Limited of Brock Way, Knutton, who have generously provided advice about the best methods to use and provided training, together with a starter pack of the relevant treatment.

**St Andrew's Flower Rota ...** the flower rota for 2025 is being prepared. There are some Sundays available for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers in memory of a person or occasion. Also, we are in urgent need of further help in the flower team. Experience is not essential (but a welcome bonus) and a very warm welcome is assured. For further information please contact Diana Cotes.

**Confirmation Service ...** there will be an opportunity for confirmation in 2025. If you are interested in the possibility of being confirmed as a full member of the Church of England, please speak to Andrew before the

end of November. In addition to adults, young people in year 8 or above who feel ready to affirm a personal commitment to Christ and to his church are also invited to consider this step.

### **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.

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