



## 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 by the orange oval ceramic at the front, and coffee from the back.*

### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

8.30 am Morning Worship

Luke 1:26-45 (p.1031) Luke 11:1-13 (p. 1047)

10.45 am All Age Carol Service

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

*O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
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 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Seabridge School Service, Church
	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Carol Singing - gathering in the Parish Room
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Westlands School Service, Church
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	Coppice School Service, Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Langdale Carol Service, Church
	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Candle-lit Carol Service led by players from Newcastle Community Orchestra, Church

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

**Mince Pies...** thank you to those who have brought mince pies for us to enjoy after this morning's service. More will be needed for the Candle-lit Carol service at 6.30 pm next Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) – not least to make sure that the orchestra players are well fed.

**Cleaning Between Carol Services** ... with our paid cleaner, Debi, only available some of the time we could do with someone able to offer some basic cleaning (hoovering and checking toilets) during the following periods:

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> anytime between 1-11 pm;

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> anytime between 10.45 am-11 pm;

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> anytime 12.45-11 pm;

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> after 10.45 am, or on Sat 21<sup>st</sup>;

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> anytime between 4.30-11 pm.

Please let me know if you are able to cover any of these – Andrew

**Want To Know More?**... in the new year we will be running a short introductory course to the Christian Faith. Please speak to the Vicar or to Irene Hardacre if you might be interested.

**New Hall** ... we held the planned progress meeting with Fords on Tuesday. Things are generally going well - the concrete pour to form the main base slab is on schedule for Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> December). Fords will be taking the standard construction industry 2-week

Christmas break. There then won't be much, if any, activity on site until middle/end Jan as their focus will be on the continuing construction of the wall panels in their Blythe Bridge Factory - and possibly also waiting on the planners to agree the choice of bricks and roofing material pattern/colour.

## Notices From Previous Weeks

**Carol Singing Around Westlands Parish** ... there is an 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.

**Snow/Ice** ... over winter it is possible there will be snowfall or ice on the church grounds. We will endeavour to keep a pedestrian route to the front door clear on Sundays. But even this is not always possible, and if the weather is particularly hazardous there may be occasions when we could close the car park for safety and ask cars to park on the road.

**Social Event - Date For Your Diary** ... on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, the Events Working Group have arranged a Chinese meal out to celebrate the Chinese New Year, at the Regent Chinese Restaurant, 12 High Street, Newcastle. ST5 1RA. This will start at 7 pm and cost £23 per person for a 4 course meal. Why not bring your friends? More details and a sign-up list in due course.

**Have You Heard of Easyfundraising?** ... with Christmas coming up, and probably more people shopping online, it seems appropriate to remind people of this simple way to help with church's financial situation. If you ever order anything online (including your weekly grocery shop), you could help raise income for the church **with no cost to yourself**, by signing up to Easyfundraising. A small group of the congregation already belong to this, and between them have generated about £400 since 2022. A big thank you to those people. It is easy to sign up [link here](#) When you want to purchase something you then login to the Easyfundraising website (or download their app and enter that way) to select a retailer The retailer then makes a small payment to St. Andrew's. It may only be a few pence, but it all adds up to helping our finances. With over 7000 brands participating, it is highly likely that some of your favourite shopping sites are amongst them. Remember, every little helps and it doesn't cost you a penny!

## **Recent PCC Decisions 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](#).

**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.

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