

# Welcome to Worship

Candlemas

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

## 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:

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: Angels from the realms of glory

**Collect:** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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:

**Malachi 3:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and

who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

**Hymn:** Faithful vigil ended

### **Gospel reading**

**Luke 2:22-40**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother

Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.” <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon him.

**Sermon:** Canon David Kennedy

**Hymns:** Longing for light  
Of the Father’s heart begotten

**4.00pm** Simply Worship – 1 John 4

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** All Church of England Parishes across the country are required to prepare a new electoral roll this year. Everyone on the existing roll will need to re-apply in order to be included. Applications are made by filling out the form, one per person, available today in your hymn books or at the back of church. All forms need to be received by the Electoral Roll Officer Mrs Maureen Davison, either brought to church when attending for a service or put in the office letterbox by **6<sup>th</sup> April**. A completed roll will then be available on a Sunday or Wednesday morning so that details may be checked. **Please do not leave completed forms in church** if there is no one there to receive them. Please note this is not to be confused with the mailing list. Thanks.

# 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** Linda our Curate.  
The Diocese of Newcastle, Helen-Ann, Bishop of Newcastle and Mark, Bishop of Berwick.  
Newton and Thornbrough.
- Monday** Phil our Associate Priest.  
Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.  
Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.
- Tuesday** Claire our Associate Priest.  
Ecumenical outreach to other denominations.  
Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.
- Wednesday** The retired clergy - Jack Hay, Jenny Kinnaird, Barbara McNamara, Michael Thompson, Bryan Topping and their ministry in Corbridge.  
Corbridge Methodist Church. Their congregation and their minister – Revd Marie Beard.  
The Stanners, Station Road, Lion Court.
- Thursday** Churchwardens David Mcewan and Peter Cook.  
The schools in our parish – Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School.  
Bridge End, Main Street.

**Friday** Those who serve on Deanery Synod and the PCC.  
Corbridge Parish Council and Northumberland County  
Council, their officers and staff.  
Newcastle Road, Spoutwell Lane, Appletree Rise.

**Saturday** PCC Minute Secretary Jo Eldridge and the Electoral Roll  
Officer, Maureen Davison.  
For adult education, colleges and universities and  
particularly for Cambian College at Dilston.  
Carrsfield, The Crofts, Hallbankgate.

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

We pray for the family and friends of Evelyn Charlton, Mary  
Hillbourne, Gail Williams and Emma Jane (Jean) Mark.

### **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:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	4.00pm	Simply Worship – 1 John 4
9 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm	Messy Church – Feeding the 5000
16 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm	Simply Worship – 1 John 5
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	4.00pm	River - Lydia

**GAIL WILLIAMS:** We are deeply sorry that Gail Williams, a long-standing member of our church and choir lost her courageous battle with cancer and died peacefully on Thursday morning. David and Linda were able to minister to her in the final days and hours of her life. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's at 12.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February preceded by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium.

**WHOLENESS & HEALING:** In the Sundays leading up to Lent we will again be exploring Jesus' healing ministry and the healing ministry of the Church. There will be a series of 3 sermons at the 10am Service based around St Luke chapter 7:

16 Feb Luke 7. 1-10	The healing of the centurion's servant
23 Feb Luke 7. 11-17	The raising of the son of the widow of Nain
2 March Luke 7. 18-23	Jesus' report to John – signs of the Kingdom.

On 2 March, there will be opportunity to receive prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing.

## **1350 UPDATE**

**HERITAGE TALKS:** We now have a series of talks planned. The first one is on **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** at 7.00pm in church, and 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. Cost £7.00, pay on the door. Please do share this date with friends – it will be an excellent talk.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Our theme will be: 'Celebrating 1350 years of St. Andrew's Church' and will take place between **19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. All those who are interested in being involved with floral arrangements for the Flower Festival are invited to one of the Flower Festival viewing sessions. Ann and her team will explain the arrangements that will be displayed, allocate space and disseminate further information. Dates: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 2.00pm – 4.00pm, **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** 9.30am – 11.30am. If you would like to be involved but are unable to come along, please speak to one of the Flower Team.

**CREATED FLOWERS:** Running alongside the Flower Festival will be a cascade of knitted / crocheted flowers. If you would like to create some, please take a pattern from the back of church. We are quite happy for flowers to be created from material or knitted / crocheted using a different pattern as long as the size does not exceed a diameter of 10 cms.

**SPONSORSHIP FOR THE FLOWER FESTIVAL:** To help cover the cost of flowers, we would be delighted if individuals, groups of individuals, families or businesses, were able to sponsor an arrangement. Information is available at the back of church or on the website.

**MAD MARCH MARKET:** In order to raise funds for the FLOWER FESTIVAL we are holding a Mad March Market on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

## Diary

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

- 9.30am Staff Meeting  
11.00am Charlotte Straker Service  
2.00pm Flower Festival Viewing Meeting

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

- 9.00am First School Assembly  
9.30am Flower Festival Viewing Meeting  
10.30am Book Club  
12.30am Bridge Club – in the Cottage  
1.30pm Funeral – Emma Jane (Jean) Mark

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

- 10.00am Holy Communion  
11.15am Abbeyfield Service

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

- 2.45pm Prayer Group  
4.00pm Home Group

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

- 12.15pm Diocesan Core Module Lay Training – in the Cottage  
1.30pm Baptism School Visit  
7.00pm Choir Practice

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion  
4.00pm Messy Church – Feeding the 5000

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