



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.

Sunday 12th January

8.30 am Holy Communion

Psalm 8 (p.540) Matthew 6:25-34 (p.979)

10.45 am All Age Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Café Church, Parish Room

Collect for: The First Sunday of Epiphany

*Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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



Following
Jesus' teaching

This week ...

- Mon 13th Jan 4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room
 7.00 pm Social Media Team, Parish Room
- Tues 14th Jan 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room
 3.00 pm Afternoon Tea, Parish Room
 7.30 pm Home Group, via MSTeams
- Wed 15th Jan 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
 7.30 pm Deanery Synod
- Thurs 16th Jan 7.30 pm Home Group
- Fri 17th Jan 10.30 am Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
 7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
- Sun 19th Jan 8.30 am Morning Worship
 10.45 am Holy Communion
 6.30 pm Unity Week Service in St Andrew's

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

Unity Week Service... Churches Together in Newcastle Town's annual service is taking place next Sunday (19th January) at 6.30 pm. In addition to an update about the Blaze Ministry to teenagers in North Staffs, the service will include an interview with John Webbe, Director of Emmaus North Staffs. Still known to many as the Furniture Mine in Hanley, this is now part of an international charity with Christian roots collecting a variety of good second hand items to support those who might not otherwise be able to afford to furnish their own home. The service will be held at St Andrew's - please do aim to join us if you can.

The Church Response to Gambling ... all are invited to join this week's Deanery Synod meeting, which will be held on Zoom on Wednesday (15th January) at 7.30 pm. As the online gambling industry is such a big part of the North Staffs economy, we thought it would be helpful to address the subject. Our guest speaker is Bishop Alan Smith, who for many years has been prominent in highlighting concerns about the impact it can have on the most vulnerable. Many will know Alan from his time as Archdeacon of Stoke Trent.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 14th January at 3.00 pm in the Parish Room. All are welcome to come and join with others for afternoon tea. Cost £4.50. Please pay on the day. Places can be booked by phoning Glenys Gill 01782 625924 or by email: mrsghenysgill@gmail.com 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.

Chinese Meal Out To Celebrate The Chinese New Year - Thursday 30th January 2025 ... the sign-up list for this social event is now available at the back of church. This will take place at the Regent Chinese Restaurant, 12 High Street, Newcastle. ST5 1RA (there is a car park to the rear of the restaurant), starting at 7.00 pm. The cost is £23 per person for a 4-course meal. It is traditional to wear something red for Chinese New Year celebrations. We hope to play Chinese New Year Bingo as well. Why not bring a group of friends and support the Events Working Group in their efforts. Full payment for the meal will be needed by Friday 24th January. All enquiries to either Bob Bell or Margaret Hollins.

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.

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.

Coins/Silver/Gold Collection ... thanks to all who have donated coins, elements of silver and gold scrap. A recent 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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