



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 10th May

8.30 am Holy Communion

Acts 1:1-11 (p.1095) Matthew 28:16-20 (p.1007)

10.45 am All Age Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Worship and Annual Church Meeting, Parish Room

Collect for: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 11th May 10.00 am Pastoral Team
2.00 pm Craft & Chat, Hall
4.00 pm Xcite, Hall
7.30 pm Prayer Meeting, Parish Room
- Tues 12th May 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room
3.00 pm Afternoon Tea, Hall
7.30 pm Home Group, via MSTeams
- Wed 13th May 8.30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
1.30 pm Renew Westlands Café, Hall
- Thurs 14th May 10.00 pm Holy Communion for Ascension Day,
in Church upstairs
- Fri 15th May 10.30 am Forget Me Not Café, Parish Room
2.00 pm Tearfund Open Café Setup, Hall
7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 16th May 9.00 am Tearfund Open Café, Hall
- Sun 17th May 8.30 am Morning Worship
10.45 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Worship, in church

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

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.

Annual Christian Aid Week ... 10-16th May is the annual Christian Aid week. Please notice on the pew/chair shelves Christian Aid envelopes with some instructions attached on how you could contribute if you wish to.

You may remember the phrase championed by Christian Aid a few years ago, 'We believe in life before death', a phrase that prioritises loving neighbours, combatting injustice and ensuring thriving, secure lives for vulnerable people. I think this sums up the work of Christian Aid.

Notices from Previous Weeks

St Andrew's Annual Meeting ... will be held in the Parish Room at 6.30 pm today (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.

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.

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!

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.

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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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