

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 9th March

8.30 am Holy Communion

Revelation 3: 14-22 (p.1237) Luke 19:1-10 (p.1058)

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 Lent

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.







This week ...

Mon 10th Mar 4.00 pm Xcite, Parish Room

7.30 pm Facilities Committee, Parish Room

Tues 11th Mar 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room

3.00 pm Afternoon Tea, Parish Room

Wed 12th Mar 8.30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10.30 am Lent Course, Parish Room

1.30 pm Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room

7.30 pm Lent Course, Parish Room

Fri 14th Mar 7.30 pm Compline via Zoom

Sun 16th Mar 8.30 am Morning Worship

10.45 am Holy Communion6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

Please Continue to Pray... for our recruitment of a new children's worker. Though the committee felt positive about the candidate we interviewed, he subsequently withdrew his application.

We thank God for those who are continuing to work so hard to enable us to continue this vital part of our ministry

Electoral Roll ... along with every other Church of England congregation, St Andrew's is required to keep an Electoral Roll. This is formally to determine people's eligibility to stand for certain offices, and if elections are necessary who can vote. But it also serves as a good record of who considers themselves to be a church member. Every 6 years a completely new roll is prepared - so anyone wanting to remain on the roll (or to join it for the first time) needs to complete a new application form - obtainable at the back of church, and to be returned to the adjacent box by Sunday, 20th April please.

Prize Draw ... as part of their promotions, Ecclesiastical Insurance are again inviting people to nominate their favourite charity to be entered into a draw, with 100 gifts of £1000 being given to the charities that are randomly selected. You should be able to 'unsubscribe' from any emails that follow on for this - St Andrew's Charity Number is 1132163.

God, the Bible and Everything in 60 Mins ... Friday 14th March, 7.30 – 9.00 pm at Christ Church, Stone. Join BBC sitcom writer James Cary as he hilariously unpacks the entire Bible —complete with jokes, props,

a big screen, and maybe even a song. Tickets £10 available via: https://christchurchstone.churchsuite.com/events/0nd3fmv1

Keele Bach Choir... Concert in Keele University Chapel on Saturday 22nd March 7.30 pm. Handel's Dixit Dominus and Zadok the Priest, plus J S Bach's O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht and Magnificat. Tickets £15 via Jane Riddle, Sue Maddison or keelebachchoir.sumupstore.com

Notices From Previous Weeks

Does Anyone Have ... a small table-top bookshelf, bookends or a bookworm that are of no further use? Any of these would enable us to display a small selection of books on top of the bookshelves with books to borrow. If you can help, please speak to Helen Swanborough.

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 11th March 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.

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.

Spring Working Party - Friday 21st 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 Hollins know if you are able to help.

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

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.

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.

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Transport to 10.30 service: 07951 674453 on the morning.8.30-9.30 am www.churchinthewestlands.org.uk

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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