

St. Andrew's Church Corbridge

Advent and Christmas



Services and Events
2024

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are full of light and hope.

In Advent we prepare our hearts to celebrate afresh the great and mighty wonder of the birth of Jesus the Son of God at Christmas. But as the year comes towards its close, we also remember that this same Jesus will come again as universal Lord of all when at last God's kingdom comes and his will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

As the days grow shorter, we pray that God will give us light, remembering the one who came as Light of the world, and as we seek to bring the light of hope in a dark and uneasy world.

We pray that the services and events in this booklet will help you to prepare well, that amidst all the shopping, parties and preparations, we may stop and be still, and allow God to speak to our hearts with a message of love and truth.

The Advent Wreath



In St Andrew's, our Advent worship is centred around the Advent wreath. This lovely tradition came to us from Hamburg in Germany in the 19th century when a Lutheran pastor, who founded an orphanage, lit daily candles to form a crown of light to teach the children about the love of God coming into the world. Today, it is customary to light candles on each of the four Sundays in Advent and a fifth candle on Christmas Day. The evergreen foliage reminds us of the eternal life Jesus came to bring, and that his light is coming to our dark world.

Services and Events

Advent Sunday 1st December

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees

Monday 2nd December

5.00pm Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees

Wednesday 4th December

10.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 7th December

3.00pm Light up a Light Hospice Service

Advent 2 Sunday 8th December

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

4.00pm Messy Church

4.00pm Charlotte Straker Tree Lighting Service

6.00pm Advent Procession - a wonderfully atmospheric service. We begin in complete darkness and gradually fill St. Andrew's with the light of hope.

Monday 9th December

2.00pm Advent Service led by Women's Fellowship.
in the Corbridge Community Hub. All are welcome.

Wednesday 11th December

10.00am Holy Communion

Advent 3 Sunday 15th December

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.

10.00am Parish Communion

11.30am Grand Christmas draw will be drawn

4.00pm River at Christmas - our informal gathering for all ages beginning with refreshments.

Wednesday 18th December

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Address and Compline – a quiet reflective service to prepare us for Christmas.

Advent 4 Sunday 22nd December

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
Blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news:
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.
Amen.

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 24th December

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 – our atmospheric Midnight Mass as we welcome Christmas Day

Christmas Day 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am All Age Family Communion – a joyful Christmas morning service for all.



for all the family

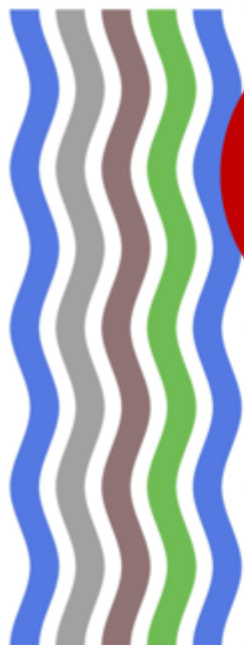
Sunday 8th December
4-5pm

in St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Corbridge



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

With a Bible Story, **Activities, Crafts,**
Celebration and a light snack



AN INFORMAL
AFTERNOON
GATHERING
FOR
EVERYONE

Sunday 15th December.
In church, starting with
refreshments at 4pm.

River
at
St Andrew's
Church
Corbridge

River 
at
Christmas

MARY & ELIZABETH



Daily reflections booklet

The Church of England's theme for Advent & Christmas 2024, *Follow the Star: Calm and Bright*, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night:

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright..."*

Throughout Advent, the focus is on how to find **Calm** during this busy period, with reflections offering people a chance to pause during the busy season and tips on how to prepare for a calm Christmas.

Then through Christmas, the focus will be particularly on **Bright**, with a series of daily reflections from Christmas Day to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January) by Sammi Tooze, Discipleship Adviser for the Diocese of York, both in digital form and as a colour booklet

[Follow the Star: Calm and Bright | The Church of England](#)



Additional Information

Home Communion for Christmas

If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive communion over the Christmas period please let a member of the Ministry Team know.

Food Bank

Please don't forget the last day that the **FOODBANK** can receive Christmassy goods for distribution before Christmas is **Saturday 8th December**. Other goods should then be brought to church after Christmas. Thanks.

Donations for Christmas Flowers

Please help us to make St. Andrew's and Halton look magnificent for Christmas. Would you be willing to give a donation in memory of a loved one? If so, we will print their name (s) in our Christmas Day service leaflet and remember them in prayers. Please ensure that you use one of the special flower donation envelopes available at the back of church and ensure that your donation is handed in by 20th December. Thank you.

**Further information about Church Events can be found
on:**

Church website: www.corbridgechurch.org.uk

Twitter: @CorbridgeChurc1

Facebook page: @Corbridge Church

Regular Mid-week Worship and Groups

Morning and Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.50am and Evening Prayer at 4.15pm, Monday to Saturday (Please check the weekly pew leaflet for any variations). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am.

Contact details

Please do contact us we would love to talk to you.

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