



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, 24th November

8.30 am Holy Communion

Daniel 7:9-14 (p.900) John 18:33-37 (p.1091)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

Collect for: The Sunday Next Before Advent

*Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now for ever.*



Welcoming the
whole community



Discovering
God's love



Following
Jesus' teaching

This week...

Mon 25 th Nov	4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm PCC Meeting, Parish Room
Tues 26 th Nov	10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 27 th Nov	8.30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Fri 29 th Nov	7.00 pm Christingle Making, Parish Room
	7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
Sat 30 th Nov	10.30 am Wreath Making, in Parish Room - for those who have already signed up, booking is now closed
Sun 1 st Dec	8.30 am Morning Worship
	10.45 am Morning Worship & Baptism
	4.30 pm Christingle Service

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

Geoffrey Walker... Geoffrey sadly died on Wednesday. Thankfully his last days were relatively peaceful; and until just a few days beforehand he had been able to enjoy times with family and longstanding friends, as well as ministry visits. We are very grateful to God not only for Geoffrey's musical gifts being available to St Andrew's, but also for his being part of our church fellowship for the last 12 years.

Our understanding is that he has arranged for his funeral to be at St Giles, I will make sure details are given when they are available.

Christingle Service ... will be on Sunday 1st December at the usual time of 4.30 pm. All ages very welcome. Do think if there's someone you could invite to come along. Invitation cards are available to pass on at the back of church.

Christingle Making ... Friday 29th November, 7 pm in the Parish Room. Helpers are needed to assemble the 100 Christingles which will be distributed at the Christingle Service on Sunday 1st December. All materials and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome, just come along. Any questions please speak to Glenys Gill.

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 9th December, 6–7.30 pm. For further information or to book please contact Andrew by 1st December.

around Westlands Parish ... there is also the opportunity to sing carols around the nearby streets on Monday 16th 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.

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

Toy Service - 8th 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 on 8th December.

Hanging Angels – one or two volunteers are needed to help hang the angels this year please. You will need to be able to climb the ladders to the height of the heating pipes under the supervision of our Health and Safety Officer. Time to be agreed between those helping, but probably 3 hours needed between Monday 2nd December and Saturday 7th December. For more information please speak to Robin Dawson or email Chris Gill.

Thank You's ...

Tearfund Quiz ... thank you to Sam and the Mission Partners Committee for organising this, and for all who supported it with desserts and donations. £308 was given, which will be sent to Tearfund.

Thank you for work done on Friday 15th November ... many thanks to all those who turned up on Friday 15th November to help with clearing the huge quantity of leaves at the front and side of the church. This big task was made much easier and quicker by the number of people (8) who worked on it; many hands make light work! Also thanks to Alan Swanborough and Robin Dawson for replacing all the remaining church bulbs with LED ones; and to Robin and David Leech for the great improvement to the pulpit flooring. Our Facilities Committee work hard on many maintenance jobs behind the scenes.

The Final Total for the Craft and Chat Stall ... has now reached £194.78; all going to church funds. Very many thanks to all those concerned for their support.

Notices From Previous Weeks

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.

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

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.

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