



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 17th May

8.30 am Morning Worship

Romans 8:31-39 (p.1138) John 17:1-19 (p.1089)

10.45 am Holy Communion

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship, in church

Collect for: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
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 18 th May	4.00 pm	Xcite, Hall
	7.15 pm	PCC (initially in church)
Tues 19 th May	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod, All Saints, Madeley
Wed 20 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
	7.30 pm	Worship Committee, Church Office
Thurs 21 st May	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 22 nd May	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 24 th May	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship, in church

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

Annual Meeting ... we had a full complement of nominations to serve for 2026/2027 on our PCC: Sam Jones, Sue Maddison, Helen Collins, Gillian Moss, Stuart Rushton, Helen McGarry, Jane Machin, Margaret Hollins, Bob Bell, Stuart Jackson, Karen Gallagher, Steve Forrester, David Leech, with Lewis Ng and Stephanie Hobbs too. They will be joined for the next 3 years by Alan Swanborough, Helen Swanborough and Glenys Gill, who have just been elected as our Deanery Synod Reps and also by Chris Gill while he continues to serve on General Synod. Also members are our two churchwardens for 2026/27 Marie Bateman (continuing) and Neil Thompson (taking over from Sam Jones). We are very grateful to all who serve in this way.

Deanery Synod ... meets at Madeley Church this Tuesday (19th May), starting at 7.30 pm, with refreshments beforehand. This will be an open meeting, to which all are welcome. Revd Canon Nick Smeeton will lead Synod in thinking about 'Seeking the Kingdom and how it might help my parish'. There will also be an early opportunity to be involved in the consultation to help find the 100th Bishop of Lichfield. We may finish a little later than usual, but no later than 9.30 pm.

Thank You Very Much ... to all who helped with, or supported, yesterday's Tearfund Café.

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 **this Sunday** (17th May), along with payment of £30 for adults (either in cash or cheques payable to St Andrews Westlands PCC) free for children. These can be placed on the church collection plate, or the vicarage letterbox. Transport available if needed.

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.

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 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.

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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