



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 27th September

8.30 am Holy Communion

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (p.186) Matthew 21:23-32 (p.996)

10.45 am Morning Worship

Opportunity for individual prayer after service in lady chapel

2.00 pm Thanksgiving Service

6.30 pm Evening Worship

Collect for: The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 28th Sept 4.00 pm Xcite, Hall
Tues 29th Sept 10.00 am Little Sparklers, Parish Room
Wed 30th Sept 8.30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 1.30 pm Renew Westlands Café, Hall
Thurs 1st Oct 10.00 am Holy Communion, Parish Room
Fri 2nd Oct 7.30 pm Compline via Zoom
Sat 3rd Oct 2.30 pm Messy Church, Hall
Sun 4th Oct 8.30 am Morning Worship
 10.45 am Morning Worship
 6.30 pm Holy Communion

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

Identity Course ... *Who is God? Can I make contact with Him? Who are we? What is the purpose of life?* We will be starting this 7 session course later in the autumn. It's for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, or looking for a reminder of its basic teachings. Each week will include a discussion starter on DVD, with opportunities for interaction and questions. More details from the vicar.

Church Driveway Resurfacing ... following completion of the hall it is clear that we now need to repair the driveways and car park. The PCC has now agreed to get this done, and the contractor may be available in the second half of October; although as the cost of all the work is approaching £50,000, we have not yet felt able to commit to the entire project. However we have already benefited from a pledge for around half of this figure; and if there are other church members able to help us in this way we may yet feel able to include all of the work.

For more information contact Alan Swanborough or the wardens. Please label any bank transfer (or cheque/envelope placed on the collection plate) 'RESURFACING' As always our account details are: Sort Code: 54-10-27 (NatWest) Account no: 03711684. St Andrews PCC Westlands should give at least a close match for the account name.

Harvest Sunday Lunch 11th October ... all are welcome to join in a hot lunch to be served at 12 noon in the Church Hall following the All Age Harvest Service. The meal will consist of Staffordshire Lobby (beef & veg hotpot) served with pickled red cabbage & homemade bread.

There will be a vegetarian option & also children's sausage & pasta bowls. Dessert will be Seasonal Fruit Crumble or Lemon & Pineapple Upside-down Cake served with Custard or Ice Cream followed by Tea /Coffee/Squash. Cost adults £8, children £2 or family £20 to be paid to Glenys Gill by Sunday 4th October. Special diets can be catered for if we know in advance. Please sign the list at the back church or contact Glenys Gill. Offers of help with table laying and vegetable preparation on Saturday afternoon 2pm (10th October) will be much appreciated.

Harvest Gifts ... of fresh produce, tinned and dried food and flowers will be distributed locally to those in need and to Arch Women's Refuge. Gift aid envelopes will be available for monetary gifts to Tearfund. Help is also needed with the distribution of harvest gifts - meet at church at 10.00 am on Monday 12th October. For further details please contact Gillian Moss.

Diocese of Lichfield Cultural Festival ... The Bishop of Wolverhampton, Tim Wambanya warmly invites all church members to this event on 17th October 2026 at Holy Trinity Church, Heath Town, Wolverhampton WV10 0LY. 11.00 am service, food from 2.00 pm, music until 4.00 pm. A vibrant celebration of faith, culture, and community, featuring uplifting speakers, lively music, captivating dance, inspiring art, delicious food, and heartfelt fellowship. Admission free but registration required, particularly to assist with catering via [this link](#).

Cherishing the Balance ... is a new online discipleship group for people living with a life-limiting diagnosis. Offering a supportive space for prayer, reflection and honest conversation, the group welcomes those who are newly diagnosed, living with advanced illness, receiving palliative care, or looking for companionship on a similar journey. The first meeting takes place on Tuesday 29th September 2026, 2.00 pm–3.00 pm via Zoom. For details and the Zoom link, contact Helen Emery helen.emery@lichfield.anglican.org

Notices from Previous Weeks

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

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](#)

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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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