

CALENDAR

Sunday 9th December

9.30am Parish Communion
3.00pm Messy Church: Help needed to set up after the service please.
6.00pm Holy Communion with hymns

Monday 10th December

8.50am Morning Prayer
4.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00pm Women's Fellowship Advent Service in church, followed by refreshments in the cottage. All Welcome

Tuesday 11th December

8.50am Morning Prayer
4.15pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12th December

8.50am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
4.15pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Messy Church Planning

Thursday 13th December

10.00am Prayer Group in church
7.30pm Advent Home Group
4.15pm Evening Prayer

Friday 14th December

8.50am Morning Prayer
12noon Wedding: Edward Ridley and Stefanie Crow
4.15pm Evening Prayer
5.30pm Junior Choir Practice
7.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 15th December

8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Carol Singing (see across)
2.00pm Baptism at Newton:
4.15pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Service of Light – a journey from Darkness to Light. Music led by St. Andrew's Choir and the Camarata Choir.

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Day off this week: Thursday

THE PARISH OF CORBRIDGE WITH HALTON & NEWTON HALL

Advent 2 9th December

You are most welcome to our service this morning, please stay and have coffee, juice, and mince pies.

Collect for Advent 2: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

A reading from Malachi : 1 – 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

A reading from Philipians 3: 1 - 11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart,^[d] for all of you share in God's grace^[i] with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and

full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

(Luke 3: 1 – 6)

We pray for:

The sick, especially:

- John & Liz Sykes, Nicholas Craig, John Graham, Anna & Ian Colquhoun
- Edward and Stefanie married on Friday
- Nightstop, StopGap and Reaching the Unreached – our charities for this year.

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.

THANK YOU: To all those who helped to make the Christmas Tree Festival such a success we had over 8,000 people in church and raised £8,800 (gross)

POSTAGE STAMPS: Please put your used postage stamps in the box at the back of church. Thanks

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT BURN BRAE: Wednesday 19th 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 or sign the list at the back of church.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Don't forget Don't forget the last day the FOOD BANK can receive Christmassy goods for distribution before Christmas is Sunday 16th December. Other goods should then be brought to church **after** Christmas. Thanks

MULLED WINE (or coffee if you prefer) AND MINCEPIES: will be served in the North Transept on Saturday 15th December from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

We are delighted that St. Andrew's Choir will be joined by the Camarata Choir to 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 Camarata Choir has already been singing with our Choir for some services this academic year – the Institution, Remembrance Sunday and will be singing at the Advent Carol Service. An enthusiastic group of, currently, girls who enjoy singing together, they are trained by Mrs Bethany Fisher, Head of Music at Corbridge Middle School.

Please come and support this event as all money raised will go towards financing the Camarata Choir.

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

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

There are lists at the back of church to sign or please Contact: Mike (634007) for sidespersons duties Linda (633742) for preparation morning.

Thursday 20 th December	Church Preparations – candles, cleaning etc. 9.15am onwards. (coffee served)
Saturday 22 nd December	Setting out chairs
Christmas Eve 24 th 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

