

Advent 4

22nd December 2024

Welcome to St Andrew's

If you are a visitor or a newcomer, please introduce yourself.

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:

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: 75 Long ago

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither

desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hymn: 85 The Angel Gabriel

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Sermon: Revd Linda Hunter

Hymns: 80 Of the Father's heart, omit 2

87 Thou who wast rich

6.30pm Carols for All in the Churchyard

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: 65 Good Christians all

Collect: Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4

⁶¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Hymn: 74 Like a candle flame

Gospel: Luke 2:41-end

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their

relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human fayour.

Sermon: Canon David Kennedy

Hymns: 58 A great & mighty wonder

715 Lord, for the years

4.00pm Simply Worship – we begin a series on the First Letter of

St John.

Pray every day



'By prayer and petition with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God'

Sunday 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.

Monday 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.

Tuesday Concerts and Cultural events.

The Pubs, Restaurants and Coffee Shops.

Hill Street, Watling Street.

Wednesday The Cottage and work that will be carried out next 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.

Thursday Ministry to the sick and housebound. All who receive

Holy Communion at home.

Hotels and B & B's who serve local Tourism.

Manor Cottages, Cookson Close.

Friday Women's Fellowship and their committee.

Police, Fire and Ambulance Services

Well Bank, Orchard Vale, Town Farm, Trinity Terrace.

Saturday The Prayer Group who meet in Church.

The farming community. All involved in the production of food and staypardship of the countryside

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Stagshaw Road, Manor Park, Leazes Terrace, Leazes

Lane.

Sunday The Parish Safeguarding Team: Mandy Norton & Richard

Adams.

Those who are currently unemployed or looking for employment.

Priory Gardens, Prior Terrace.

Monday The Book group, all who attend and those who lead.

Those who are suffering abuse, particularly domestic abuse.

Roman Way.

Tuesday Home Group run by Max and Monica Philbrick and Paul

Morris.

All those who are lonely.

Corchester Towers, Corchester Terrace.

Wednesday David our Vicar, his vision and leadership and Janet his **1**st **January** wife.

The Anglican Communion.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Halton and Aydon.

Thursday Linda our Curate.

The Diocese of Newcastle, Helen-Ann, Bishop of

Newcastle and Mark, Bishop of Berwick.

Newton and Thornbrough.

Friday Phil our Associate Priest.

Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.

Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.

Saturday Claire our Associate Priest.

Ecumenical outreach to other denominations. Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.

We pray for the sick, especially Carolyn Holmes, Evelyn Charlton, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Joyce Walker, David Andrews, Gail Williams, John Clark, Mavis Hamer, and Rosemary Haynes.

We pray for the family and friends of Philip Williams, Roger Searle, Albert Crowe, and Doris Duffy.

Years Mind: William Patterson

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

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING:

29th December	4.00pm	Simply Worship
5 th January 2025	4.00pm	Simply Worship
12 th January	4.00pm	Messy Church
19 th January	4.00pm	Simply Worship
26th January	4.00pm	River

HOME COMMUNIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive communion over the Christmas period please let Linda know. Thanks

GETTING THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS: On Monday 23rd December from 9.30am onwards we will be getting the church ready for Christmas. We would be grateful for help to put candles in blocks, preparing the crib, setting out chairs and various other tasks.

STAMPS: Please bring your used stamps to church and put in the collecting box at the back. Thank you.

MUGS AND BAUBLES: We still have a limited number of mugs and baubles left. If you would like to purchase some please contact Frances in the office: Tel 01434-634905.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARDS: Thank you to all who delivered these cards, it was much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Would you be willing to give a donation for Christmas Flowers. If so, there are donation envelopes available at the back of church

WELCOMERS AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES: If you are able to help as a welcomer at any of the Christmas Services please sign up at the back of church.

COTTAGE WORK PHASE 2: The redecoration of the cottage main room and stairs will commence on Monday 20th 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.

1350th EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

19th February Talk 1: *St Andrew's* 675 to 2025:

(Wednesday) The First 1350 Years.

David Waugh

1st March Market

(Saturday) All proceeds to finance the Flower

Festival

8th March Vox Populus Concert

(Saturday)

19th March Talk 2: Edwardian Corbridge Families

(Wednesday) Dr Frances McIntosh

29th April Talk 3: Early Medieval Northumbria with

(Tuesday) a Corbridge slant.

Dr David Petts

by Keith Roberts

5th June to Art Exhibition: Our Beautiful World

16th June 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

8th July Talk 4: A Vicar's Son

(Tuesday) 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.

Further information about events will be in an updated 1350th Brochure available in the New Year.



Parish of St Andrew Corbridge, with Halton and Newton Hall

Christmas Services 2024

Sunday 15th December

10:00am Holy Communion

4:00pm River at Christmas - our informal gathering for

all ages beginning with refreshments.

Sunday 22nd December

8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Parish Communion

6:30pm Carols for All in the Churchyard: Come and

sing popular carols in the open air with Brass ensemble. (45 mins) This will be held inside St.

Andrew's if wet.

Christmas Eve

2:00pm Crib Service: An opportunity for families to

participate in the wonderful Christmas Story portrayed through the crib characters in the

wooden stable.

6:30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols with Candlelight

11:00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion

9:00am Holy Communion at Halton 10:00am All Age Family Communion

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Diary

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Monday		$23^{\rm rd}$	December
9.30am	Getting the church ready for Christmas		
Christmas E	ve	24 th	December
2.00pm	Crib Service		
6.30pm	Festival of Lessons and Carols		
11.00pm	Midnight Mass		
Christmas Day		25 th	December
8.00am	Holy Communion		
9.00am	Holy Communion – at Halton		
10.00am	All Age Family Communion		
Christmas 1 Sunday		29 th	December
10.00am	Parish Communion		
4.00pm	Simply Worship		
Monday		30^{th}	December
11.00am	Funeral – Doris Duffy at West Road Crea	mator	ium
11.30am	Funeral – Roger Searle		
Wednesday			1st January
10.00am	Holy Communion		
Epiphany Sunday			5 th January
9.00am	Holy Communion – at Halton		
10.00am	Parish Communion		
4.00pm	Simply Worship		

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