



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> May

8.30 am Morning Worship

Acts 9:1-22 (p.1105) John 21:1-19 (p.1093)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, in the Church

#### **Collect for: The Third Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

#### **Collect from VE Day Resources:**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Welcoming the  
whole community



Discovering  
God's love



Following  
Jesus' teaching

## **This week ...**

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 am	Home Group, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, Parish Room
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	Gardening Morning, Church Grounds
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30 pm	Messy Church, Church & Parish Room
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Confirmation & Holy Communion Service
	6.30 pm	Annual Church Meeting, Parish Room

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

**A Westlands Community VE Day Anniversary Party ...** is being held around the square on Monday (5<sup>th</sup>). We are assisting by lending tables and chairs, and offering toilet facilities. I will be able to check up on our premises in the morning and evening but could do with someone to offer to check at around 3.00 pm; and also at around 4.30 pm - please have a word if you might be able to help – Andrew.

**A Confirmation Service ...** will take place next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> May) at 10.45 am. The service will again be conducted by Bishop Alistair Magowan, an Assistant Bishop of Lichfield Diocese, who served for many years as the Bishop of Ludlow. We are grateful to the Bishops of Lichfield and Stafford for facilitating this in response to our concerns about their advocacy of same-sex blessings (those on email can see details [here](#) and [here](#)).

**Door to Door Introductions ...** we are again hoping to get together a small team to make personal contact with those living in some of the streets of St Andrew's Parish, while we have the benefit of lighter evenings. Please let me know if you might be interested in being part of this team, or in praying for this ministry – Andrew.

## **Notices From Previous Weeks**

**Gardening Morning, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May ...** there will be a gardening morning on 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Andrew's Annual Meeting** ... will be held in the Parish Room at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Paper plates are available to put cakes on.

**Home Groups are Re-Starting This Week** ... 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.

**Jigsaw Festival** ... Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 and also to 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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