

St Andrew's Church, Corbridge



1350th Anniversary Celebrations



**ST ANDREW'S
CORBRIDGE**

1350th

INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Message from the Vicar Canon Dr David J Kennedy

Thirteen hundred and fifty years ago, something remarkable began in the Tyne Valley. The great Saint Wilfrid, Bishop of York and later Bishop of Hexham, founded two monasteries. One of them we now know as Hexham Abbey and the second as Corbridge Parish Church, both of which Wilfrid dedicated to St Andrew the Apostle, one of the first disciples of Jesus.

Here in Corbridge, from 12th October 2024 to the 12th October 2025 we are planning a wonderful year of events to mark this amazing anniversary. As well as celebrating St Andrew's set in the Market Place in the heart of our Village, we are also celebrating the community that has grown around it over the centuries and all that makes Corbridge such a special place today.

The Roman Arch at the west end of the Church also looks back to our origins as a Roman Town, a strategic crossing point on the Tyne, and major settlement serving Hadrian's Wall. Almost 2,000 years of history are woven into the fabric of our stunning Parish Church. Today, many people comment on its peacefulness, beauty and strong spiritual presence.

This brochure sets out some of the special events we are planning to mark our 1350th Anniversary. We invite you to be part of it, to celebrate this special year with us. The Church building is open every day, and there will be a series of exhibitions and events. You are also most welcome to join us for worship, as our doors are open for everyone. As well as celebrating the past, we hope that this year will inspire the future, as we look to our 1400th anniversary in 2074! Younger members of our community will be here to see it.

Every blessing, David Kennedy, Vicar

Events Calendar

2025

19th February
(Wednesday)

Talk 1: *St Andrew's 675 to 2025: The First 1350 Years.*
David Waugh

1st March
(Saturday)

Mad March Market
All proceeds to finance the Flower Festival

19th March
(Wednesday)

Talk 2: *Edwardian Corbridge Families*
Dr Frances McIntosh

29th April
(Tuesday)

Talk 3: *Early Medieval Northumbria with a Corbridge slant.*
Dr David Petts

8th May to 22nd May

Caporetto: A sculpted installation of bells by Keith Roberts

21st May

Talk 4: *A Blacksmith's Family*
Mr Douglas Knott, MBE

5th June to
16th June

Art Exhibition: Our Beautiful World
by artist: Helen Alice Johnson

19th to 22nd June

Flower Festival: 'Celebrating 1350 years of St. Andrew's Church'.

Featuring a rainbow cascade of crafted flowers

8st July
(Tuesday)

Talk 4: *A Vicar's Son*
John Malden – Son of Rex Malden, Vicar
at St. Andrew's 1947 - 1970

24th to 27th July

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival
with the premiere of 'St. Wilfrid' a work
specially commissioned for the 1350th
celebrations. Original prints by Jo
Westgate, commissioned for the CCMF
on the theme of St Wilfrid.

8th to 14th September

Heritage Week: Telling the Story of
Corbridge. This will be a huge
exhibition. Please get in touch with the
church office if you would like to
participate.

11th and 12th October

Closing weekend of 1350th
Celebrations.

Displays

There will be a series of displays on a noticeboard in the South Transept. These displays will reflect aspects of St. Andrew's Church and Corbridge's heritage.

2025

January	Shops
February	Choir and organ
March	Sunday School – trip etc
April	Vicars of Corbridge
May	Josephine Butler
June	Festivals at St. Andrew's
July	Weddings
August	Transport in Corbridge
September	Village organisations. This will link in with National Heritage Week
October	St. Andrew's through the years

Talks 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th February

St Andrew's 675 to 2025: The First 1350 Years.

David Waugh

Local Historian

Wednesday 19th March

Edwardian Corbridge Families

Dr Frances McIntosh

Collections Curator for Hadrian's Wall and the North East for English Heritage.

Tuesday 29th April

Early Medieval Northumbria with a Corbridge slant.

Dr David Petts

Associate Professor Department of Archaeology
Durham University

Wednesday 21st May

A Blacksmith's Family

Douglas Knott, MBE

Former resident of Corbridge

Tuesday 8th July

A Vicar's Son

John Malden

Son of Rex Malden, Vicar at St. Andrew's 1947 - 1970

Visiting St Andrew's Church

Spirituality Pilgrimages

Visit St Andrew's Church and rejoice in the beauty and splendour.

The building is a living place of Christian worship and service today. You may like to walk round following our Interpretation Boards or using the Spiritual Prayer Guide. Please do take the Spiritual Prayer Guide away with you.

Many people speak of the peacefulness and powerful spiritual presence of this church. Please do find time to visit, to stop, reflect and pray. You may like to light a candle as you remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

Guided Historical Tours

In 2025 (April to October) we will be providing the opportunity to have a guided tour of the church. These tours will be advertised on the website and on the church notice board.

If you are interested in being involved in guiding or would like to bring a group for a tour, or would simply like a tour yourself, please contact the office. 01434 634905 or email

[admin@corbridgechurch@btinternet.com](mailto:admin@corbridgechurch.btinternet.com)

Caporetto

A sculpted installation of bells by Keith Roberts

Thursday 8th May to Thursday 22nd May 2025



'Caporetto' refers to a battle fought on the Italian front during the Autumn of 1917. These sculpted bells were part of a 2017 exhibition called 'War in the Sunshine'.

The artist has created a sculpture of broken and fractured bells to represent the chaos and upheaval that war always brings. However, it does more than that Roberts' vision brings to the viewer the universal truth that the crises of war leave us broken and lost. His work provokes many questions.

This installation will be situated in the South Transept.

This installation has generously been sponsored

OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD 5th -16th June 2025

An exhibition by Helen Alice Johnson

*BA Combined Hons in Visual Art and Art History
MA Contemporary Art Practice*

Shortlisted for the VAA UK and International Scholarship Award 2022

Twice selected by Saatchi Art Online as Curator's Choice and as part of a selection of artists.



Helen lives and works between Alston in the North Pennines and Les Chapelles in the Pays de la Loire, Northern France.

She has an optimistic approach to life and this is evident in her celebratory landscapes.

The use of geometry, in particular geometric pattern, is something that has occurred periodically in Helen's art work. This exhibition shows how this has now become more focussed as she begins to explore the space in between a landscape and introduces a spiritual thinking into the relationship between people and nature.



RETREATING WATERS
OIL ON HAND STRETCHED CANVAS
80cms x 129cms



FLOWER FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 1350 YEARS
OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Designed by St Andrew's Flower Arrangers and
Friends

Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd June, 2025
9.30am - 5pm (except times below)

Thursday open to 9pm during the village Midsummer Evening
Sunday 10am - 11.15am: Festival Service

Mad March Market

On **Saturday 1st March** we will be having **Mad March Market**. This fundraiser will be to raise money to finance the June Flower Festival. Details available soon.

Sponsorship

Would you or your family or business like to sponsor an arrangement at the Flower Festival. If you would like to do this, please contact the office for further information. Thank you.

Cascade of Flowers

Calling all those people who can make flowers out of material or wool! We are hoping to have a huge cascade of crafted flowers at the Flower Festival. Patterns can be collected from the back of church or email the office to have one sent to you. When finished these can be dropped off at church. All flowers need to be in by **30th May 2025**.

Cathedral Cycle Race

The Cathedrals Cycle Relay beginning at Bradford Cathedral will arrive in Corbridge at 1.00pm afternoon of Tuesday 1st of July. A short service will take place before they depart at 1.50pm for Newcastle Cathedral.

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival 2025

We are delighted that the Corbridge Chamber Music Festival will be joining in 1350 celebrations

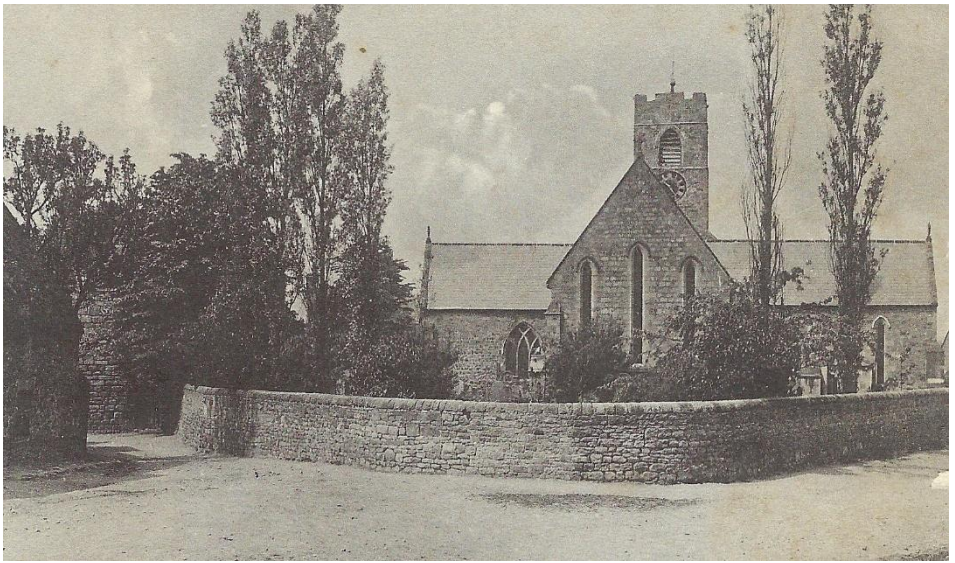
They have commissioned a new work, 'St. Wilfrid' from distinguished composer Piers Hellawell which will be played by the Gould trio and clarinettist Robert Plane.

The new work which will incorporate audience participation too, will be a centrepiece of the 2025 Chamber Music Festival and our celebrations.

Corbridge Music Festival will also mount an exhibition of new, Wilfrid inspired work by local artist and printmaker Jo Westgate to run alongside the premiere of Piers work.

For more information and to sponsor a bar or a page please visit the Chamber Music Festival website.





HERITAGE WEEK

8TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

‘TELLING THE STORY OF CORBRIDGE’.

Exhibitions and programme of events and a special service
on the Sunday.

If you belong to a group and would like to share some information
about the history of your group please contact the parish

Administrator: 01434 634905 or email

admincorbridgchurch@btinternet.com

**We would like to make this a big
Village Event.**