



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 22nd March

8.30 am Holy Communion

Acts 17:10-15 (p.1116) Matthew 13:1-23 (p.986)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, Parish Room

Collect for: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 rd Mar	AM	Music Exams, Church & Parish Room
	4.00 pm	Xcite, Hall
	7.30 pm	PCC, Parish Room
Tues 24 th Mar	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 25 th Mar	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
Thur 26 th Mar	10.30 am	Book Club, Parish Room
Fri 27 th Mar	All Day	Music Exams, Church & Parish Room
	9.30 am	Working Party, Church Grounds
	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 28 th March	All Day	Music Exams, Church & Parish Room
	9.30 am	Working Party, Church Grounds
Sun 29 th Mar	8.30 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship, Parish Room

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

Would You Like Something To Help You Read The Bible

Regularly? ... WordLive is a free online daily Bible reading guide produced by Scripture Union. You can use it via their website on your phone, tablet or computer: wordlive.org, via their Facebook page, where you can also read or leave comments or questions: facebook.com/WordLive or you can sign up to receive daily emails with the readings. Glenys and Sam both find it useful and would be happy to talk to you about it.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary ... please save the dates; full details in due course:-

Church Awayday - Saturday 20th June, this time going to [Cloverley Hall](#), between Whitchurch and Market Drayton - we would very much hope to be able to offer lifts. The day will again include worship, teaching and fellowship, with options for leisure activities being planned for the afternoon.

Family Event - picnic after the 10.45 am service - Sunday 12th July.

Garage Sale/Auction - Saturday 5th September - NB Happy to receive items now; all enquiries to Bob Bell.

Harvest Lunch after the 10.45 am service - Sunday 11th October.

Wreath-Making Workshop - Saturday 28th November, 2 pm. £40 per head.

Christmas Lunch With Entertainment - Tuesday 8th December.

Tearfund Cafe Plant Stall - Saturday 16th May ... Mike and I will be running the plant stall again this year, so if anyone is thinking of splitting plants and has some spare, why not pot them up, label clearly and save them for sale? Many thanks, Margaret Holins.

Parish Electoral Roll ... an up-to-date list of those on the electoral roll is due to be published in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 10th May at 6.30 pm. If you believe you are not on this roll and wish to be; or if your address has altered since April 2025, please complete one of the forms at the rear of the church, and return it by Sunday 12th April at the latest.

Church Silver we are looking for a volunteer to keep this in good condition. This probably requires an annual full polish and some more limited attention every quarter. Please speak to Andrew or to Diana Cotes if you are interested in finding out more.

Notices from Previous Weeks

Working Parties on Friday 27th and Sat 28th March do join us from 9.30-1.00 to help with keeping the site tidy, bringing suitable gardening tools if you can.

Chinese Meal - Thursday 16th April, 7 pm ... The Events Working Group have arranged this event at the Regent Chinese Restaurant, 12 High Street, Newcastle. Cost is £25 per person for 4 courses, with a deposit of £10 per person to be paid in advance by Easter Sunday, 5th April. There is a sign-up list at the back of church; please support this event and sign up early. Deposits to be paid to Bob Bell, Margaret Hollins or Jane Machin, please.

Home Groups Will Be Re-starting After Easter ... Have you ever found yourself wondering whether God really cares about the goings on of this world? Does he even notice that most people don't even believe he exists, let alone obey his commands? Perhaps you think that asking these questions is something Christians just shouldn't do. But imagine

that you did ask God these questions, and that he chose to answer them. Imagine that he told you disaster was on the horizon, and that it was God himself who was sending the disaster. How would you react? What would you do? What would you think of God? Out study series 'Living by Faith' will be mainly exploring the book of Habakkuk 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 21/22/23 April, 28April/6May/7May, 12/20/21 May, 2/3/4 & 16/17/18 June and 30 June/1/2 July. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church to help us gauge numbers.

If You Have Any Bibles, ... Bible notes, teaching notes for any ages that you no longer want (even if they have been written in) please leave them by the Food Bank box by the end of March for me to take to the Christian African Relief Trust in Huddersfield to be sent to Africa. Thank you. Jane Machin.

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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