



St Andrew's Westlands LINK

May/June 2026

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Open  Café



Plants



Books

Car wash

Toys &

Games



Cakes



Bric-a-brac

Chocolate lucky dip

Sat May 16th 10.30am - 12noon

In church hall and grounds

Admission £1, children free. All proceeds go to support Tearfund's relief and development work in the poorest parts of the world

Regular events

In the new hall:

Messy church... for Children and Parents together
Sats 9th May, 6th June & 4th July 2.30-4.00pm

Craft and Chat... 2-3.30pm on Mondays 11th May,
1st June & 6th July... 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

Afternoon tea... 3.00pm on Tuesdays 12th May,
9th Jun & 14th July... £5.00 - book by con-
tacting Glenys on mrsghenysgill@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 (15th May, 19th Jun, 17th July...)

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

All Welcome

'Mayday'

For nearly 100 years the word *Mayday* has been the agreed international distress signal. Though *S.O.S.* had served well enough when transmission was done using morse code, its consonants were not distinct enough for radio voice communication. So 'Mayday' was suggested, not because of anything to do with the month of May, but rather because of its closeness to the French *m'aider*, meaning 'help me'.

There are, these days, all sorts of different sources of help advertised, from helplines to helpdesks to AI 'helpers'- which some will find more useful than others. The bible contains a repeated encouragement to look to God in times of difficulty too. The writer of Psalm 46 declares 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble' And in the new testament, the letter to the Hebrews encourages its readers 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'

2026 has so far not been the easiest of years, for any of us. Conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza and then Iran have been causing a significant amount of uncertainty across the whole globe. For many, 2026 may have brought personal and family struggles much closer to home as well. We invite you to join us in looking for the Lord's help in what for many are difficult and distressing times. Our Sunday morning services are 8.30 & 10.45 (with children's activities); and we meet at 6.30 pm too.

Andrew Dawswell



Welcoming the whole community



Discovering God's love



Following Jesus' teaching

Also at St Andrew's

Several non-church groups and activities are now using 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.

Anthony Rose conductor
Ian Riddle piano
Hannah Ruth McDonald soprano
Mark Goodhew double bass

Ceramic City Choir

Bard & Broadway

Shearing | Bernstein | Rodgers | Diemer

SATURDAY, MAY 09
7.30 PM
St Andrew's Church, Westlands

Tickets £15 (Students £7.50, Under 16's free) via ceramicitychoir.org.uk or tel. 07854 639854

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