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 for refreshments, which will be served in the new hall.

Do take this notice sheet home with you – there's a very warm welcome to participate in the activities listed

Sunday 15th February

8.30 am Morning Worship

Romans 13:1-10 (p.1142) Luke 2:41-52 (p.1034)

10.45 am Holy Communion

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: The Sunday Next Before Lent
Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Welcome — Welcoming the whole community

Discovering God's love

Following Jesus' teaching

This week…

Tues 17th Feb	7.30 pm	Standing Committee, Parish Room
Wed 18th Feb	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Hall
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion, Parish Room
Fri 20th Feb	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 22nd Feb	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

Engaging With the Bible... though many still benefit from using a physical bible, sometimes guided by printed bible reading notes, a good number have been really helped by using a phone app or online bible aid. Over the next couple of months there will be 3 short presentations in our 10.45 services, each given by a church member saying a bit about how they have benefited from a particular resource. The first of these will be next Sunday with Neil Thompson describing the YouVersion app - which is available on smartphones or via youversion.com

Cake Sale to Support the Work of Katia Rocks in Brazil … this Sunday (15th February) there will be small cakes available in the hall after the 10.45am service. Donations are welcome to support the work of our CMS partner, Katia Rocks in Florianopolis. Her latest newsletter explains that her work is at serious threat due to a funding shortfall. As a church, we give her some financial support, but if you would like to consider setting up your own regular direct debit or make a one-off gift to help, please follow this link: https://churchmissionsociety.org/Rocks and press the aqua coloured button 'Donate Now' half way down the page (NOT the purple 'donate' button at the top as this button is for general CMS funds not specific to Katia).

Notices from Previous Weeks

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service… will take place on 18th February at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.

Lent Course … this year we will be looking at the 'I am' sayings of Jesus, highlighting his role as: The bread of life; The light of the world; The gate; The good shepherd; The resurrection & the life; The way the truth & the life; and The true vine. Meetings will take place in the Parish Room on Wednesdays starting on 25th February, and with the same material being covered at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm. They will include worship and a time for small group discussion.
All welcome, especially those who have not been part of this kind of church group before. It will be an excellent opportunity both to grow in faith, and to get to know other church members better over refreshments. Please indicate on the sign-up sheets at the back of church if you are interested in trying this out.

Giving … letters have been sent out this week by email to thank all those who have given to the church during 2025. It is also an opportunity to check that we have recorded your gifts correctly and you need not reply unless you think it is wrong. For those not on email Chris Gill will have a printed copy for you.

Initial Welcome into Church Building … the PCC feel that using the central doors over the last few years has improved this, but that a little more space around the hymn book table might reduce congestion in this area. As well as encouraging church members to move away from this area before chatting, we will therefore be experimenting with having one less long pew on that side of the nave.
NB in wintertime the aim before the service is to have the main doors and the lobby doors open only for the short periods of maximum flow. This is to reduce our burning of oil and to help the building stay warm. Limiting the opening of these doors is less important at the end of the 10.45 service, although we will still aim for this in the cold weather when there is also to be an evening service upstairs.

Snow/Ice ... over winter it is possible there will be snowfall or ice on the church grounds. We will endeavour to keep a pedestrian route to the front door clear on Sundays. But even this is not always possible, and if the weather is particularly hazardous there may be occasions when we could close the car park for safety and ask cars to park on the road.

Drivers Needed ... we are very grateful to Stuart Rushton for continuing to co-ordinate lifts to the 10.45 am Sunday service. However, we really need to increase the number of potential drivers. If you want to know more, please speak to Stuart.

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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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