

## CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

### ADVENT SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- 9.15am Holy Communion with Baptism at Halton
- 10.00am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:** Bring your children, grandchildren and next door neighbours. It will be a short non Eucharistic service with opportunities for you to participate.
- 3.00pm **Corbridge Community Choir singing**
- 5.00pm Christmas Songs of Praise – Come and sing your favourite carols

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 9.15am Festival opens
- 5.00pm **Mini Market:** Tombola, Gift Stall, Cake Stall, Baubles to go on the Tree. This will coincide with the late night shopping.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 9.15am Trees taken down
- 1.30pm Church tidying up – any help gratefully received.

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Julian Group at Barbara and John McNamara's
- 1.00pm Thanksgiving Service: Edith Hall
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting ( extra)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- 10.00am Vacancy Prayers
- 1.00pm Funeral: Doreen Allinson

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 7.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- 3.30pm Wedding: Scott Graham & Jennifer Siddle

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Advent Carol Service with Choir

## PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: 11.30 onwards.**  
Help to dismantle and tidy church

## PLEASE COULD YOU DONATE?

Items for the **Mini Market** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Items for the following stalls would be gratefully received: tombola, cake stall, gift stall or are you able to help?

## THE PARISH OF CORBRIDGE WITH HALTON AND NEWTON HALL

### Advent Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

You are most welcome at our service this morning. Please stay after the service for coffee and chat.

**Collect for Advent Sunday:** Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal: through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We pray for:

- The sick, especially: Dick Steele, John and Liz Sykes, Nicholas Craig, Eileen Hopkins, Christopher Cuthbert and those known to us.
- The family and friends of Edith Hall & Doreen Allinson
- Years Mind: Doris Emmerson,
- Jennifer and Scott to be married this week
- All those visiting the church this weekend
- The Children's Society, Children in care those who foster children

**GOD WITH US booklets:** Please take one to use during Advent.

Archbishop Welby says: The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you - you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence.



**PRAYING THROUGH THE VACANCY:** Please note this now happens at 10.00am on a Thursday. There is a prayer activity at the prayer tree. It would be lovely if all of us could take a few moments in the week to bring our prayers to God.

**VACANCY PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need reach out to others and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this church as we worship and serve you together in this period without a vicar. Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen

**THANK YOU:** To all those who have donated oranges, or helped with the preparation for the Christingle Service. It was greatly appreciated.

**SERVICE FLYER:** Please don't forget to invite someone to come to church with you over the Christmas period. There are flyers with all the services on at the back of church. Who will you invite?

**CHRISTMAS CRACKERS:** As Christmas approaches, the Christmas Crackers team are planning their event which runs from 12 noon and 3pm on Christmas Day. If you know someone who might like to attend please contact John Bishop 633221.

**MULLED WINE (or coffee if you prefer) AND MINCEPIES:** will be served in the North Transept on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am to 12.00noon. The choir will sing from 10.30am and the draw for the Grand Christmas Raffle will be made at 11.30am. Make this occasion the start of your "countdown to Christmas"

The Ecumenical **CHRISTMAS CARD** will be delivered soon. It is being distributed via Corbridge Matters.

**Reverse Advent Calendar:** How about trying this? Don't forget the last day the FOOD BANK can receive Christmassy goods for distribution before Christmas is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Other goods should then be brought to church after Christmas. Thanks

## Christmas Services 2017

### Christmas Eve

3:00 Crib Service.  
7:30 Candle light Carol Service  
11:30 Midnight Communion

### Christmas Day

8:00 Holy Communion  
9:15 Holy Communion at Halton  
9:30 All Age Family Communion

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE:** We need help to put this tree up and decorate it on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. Please speak to the Churchwardens if you can help. Thanks

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT BURNBRAE:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. 2.30pm – come and sing some carols and hear some Christmas readings. All welcome. Please let Linda know if you are able to come.

**The Churchwardens** will be looking for volunteers for various Christmas Tasks!

### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Contact: Mike (634007) for sidespersons duties  
Linda ( 633742) for preparation morning.

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Church Christmas Preparations</b> – candles, chairs, cleaning etc. 9.15am onwards. ( coffee served)
Christmas Eve 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Assist as a sidesperson at any of the following services 3.00pm, 7.30pm and 11.30pm
Christmas Day 9.30am	Assist as a sidesperson at 8.00am or 9.30am service

