



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> February

8.30 am Holy Communion

Psalm 99 (p.600) Matthew 25:31-46 (p.1002)

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 Fourth Sunday Before Lent

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
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 10<sup>th</sup> Feb     10.00 am Pastoral Visiting Team  
                         4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb    10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room  
                         3.00 pm Afternoon Tea, Parish Room  
                         7.30 pm Home Group, via MSTeams
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb     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
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb       7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb       8.30 am Morning Worship  
                         10.45 am Holy Communion  
                         6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

**Children's Worker Vacancy ...** Good news: we have just received an application from an experienced candidate, and are in the process of arranging an interview day. Please pray for God's blessing on the process.

## **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**A Church Awayday ...** has been booked for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Rudyard Lake. It will include worship, teaching, fellowship, and a chance to enjoy the lakeside setting and/or activities. Lifts should be available for those who need them. More details including costs and how to book will be issued nearer the time, but please put this date in your diary.

**Afternoon Tea ...** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 contacting Glenys Gill. 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.

**Worship Committee ...** our recent meeting expressed great appreciation to all who speak in public worship, especially our bible readers and those who lead prayers. Occasionally, however some

members of the committee and the congregation have struggled to hear every word. It is a real help if those who are speaking in church can remember that quite a few are hard of hearing - and that our large resonant building presents quite a challenge.

Speakers can help by: making sure that they speak quite a bit more slowly than in everyday conversation; more loudly too; and with the microphone pulled up to about 6 inches away.

Also... If any extra volunteers would like to go on the bible reading rota please do ask.

**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 contact Bob who will be happy to collect them.

**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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*St Andrew's Church is a charity funded by donations. We don't expect visitors to contribute towards our running costs but if you would like to do so there are gift aid envelopes in the pews, and collection plates by the door. We are very grateful to all who support us as we seek to serve God here in the Westlands.*

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