



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 3rd May

8.30 am Morning Worship

Psalm 31:1-5 (p.554) John 5:19-29 (p.1073)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing, Parish Room

Collect for: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen 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...

Tues 5 th May	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Facilities Committee, Parish Room
Wed 6 th May	8.30 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 am	Home Group, Parish Room
	1.30 pm	Renew Westlands Café, Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group, Parish Room
Thurs 7 th May	All Day	Local Elections, Parish Room
	10.00 pm	Holy Communion, in Church upstairs
	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 8 th May	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sat 9 th May	2.30 pm	Messy Church, Hall
Sun 10 th May	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	All Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Annual Church Meeting, Parish Room

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

Afternoon Tea ... Tuesday, 12th May at 3.00 pm in the Hall. All are welcome to come and join with others for afternoon tea. Cost £5.00. Please pay on the day. Places can be booked by contacting Glenys Gill.

Please also contact Glenys if you are able to help. Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance. We hope a good number of our Church family and friends will be able to join us. Offers of help will also be gratefully received.

Church Coasters and Cards ... there are a number of the Emma Joustra special graphic cards and coasters still available at a slightly reduced price of 2 coasters for £10, and £1.50 per card. These will be on sale at the monthly afternoon tea on Tuesday 12th May (and at subsequent afternoon teas), at the garage sale in September, or from Margaret Hollins or Bob Bell.

Raising Funds for the Church with No Cost to Yourself ... a reminder that using Easyfundraising whenever you purchase items on the internet, including supermarket deliveries, Amazon, etc, can mean a small donation to St. Andrew's at no cost to you. We have had an account with Easyfundraising for about 4 years, and the 11 people who use the system have helped to provide about £125 per year to St. Andrew's. Sign up at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/faithinthefuture-standrewschurchwestlands/>

and login to the Easyfundraising website (or download their app and enter that way) to select a retailer when you want to purchase something. The retailer then makes a small payment to St Andrew's.

Notices from Previous Weeks

Church Awayday... if you haven't yet got a leaflet about this, please do take one from the back of church. It is on Saturday 20th June at Cloverley Hall, including worship, teaching and fellowship. Please return booking slips by 17th May, along with payment of £30 for adults (either in cash or cheques payable to St Andrews Westlands PCC) free for children. Transport available if needed.

Links For Deliveries ... bundles are available for collection from the back of church. If you do not live in the delivery area, please do take a copy from the back of church – we are very keen that all who are part of the church know what is going on too!

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will be held in the Parish Room at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 10th May, and will include worship, sermon and prayer. Please do collect a copy of our annual report beforehand (or you can download it from our website).

We Need to Elect 15 members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) for 2026-27, and 3 Members of Deanery Synod ...there are nomination forms at the back of the church for those who are willing to stand - anyone who has been on the electoral roll since 2025 is eligible. We also need to elect two church wardens to serve for the next 12 months. Please note that signing that you are being willing to be nominated for either of these roles includes confirming (a) that you are a 'fit and proper person' to act as a charity trustee - the requirements for this being spelled out on the attached sheet; and (b) that you are willing to undergo DBS clearance.

There is also an additional list for any who would like to volunteer to join the welcomer's rota.

Tearfund Open Café ... Saturday 16th May at 10.30 am - come and enjoy refreshments, browse the stalls and support some of the poorest people in the world. Donations of plants, books, smaller items of bric-a-brac, DVDs, toys and games in good condition, as well as homemade cakes/biscuits to sell would be most welcome. Please leave any

donations at the back of church. Paper plates are available to put cakes on.

Tearfund Display ... a display about the work of Tearfund is on the boards at the back of church. Tearfund works in partnership with local churches and communities in more than 50 countries to try to alleviate the challenges of extreme poverty. Tearfund also provides relief when disasters occur and works in areas of conflict. All the work is underpinned by prayer.

Home Groups Have Restarted ... our 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 continue to meet on 6 May/7 May, 12/20/21 May, 2/3/4 & 16/17/18 June and 30 June/1/2 July. All welcome.

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.

Concert at St Andrew's ... on Saturday, 9th May at 7.30 pm. Bard & Broadway - with music by Shearing, Bernstein, Rodgers & Diemer. Tickets are £15, £7.50 for students and under 16s are free.

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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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