



# St Andrew's Westlands

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Easter 2026

Pilkington Avenue ST5 3RE

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## Easter & Holy Week Services

**Mon - Thurs 7.30pm**  
Devotional services, with  
Communion on Maundy Thursday

### Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- 9.45 am** Messy Church in the Hall
- 10.00 am** Good Friday Service
- 12.00 pm** Churches together service by  
Guildhall
- 2.00 pm** Devotional Service

### Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)

- 6.15 am** 'Sonrise' open air service  
(above Wye Road Community Centre)

**Followed by celebration services at the usual  
Sunday times of:**

**8.30am, 10.45am & 6.30pm**

At 10.45 there are usually also Sunday Club groups for 3-10 & 10-15's in the hall - although Easter Sunday is one of the special weeks when instead our main 10.45 service is designed to be suitable for all ages (the others coming up are Mothering Sunday on 15th March, and 10th May).

## Regular events

### *In the new hall:*

**Messy church...** for Children and Parents together  
Sats 7th Mar & 9th May... 2.30-4.00pm , and  
also on Good Friday at 9.45m

**Craft and Chat...** 2-3.30pm on 13th Apr, 11th  
May... Details - Margaret on 01782 612009.

**Xcite...** for Yrs 5,6 & 7. Wii games, table football,  
snacks, discussions about life and faith, cooking  
and crafts. Term-time Mondays 4-5pm in the  
parish room . For more info. contact 01782  
625924 or [mrchrisgill2@gmail.com](mailto:mrchrisgill2@gmail.com)

**Afternoon tea...** 3.00pm on Tuesdays 10th Mar,  
14th Apr, 12th May... £5.00 - book by con-  
tacting Glenys on [mrsnglenysgill@gmail.com](mailto:mrsnglenysgill@gmail.com) or  
01782 625924. Special diets can be catered for  
if notice given.

**Renew Westlands Café...** Every Wednesday, ex-  
cept for Dec24th-Jan1st. Drop in anytime be-  
tween 1.30-4.00. Especially for any who are: a  
bit lonely and want a chat; or anxious but would  
value a safe place. Including a cuppa and the  
option of crafts, jigsaw, games etc.

### *In the parish room, accessible from rear car park:*

**Little Sparklers...** for 0-3's and their parents or car-  
ers, with Bible stories, toys and a chance to  
chat. From 10-11am on Tuesday mornings dur-  
ing school term-time

**Forget me not Café...** For all who are bereaved, a  
chance to meet with others in a similar position.  
Generally on 3rd Fridays between 10.30-  
12noon (20th Mar, 17th Apr, 15th May...)

**Book Club...** 10.30 -12 Last Thursday in the month

**All Welcome**

## Easter Message

We sometimes speak of 'snatching victory from the jaws of defeat'. And the first Good Friday certainly looked at first sight like a resounding defeat for the new movement that Jesus of Nazareth had started. True, large crowds had flocked to hear him teach and heal. But Jesus had attracted growing opposition from the authorities. And before long they had arranged for him to be put to death on the cross.

Only his followers quickly started proclaiming that Jesus had risen from the dead—that he had defeated death. And they soon came to see as well that even his crucifixion had been part of God's plan to rescue the human race; that '...through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death (Hebrews 2.14)

All of which explains why, alongside the celebration of Easter, churches across the world also annually recollect the first Good Friday. With a sadness, yes, that our world sought to reject the Lord Jesus in the most emphatic way possible. But at the same time grateful that, far from thwarting God's rescue plan, it was a key step in enabling it to happen.

What's more, even those who once opposed Jesus are still invited to change their minds; to discover not only forgiveness of sins, but a share in his victory. For though we still all face physical death, Christians believe that's not the end and that all who look to Jesus can one day be raised, with him, to a new kind of life.

*Death is swallowed up in victory... thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54,7)*

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## Xcite Club

A chill-out time for those in school years 5-8 at St. Andrew's Hall, across the drive from the church on Pilkington Ave ST5 3RE

Mondays 4-5pm during term time. Doors open 3:55pm.

With games, crafts, cooking, video games, Bible stories, quizzes, chats, chill time, refreshments and fun! ALL FREE

For more details contact Chris at [mrchrisgill2@gmail.com](mailto:mrchrisgill2@gmail.com) or on 625924



## Other activities in the new St Andrew's Hall

Several non-church groups and activities are now starting to use our new hall. These include Bowling, Women's Institute, Connexus KS1/2 tuition, and Seated Dance. There are a few details for these on the new page we've created under the 'what's on' tab of our website. Another tab gives more details of the hall & how to book it.

We welcome enquiries from other groups, activities or one-off events who might benefit from our excellent new facility.



Welcoming the whole community



Discovering God's love



Following Jesus' teaching

## Renew Westlands Café

### What is it?

- a weekly (51 weeks a year) opportunity
- A friendly meeting place
- café for a cuppa
- a safe warm place in St Andrew's Hall
- meets each Wednesday, 1.30pm to 4.00pm
- informal drop-in (feel free to come and go)

### Who is it for?

Any Adults in the Community who:

- Would enjoy a chat/company
- Might like to do or share a craft
- Would like to get out of the house
- May want to have the opportunity of an optional prayer time

**Are any of these you?** If so, come along for a "taster" session... you can stay or leave as you prefer. Car parking available at side & rear—St Andrews, Pilkington Ave ST5 3RE

**A Shared Space where it's OK not to be okay**