

St Andrew's Westlands

A warm welcome to anyone worshipping with us today for the first time.

After 10.45 Sunday 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.

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3.30 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Communion Service 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p.1193) Matthew 1:18-25 (p.975)

Collect for: Christmas Night

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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



Christmas Day

Wed 25th Dec 10.45am All Age Worship followed by Holy Communion

Collect for: Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Fri 27th Dec 7.30 pm Compline via <u>Zoom link</u>

Sunday 29th December

- 8.30 am No Service
- 10.45 am Morning Worship Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel Psalm 148 (p. 632) Colossians 3:12-17 (p.1185)
 - 6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: The First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

With the schools on holiday, there are no open building days until 6th January.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Staging and Stable ... if you could spare 30 minutes to help take down the stable and staging after the Crib service (from approx.

4.15 pm) then please do stay to help. The more volunteers we have the quicker we will be for everyone. All welcome, particularly the young and fit!

New Hall ... Fords have now completed the site preparation and installed the main concrete floor slab. They are now taking the standard construction industry 2-week Christmas break. In fact, there won't be much activity on site until the middle/end of January 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.

Sunday 29th Dec ... worship at 10.45 am and 6.30 pm will take place as usual; however there will not be a 8.30 am service that day

Katia Rocks ... copies of the latest letter from our mission partner in Brazil, Katia Rocks are available at the back of church and via the CMS website.

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.

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 30th 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.

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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