



## 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 filter coffee from the back.*

*Instant coffee should be available at either location if you want to reduce the queuing time.*

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

8.30 am Holy Communion

Revelation 2:12-29 (p.1236) Matthew 5:17-30 (p.977)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

### **Collect for: The Second Sunday Before Lent**

*Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the  
Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.*



Welcoming the  
whole community



Discovering  
God's love



Following  
Jesus' teaching

## **This week ...**

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.00 pm	Xcite, Parish Room
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30 am	Book Club, Parish Room
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	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.

**Children's Worker Vacancy** ... with a second credible application having now been received, our candidates will be leading Sunday club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March respectively, and be interviewed on the evenings of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for them both, 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).

**Spring Working Party - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March (am)** ... the Facilities Committee will be undertaking some necessary maintenance tasks on this date, commencing at 9.00 am. Any offers of help would be much appreciated. Tasks will include window cleaning, sanding down and varnishing external doors, and improving wheelchair access to the paving at the front of church. If the weather is kind, some general tidying of the grounds is also possible, although not a priority. Please let Margaret know if you are able to help.

**Bunching of Daffodils for Mothering Sunday** ... this will take place in the church office on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 9.30 am. Please let Margaret know if you are able to help.

## **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**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 12<sup>th</sup>- Approaching God aright; March 19<sup>th</sup>- The Lord's prayer; March 26<sup>th</sup>- The Lord at prayer; April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Learning from Paul's Prayers; April 9<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March, the Ash Wednesday communion will be at the earlier-than-usual time of 6.30 pm.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Dementia-Friendly Church Training** ... the Diocesan Enabler for this, Sarah Thorpe is running a training event at Holy Trinity Chesterton on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org) or 0798 224 8949.

**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.

**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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*Transport to 10.30 service:* 07951 674453 on the morning.8.30-9.30 am  
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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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