



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 13th April

8.30 am Holy Communion

Psalm 118:19-29 (p.614) Luke 19:28-40 (p.1058)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Café Church, Parish Room

Collect for: Collect for: Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and
humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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. **Amen.**



Welcoming the
whole community



Discovering
God's love



Following
Jesus' teaching

This week ...

Mon 14 th April	7.30 pm	Holy Week Service, Parish Room
Tues 15 th April	3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Service, Parish Room
Wed 16 th April	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 pm	Holy Week Service, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Service, Parish Room
Thurs 17 th April	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion, Parish Room
Fri 18 th April	9.45 am	Messy Church
	10.00 am	Morning Service
	12.00 pm	Churches Together Witness, Guildhall
	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Devotional Service, Church
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 20 th April	5.40 am	Sonrise Service, Bunny Hill, above Wye Rd
Easter Sunday		Community Centre, ST5 4AZ
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	All Age Worship & Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

Use of the Hall by Community groups ... as has been indicated before, in order to avoid a £120k VAT bill, for the next 10 years we need to limit our hire of the hall to an average of 8.5 hours a week. This will allow several regular bookings and one-off parties, but would not permit quite as much community usage as we would ideally like. The March PCC therefore agreed to experiment with allowing in addition up to 5 weekly bookings for local community groups without any formal charging; although this will be limited to groups which are entirely voluntary ie no salary is drawn or profit taken out. We feel able to do this because, both the building and the heating system are very energy efficient, so each additional usage will be costing quite a bit less than for an older building; and we are hoping too that many of the groups benefiting would be willing to make a donation to cover these kinds of costs. In addition we are planning to review this offer regularly to check that it can still be afforded. If you know any local groups who might benefit from this please encourage their organisers to contact Chris Gill.

Annual Giving Statements ... next week (w/c 13th April), we are hoping to generate the annual statements for those in the Stewardship Scheme. As well as being needed by some for their tax returns, it is

also a good opportunity to check that we have your correct details, that we have received all your giving, and that we have allocated it to the right funds. Last year many of these were sent by email for the first time and we shall be doing that again this year. Please let Chris Gill know if you wish to be added to the list of those who receive the statement in this way. If you wish to have a printed statement, then please speak to Alan Swanborough.

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 15th April 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.

Myanmar Earthquake Appeal ... Tearfund, as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee have launched an emergency appeal to offer humanitarian support through their local partner churches in the region. The number of fatalities is rising by the day, with recent figures suggesting over 3,000 lives lost. Your gift could provide essential items like: mosquito nets, soap and washing powder; cash for food and essentials for a family that has lost their income; or shelter items including tarpaulin, rope and bamboo. Details [on their website](#) or you can give by calling 020 3906 3906.

Jigsaw Festival ... Saturday 19th July, 10 am to 3.30 pm - your help needed please. The Events Group are planning a Jigsaw Festival as part of the celebrations for the completion of our new hall. Could you please help in the following ways:

1. Do you have any large pieces of sturdy cardboard packing or boxes that can be cut to mount jigsaws on?
2. Would you be willing to donate a new or used but 100% complete and good condition jigsaw that we can sell? 1000, 500 or less pieces, including children's or larger piece adults puzzles.
3. Would you or your family be willing to construct jigsaws in advance of the event, that we can lay on cardboard and display?

Please contact Margaret to discuss any of these. Please let me know details of what you may have to contribute. We will also need help on the day and the day before, with setting up, helping with refreshments, etc. Full details in due course.

Newcastle Churches Together ... will again be holding a half-hour open air service by the Guildhall at 12 noon on Good Friday. Do join us if you can. We are hoping to give goodie bags with a flyer and a few wrapped mini-eggs. More donations of mini-eggs (ie markedly smaller than creme eggs) are still needed and would be very welcome - please bring them to church by Sunday (13th April).

Notices From Previous Weeks

Home Groups Will Be Re-starting After Easter ... One group will meet on MS Teams on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm, the others will meet in person on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm; and Thursdays at 7.30 pm. They will meet on 6/7/8 and 20/21/22 May, 3/4/5 and 17/18/19 June and 1/2/3 July.

We will be starting a study series on 'Meeting God', written by J.I.Packer, and looking at 12 key bible passages that enlarge our vision of our Heavenly Father. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church to help us gauge numbers.

Electoral Roll ... Forms to be returned by next Sunday (20th April)

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*Transport to 10.30 service: 07951 674453 on the morning.8.30-9.30 am
St Andrew's Church (charity number 1132163) is 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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