



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> January

8.30 am Holy Communion

Revelation 1:9-2:7 (p.1235) Matthew 24:3-24 (p.999)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

### Collect for: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

*Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	PCC, Parish Room
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> 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
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30 pm	Book Club, Parish Room
	7.00 pm	Chinese Meal, Regent Restaurant
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	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.

**Links for Deliveries** ...thank you very much to all who deliver these; we are anticipating that bundles will be available for collection from church on Sunday. If you do not live in the delivery area, please do take a copy from the back of church – we are very keen that all who are part of the church know what is going on too!

**Identity Course**... in St John's Gospel we find help in clearing up the confusion about who we are and who God is. Irene Hardacre is planning to run the 7-week *Identity Course* which focuses on this. Each session revealing more about the identity and mission of Jesus and showing why he is the key to life and the one who can throw light on our big questions. Nothing is assumed, we will explore together, anything can be asked. We would love you to join us. It will take place on Wednesday evenings, 7.15-8.45 pm, beginning on 26<sup>th</sup> February. For more details speak to Irene.

**Newcastle Foodbank** ... expresses their thanks to all who have supported them over the last year. They are currently particularly short of: tinned tomatoes, sponge puddings, tinned cold or hot meat, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, shaving gel and shampoo. Details of other ways to get involved or to help in 2025, including regular financial giving, are shown on <https://newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

**Children's Book Appeal** ... Bob Bell is appealing for Children's books as part of a Rotary Club project, particularly those suitable for 4-11 years old but also those for older children up to 16-18. Books4Home will accept, sort and deliver the books. Any unwanted ones are offered to other charities. Currently five local schools in our area benefit but the Club want to increase this. Provision of these books enables young people to take a book into homes where there are few or no books and hopefully encourage more reading and improved literacy. Either bring the books to the back of Church by the end of February or phone Bob who will be happy to collect them.

### **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Chinese Meal Out To Celebrate The Chinese New Year**...this Thursday (30<sup>th</sup> January) - final call for bookings. A reminder that we need to know final numbers and have all payments for this meal by today (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January), please ... the sign-up list for this social event is at the back of church, or contact Bob or Margaret (details below). This will take place at the Regent Chinese Restaurant, 12 High Street, Newcastle. ST5 1RA, starting at 7.00 pm. The cost is £23 per person for a 4-course meal (menu located by the sign-up list). It is traditional to wear something red for Chinese New Year celebrations. We will be playing Chinese New Year Bingo as well. Why not bring a group of friends and support the Events Working Group in their efforts. All enquiries to either Bob Bell or Margaret Hollins.

**Parking** ... the car park to the rear of the restaurant, accessed off Bridge Street, that was mentioned in previous notices is marked as 'permit holders only'. However, St Giles are happy for us to use their car park - although the gates will only be open from 6.45-7.00 pm, and at the end of the evening. Space in front of the main entrance and up beside the building should be available, i.e. avoiding the darker area of the church yard, though some may benefit from bringing a torch anyway.

**Church Coffee After 10.45 am Service** ... it is great that so many are staying to chat. However, washing up facilities are very limited, so it really helps if as many as possible can bring their own mug.

**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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