

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>
9.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)
3.00pm	Messy Church: if you are able to help set up after the service we would be really grateful.
6.00pm	Holy Communion with hymns
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>
10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b>
10.00am	Vacancy Prayers in South Transept.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
7.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)
6.00pm	Evening Prayer

During **LENT** on Wednesdays at 12noon there will be a series of speakers talking about the book that has helped them most on their Christian Journey. These will be followed by our traditional Lent Lunch in the cottage at 12.30pm. Do invite friends to come along.

**SOUPMAKERS** needed, if you are able to help please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Monica Philbrick.

**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

**PARISH NEWS:** Contributions for the Parish News to be to [max@philbrick.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:max@philbrick.eclipse.co.uk) as soon as possible. Deadline Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Thanks

## THE PARISH OF CORBRIDGE WITH HALTON AND NEWTON HALL

### Sunday before Lent 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

A very warm welcome to our service this morning. Please do stay after the service and have a chat over coffee.

Junior Church will be on in the cottage. Please go out during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hymn.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** Anyone who wishes to receive communion is invited to the Lord's Table, however if you prefer a blessing carrying a service book makes this clear to those administering. Please do not dip the bread into the chalice as this is unhygienic and you may pass on germs

### COLLECT FOR Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### A reading from 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one<sup>[b]</sup> on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is

good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;[d] listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

**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 Dorothy Blackburn
- Those considering confirmation
- Those on half term holidays

**LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine** takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives. Available at the back of church £2.50

**QUIET DAY:** Shepherd's Dene. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. 9.30am - 4.00pm. Conducted by Revd Sue Wilson, Associate Tutor with Lindisfarne RTP. Cost £20 including coffee, light lunch and tea. Please give your contact details, plus a cheque payable to Shepherds Dene Retreat House, to Gail Williams.

**A Deanery Confirmation** will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July (venue to be arranged). If anyone would like to be confirmed please chat with Linda. Confirmation preparation sessions will be arranged in conjunction with Rachel Scheffer Vicar of Matfen.

**MARCH FETE:** we will be holding a fundraising fete on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am in church. All proceeds raised will go towards extending the memorial garden in the churchyard. If you are able to help speak with Suzette or Linda. Further information to follow.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. in the Methodist Chapel. All welcome. There will be a practice in the Methodist church on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm and it would be good if people were free to come to that as St. Andrews is co-ordinating the service this year! For further information speak to Anne King Lewis.

**STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION:** Palm Sunday evening (25<sup>th</sup> March) at 6.00pm. Further details on the noticeboard and additional flyer.

**HOME GROUPS FOR LENT:** Corbridge Methodists and St Andrew's are running weekly home groups during Lent, and you are invited to join with other Christians in the village. **Watch the bulletin for further information**

**LENT READING:** Perhaps you always give something up for Lent? Lent is also an opportunity chance to explore our faith by reading - perhaps a spiritual book you've always meant to read; or it could be a novel or poetry that challenges faith and encourages reflection.

Can you recommend a title that you've valued in past years? Do provide suggestions to Linda or Mike: the aim is to put up a display of book covers, so we can choose to make time for adding something to our lives during Lent!

**Have you read these books recommended by members of the congregation**  
**Barefoot Prayers** by Stephen Cherry - a meditation a day during Lent and Easter

**Let Me Go There. The Spirit of Lent** by Paula Gooder – looking at Jesus' temptation in the Wilderness and the Calling of the Disciples

18 <sup>th</sup> February			
9.30am			6.00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gospel	Intercessions	Readings
Charlotte Collins	Liz Nisbet	Paul Hagger	Monica Mattews

