



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 20th September

8.30 am Morning Worship

Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.1175) Matthew 20:1-16 (p.994)

10.45 am Holy Communion

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

6.30 pm Evening Worship

Collect for: The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 21 st Sept	4.00 pm	Xcite, Hall
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting, Parish Room
Tues 22 nd Sept	10.00 am	Little Sparklers, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group, via MSTeams
Wed 23 rd Sept	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 24 th Sept	10.30 am	Book Club, Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Home Group
Fri 25 th Sept	7.30 pm	Compline via Zoom
Sun 27 th Sept	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Morning Worship
	2.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship

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

Foodbank ... donations are requested to help with the current shortages of baked beans, cat food, long-life milk, tinned potatoes, tinned custard, tinned fruit, microwave rice, tinned tomatoes, tea bags, toilet roll and bags for life. Donation points include: Sainsburys, Tesco's, Sainsburys and the back of St Andrew's.

Open Doors... we continue to support Open Doors in our giving and our prayers as they seek to highlight the needs of the world's many persecuted Christians and offer assistance where they can. This autumn they are focussing especially on the many Christians believers in Africa who are struggling in this way The *Arise Africa* [pages](#) of their website include a video and other details. They also link to a petition to enable individuals to join with the African church in calling upon the global community to ensure that Christians and other vulnerable individuals in sub-Saharan Africa are treated with dignity and respect through (i) Protection: Providing robust protection from violent militant attacks (ii) Justice: Ensuring justice through fair prosecutions of the attackers; and (iii) Restoration: Bring healing and restoration to all affected communities. The petition to be presented to the African Union, United Nations, EU and local governments around the world. Open Doors have around 820,000 signatories so far - you can help this

to grow towards their hoped-for target of a million. If you are not online, then someone who is should be able to register your support - if needed do contact me for help with this – Andrew

Notices from Previous Weeks

Welcome to our new Children & Families' Worker, Rebekah Wisbey

...Rebekah is contactable on standrewscfworker@outlook.com 07436 338787. Her normal working pattern will be Sunday-Thursday; although working on Messy Church Saturdays and having 4th Sundays off most months.

Please pray for Rebekah and for those who are continuing to serve the Lord in our different children's ministries: Sunday Club & Sunday Squad, All Age services, Xcite, Little Sparklers, School Assemblies Team (currently weekly in Westlands and Langdale, half-termly in Friarswood), Stepping Stones KS1 after school club in Langdale, Messy Church.

Many Thanks ... to everyone who helped in any way with the Late Summer Fayre and Auction, and also to all those who came along and supported the event. So far the total raised for church funds is just over £1,600, with some further amounts to come in, so the final total could approach £2,000. This is a fantastic result and is thanks to a great team effort. Well done everyone.

Planning Application ... Newcastle Islamic Centre have put in a planning application to extend their buildings. This includes a mezzanine floor above the main hall to create extra classrooms, with an enlarged entrance porch and tall brick minaret giving a more Islamic appearance too. The vicar and wardens, though supportive of our new neighbour's freedom of religion, are also very aware of a number of local residents' concerns about the potential for the building's increased capacity to exacerbate parking issues etc. Please pray for all those involved, and especially the Borough's officers and councillors as they decide on the application. Details are available via the council's website [26/00595/FUL](https://www.ncl.gov.uk/26/00595/FUL) , and anyone is allowed to comment.

Astrophysics and Faith ... Raphael Hirschi, a Keele professor in this field who is also a committed Christian is speaking at Stoke YMCA on Tuesday 29th September at 6.45 pm. Highly recommended - reserve your free place via [this link](#)

Confirmation Service ... we will be aiming to offer an opportunity for confirmation in the new year. If you are interested in the possibility of being confirmed as a full member of the Church of England, please speak to Andrew. In addition to adults, young people in year 8 or above who feel ready to affirm a personal commitment to Christ and to his church are also invited to consider this step.

Home Groups ... are looking at the first half of Luke's gospel - aiming to bring us face to face with Jesus in a way that is fresh and compelling for both new and experienced readers.

22/23/24 Sept 2. Walking in Our Shoes (Luke 2:41 – 4:13)

6/7/8 Oct 3. Into the Kingdom (Luke 4:14 – 5:39)

20/21/22 Oct 4. How to Be Happy (Luke 6:1 – 7:50)

3/4/5 Nov 5. Of Soils and Storms (Luke 8)

17/18/19 Nov -groups meeting for prayer

1/2/3 Dec 6. Following the King (Luke 9)

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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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