



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 16th February

8.30 am Morning Worship

Proverbs 21:1-13 (p.654) Luke 18:9-14 (p.1057)

10.45 am Holy Communion

We welcome Jamie Hickin, who will be telling us about the work of the Lyme Trust, providing safe, supported accommodation and life skills to people with mild to moderate mental health conditions - with the aims of a return to independent living and the prevention of homelessness in Newcastle.

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: The Third Sunday Before Lent

*Almighty God, who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 17 th Feb	7.30 pm	Standing Committee, Parish Room
Wed 19 th Feb	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Fri 21 st Feb	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 23 rd Feb	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship, Parish Room

With the schools on holiday, there are no open building days this week.

Our Lent Course... is entitled *Asking aright: biblical priorities in prayer*. It will take place on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. March 12th- Approaching God aright; March 19th- The Lord's prayer; March 26th- The Lord at prayer; April 2nd- Learning from Paul's Prayers; April 9th Practical pointers from the bible. All welcome. Please indicate if you are planning to come for some or all of the course by signing the lists at the back of church.

Note: The week before the course begins, on 5th March, the Ash Wednesday communion will be at the earlier-than-usual time of 6.30 pm.

New Projection Screen ... we are very grateful to Andrew Maddison (Sue & John's son) for bringing a scaffold tower to enable him to replace the church's main projection screen. Also to Robin and Sam (and Sue & John) for assisting. Link to photos [here](#)

Lifts to Church ... we are very grateful to a number of people who help others with transport to church. Stuart Rushton, who co-ordinates requests for lifts to the 10.45 Sunday service, could do with some extra drivers, either on a regular or occasional basis. If you would like to know more, please speak to Stuart. The number to ring to ask for a lift on Sunday is 07951 674453 - ring on the day anytime between 8.30-9.30 am.

Weekly Stewardship Envelopes ... thank you to all who donate regularly to the work of our Church. If you give using these weekly envelopes, please pick up your new box, for use from 6th April, at the back of Church. For anyone who would like to sign up for this convenient method of making regular donations, please contact Alan Swanborough.

Lichfield Diocese's New Chief Executive Officer ... following the retirement of Julie Jones, Mrs Sam Rushton has been appointed to this

role. Sam had extensive management experience in the banking industry, before ordination led in time to 10 year's service as Archdeacon in the York Diocese. The role, which used to be called the Diocesan Secretary, includes the management of the Diocesan central staff, to ensure that they are serving the Diocese's parishes effectively. More details [here](#)

Dementia-Friendly Church Training ... the Diocesan Enabler for this, Sarah Thorpe is running a training event at Holy Trinity Chesterton on Saturday 8th March, to which members of other churches are warmly invited. It is at 9.30 for 10 am-12:30 pm, and is free, but booking is required -via sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org or 0798 224 8949.

Children's Worker Vacancy ... Good news: we have an experienced candidate who will lead Sunday club on 1st March and be interviewed on the evening of the 5th. Please pray for him, and for the management committee who are entrusted with filling the vacancy (Andrew Dawswell, Glenys Gill, Bob Bell, Sam Jones, Helen Dodds and Jill Kirk).

Notices From Previous Weeks

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 26th February. For more details speak to Irene.

A Church Awayday ... has been booked for Saturday 14th 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.

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.

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.

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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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