



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February

8.30 am Holy Communion

Deuteronomy 8:1-3 (p.183) Matthew 4:1-11 (p.975)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

#### **Collect for: The First Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your  
Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	4.00 pm	Xcite, Hall
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 am	Lent Course, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Hall
	7.30 pm	Lent Course, Parish Room
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30 am	Book Club, Parish Room
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

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

**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. Today is the first of these with Neil Thompson describing the YouVersion app - which is available on smartphones or via [youversion.com](http://youversion.com)

**Cake Sale For Katia Rocks** ... last week's cake sale raised £222.85 which has now been sent to CMS to support Katia's work in Brazil. Many thanks to all who helped by making and selling the cakes and for all the generous donations received. Please continue to pray for her long-term funding struggle.

**Morning Sermon Recordings** ... almost every week the sermon is recorded and uploaded to our website. We aim to have this available by Monday lunchtime, but it's often available later on Sunday morning. They appear on our ['Sermons and services'](#) page, which you can reach via the 'what's on' menu.

## **Notices from Previous Weeks**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 recently 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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*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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