

# Welcome to Worship

Epiphany 2

19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Welcome to St Andrew's

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this Sunday, we welcome the Revd Marie Beard and our Methodist friends to St. Andrew's, as we share in the Covenant Service together.

Before worship, the offering plate, Gift Aid envelopes and the Card Reader are opposite the entrance. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the welcomer know.

We serve tea and coffee in the Church after the 10.00am service, it's a good time to get to know people.

### Today's Services:

**10.00am**      **United Covenant Service with Holy Communion to Celebrate Christian Unity Week**

**Hymn:**        **2**      Christ, whose glory fills the skies

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

**First reading:****Deuteronomy 29.10-15**

You stand assembled today, all of you, before the LORD your God—the leaders of your tribes, your elders, and your officials, all the men of Israel, <sup>11</sup>your children, your women, and the aliens who are in your camp, both those who cut your wood and those who draw your water— <sup>12</sup>to enter into the covenant of the LORD your God, sworn by an oath, which the LORD your God is making with you today; <sup>13</sup>in order that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you and as he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>14</sup>I am making this covenant, sworn by an oath, not only with you who stand here with us today before the LORD our God, <sup>15</sup>but also with those who are not here with us today.

**Second Reading:****Jeremiah 31. 31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Third Reading:****Romans 12. 1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Hymn:**            584    All my hope on God is founded

**Gospel reading:**

**John 15. 1-10**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

**Sermon:**            Revd Marie Beard

**Hymns:**            The Covenant Hymn

**421**    All for Jesus, all for Jesus

**506**    The church's one foundation

**4.00pm**            Simply Worship when we will explore 1 John chapter 3.

# Pray every day



*'By prayer and petition with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God'  
Each day we pray for our ministry, our Community and Wider Issues and Individual streets and areas of the Parish.*

- Sunday** The River planning team.  
Corbridge Youth Initiative.  
Greencroft Avenue, Appletree Lane.
- Monday** Simon Hunter and his work with the church website and weekly email.  
The Pre-school, Little Tinkler's Nursery, Over the Rainbow Child Care and all those who childmind.  
Princes Street, Princes Court. The Orchard.
- Tuesday** The Maintenance Committee who look after the fabric of the church.  
Gardening Society, Women's Institute and other community organisations.  
St Wilfred's Road, Windsor Terrace, Windsor Court, St Wilfred's Court.
- Wednesday** The people who maintain and enhance the Church building, the flower arrangers and brass cleaners.  
All shops and businesses who provide employment.  
The Avenue, Hippingstones Lane.

- Thursday**     The congregation at St Oswald's Halton and all who lead worship there.  
The Veterinary services who care for animals. The RSPCA and RSPB.  
Front Street, Middle Street, Market Place.
- Friday**        Concerts and Cultural events.  
The Pubs, Restaurants and Coffee Shops.  
Hill Street, Watling Street.
- Saturday**     The Cottage and work that will be carried out this year.  
All who contribute to community life through sporting activities.  
St Helen's Street, St Helen's Court, West Terrace, West End Terrace, Orchard View        .

We pray for the sick, especially Carolyn Holmes, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Joyce Walker, David Andrews, Gail Williams, John Clark, Mavis Hamer, Bridget Lay.

We pray for the family and friends of Maureen Price, Evelyn Charlton, Mary Hilbourne, John Judson.

### **The St Andrew's 1350th Prayer.**

God of the ages, we praise you for your faithfulness to us over 1350 years here in Corbridge. As we rejoice in our foundation by St Wilfrid, and are inspired by your holy apostle St Andrew, make us as a city set on a hill, whose light cannot be hidden, the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

# Announcements

**EVELYN CHARLTON'S FUNERAL:** will be held in church on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1.15pm.

**EVENTS SUPPORT:** Are you willing to help out occasionally with event planning and support. Speak to Linda if you are.

**CANDLEMAS:** We conclude our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany with the great feast of Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.00am.

## **WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING:**

19 <sup>th</sup> January	4.00pm	Simply Worship
26 <sup>th</sup> January	4.00pm	River – with Bishop Mark
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	4.00pm	Simply Worship
9 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm	Messy Church
16 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm	Simply Worship
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	4.00pm	River

**COTTAGE WORK PHASE 2:** The redecoration of the cottage main room and stairs will commence on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. Meetings will take place either upstairs with access via the fire door or in the Lady Chapel. In addition the Cottage front door will be replaced as part of the refurbishment programme. If you would like to contact the Parish Administrator, please ring her (01434-634905 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings), rather than go to the office.

**ROTAS:** If you are willing to go onto the rota for welcoming, reading, interceding or making coffee at the 10.00am service for February and March please email Frances in the office [admindorbridgechurch@btinternet.com](mailto:admindorbridgechurch@btinternet.com). So that the rotas can be compiled. This ministry is a really valuable ministry. the more volunteers we have the less onerous it is for people.

## **1350 UPDATE**

We are cracking on with the organisation of a range of events which you will have seen in our **1350 Events Booklet**. This is in the process of being updated and will be re-issued very soon. Some highlights will be:

**MONTHLY DISPLAYS:** These will be situated in the South Transept. This month the display is about **SHOPS in Corbridge**. The information has come from the Heritage Centre and the display was created by Steve Betts. There will be further displays throughout the year.

**TALKS:** We now have Series of 6 talks planned. The first one will be given by David Waugh a well- known local historian, he will share his knowledge about *St Andrew's 675 to 2025: The First 1350 Years*.

**CAPORETTA:** This sculpted installation of bells by Keith Roberts will be on display from **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**. It will begin with a launch evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**ART EXHIBITION:** There will be an exhibition by Helen Alice Johnson who lives and works between Alston in the North Pennines and Les Chapelles in the Pays de la Loire, Northern France. This exhibition is titled **OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD** and will be in the North transept from 5<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL:** This will take place between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Running alongside this will be a cascade of knitted / crocheted flowers. If you would like to create some please take a pattern from the back of church.

In addition we are looking for sponsorship for arrangements. Forms can be downloaded from the website

**Watch out for further information about each event as it is released.**

## Diary

<b>Monday</b>		<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>
9.00am	First School Assembly	
7.30pm	Whittonstall PCC	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>
10.00am	Holy Communion	
11.00am	DDG	
2.00pm	Tea & Chat	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>
10.00am	Methodist Service	
10.00am	Church Guides Meeting – Cottage (upstairs)	
2.45pm	Prayer Group	
4.00pm	Home Group	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>
10.00am	1350 Meeting – Cottage (upstairs)	
10.00am	Funeral – Jim Jardine	
7.00pm	Choir Practice	
<b>Sunday Epiphany 3</b>		<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Parish Communion	
4.00pm	River	

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