



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 27th April

8.30 am Morning Worship

Acts 5:27-32 (p.1101) John 20:19-end (p.1093)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, in the Church

Collect for: The Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you

in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 28 th April	7.30 pm	Standing Committee, Parish Room
Tues 29 th April	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 30 th April	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
Thurs 1 st May	All Day	Local Government Elections, Parish Room
	10.00 am	Holy Communion, in the Church
	1.00 pm	Funeral of Philip Gardner
Fri 2 nd May	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 4 th May	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, in the Church

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

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will be held in the Parish Room at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 11th May, and will include worship, sermon and prayer. Please do collect a copy of our annual report beforehand (or you can download it from our website)

We need to elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2025-26. There are nomination forms at the back of the church for those who are willing to stand - anyone on the electoral rolls for both 2024 and 2025 is eligible. We also need to elect two church wardens to serve for the next 12 months. Please note that signing that you are being willing to be nominated for either of these roles includes confirming (a) that you are a 'fit and proper person' to act as a charity trustee - the requirements for this being spelled out on the attached sheet; and (b) that you are willing to undergo DBS clearance.

There is also an additional list for any who would like to volunteer to join the welcomer's rota.

St Andrew's New Electoral Roll ... is at the back of church, you are welcome to check your entry.

Tearfund Open Café ... Saturday 17th May at 10.30 am - come and enjoy refreshments, browse the stalls and support some of the poorest people in the world. Donations of plants, books, CDs, DVDs, toys and games in good condition as well as homemade cakes/biscuits to sell would be most welcome. Please leave any donations at the back of church.

Notices From Previous Weeks

Home Groups are re-starting shortly ... 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.

Gardening Morning, Friday 9th May ... there will be a gardening morning on 9th May starting at 9.30 am, and finishing around 12.30 pm. Any offers of help with tidying up the church grounds would be appreciated. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Margaret Hollins if you can help.

Our Mission Partner Katia Rocks ... has sent another update, which is available [on the CMS website](#).

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.

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 Hollins 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.

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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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