

The Parish Church of St Andrew Corbridge

Ecclesia Parochialis Sancti Andreae Corabrigae



A Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the
1350th Anniversary of the Foundation of
St Andrew's by Saint Wilfrid

Sunday 13th October 2024

10.30am

Interpretation of the front cover line drawing

by artist Pip Moon.

The original building, most probably built of wood, is no longer in evidence. The Roman arch, the characteristic Norman carving above the door and the arch of the 12th century chancel still stand to bear witness to the passage of years and style.

The Saxon cross, perhaps once a roof finial, is still richly incised, despite the weathering it has faced. The shadows cast by these deeply carved forms echo the cross of St. Andrew, at the heart of the design and the life of the parish.

A door admits congregation and travellers to a place of worship, to celebrate, mourn, seek sanctuary and to support each other. The same door sends those people out into the world to share all the gifts St Andrew's has given them.

**Welcome to St Andrew's Church, Corbridge on this wonderful
Anniversary Sunday.**

Today we rejoice that 1350 years ago, St Wilfrid, then Bishop of York, founded a monastery and Church here in Corbridge in close association with his founding of Hexham Abbey in 674AD.

Today we rejoice in the continuity of worship and witness here in the heart of Corbridge over all those centuries. We look forward to the year of services, events, and celebrations ahead of us.

Today we are delighted that our Bishop, The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle, is with us as we begin this anniversary year.

We welcome all our guests and visitors, including the Choir of Corbridge Church of England First School under the direction of the Executive Headteacher, Mrs Suzanne Hart.

After the service, there will be a drinks reception followed by a light lunch in Church.

Voluntary

Fugue in Eb ("St Anne") BWV 552 - J S Bach (1685-1750)

At 10.25, the Vicar, Canon Dr David Kennedy, introduces the celebration and gives out the notices. Please remain seated.

We Gather for Worship

Introit (sung by the Choir)

The Choir sings a plainsong chant, recalling the Foundation of St Andrew's as a Monastic Church.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

(Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy).

Hildegard of Bingham

The St Andrew's 1350 Prayer

Minister 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.**

Please stand when the hymn is announced.

Hymn Thy hand, O God, has guided

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;

our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching
in every deed and word;
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever.
How awesome is this place!
**This is none other than the house of God;
and this is the gate of heaven.**
You are the temple of the living God
and the Spirit of God abides in you.
**The temple of God is holy;
and we are that temple.**

Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*as the Easter Candle is lit*)

Minister Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Saviour of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. You sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the Light of the world, and desire that in every place prayer shall be offered in Jesus' name. We praise you for your grace made known in this house of prayer over 1350 years; for the centuries of worship, and witness, for sin forgiven, and lives made new, for the light that shines from the Scriptures, and for love made known at your Table.

We praise you for the foretaste of heaven through worship and in fellowship with Saint Andrew, Saint Wilfrid, and all your saints. Hope of the nations, Lord of the centuries, blessed are you, Sovereign God, Light of all people.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Please sit or kneel

Anthem *I was glad* (sung by the Choir)

I was glad when they said unto me:
We will go into the House of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city:
that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee;
Peace be within thy walls:
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122. 1-3, 6,7 Book of Common Prayer

Charles H. H. Parry

Please stand

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence

Bishop Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 1350th
Anniversary of the dedication of this house of prayer;
we praise you for the many blessings you have given
to those who worship you here: and we pray that all
who seek you in this place may find you, and, being
filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living
temple acceptable to you; 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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

1 Peter 2. 1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. "This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the word of the Lord:

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn

You that know the Lord is gracious

You that know the Lord is gracious,
you, for whom a Corner-stone
stands, of God, elect and precious,
laid that you may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
you a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
each in his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed
shall you not declare his grace?
You a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace, and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven
praise and magnify the Lord.

Cyril A Alington, based on 1 Peter 2

Rowland Huw Pritchard

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

Minister Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, we love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides.

All Alleluia.

Minister The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley

Please sit after the pulpit prayer.

Corbridge Church of England First School Choir sing Ten Thousand Reasons.

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul, worship his holy name;
sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again;
whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord oh my soul.....

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind;
for all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord oh my soul.....

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then for evermore.
Bless the Lord oh my soul.....

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Please stand

We Declare our Faith

Minister Let us declare our faith in God.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn

Be thou my vision (*a hymn from the ancient Irish tradition in which St Wilfrid was first formed on Lindisfarne*)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou with me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my true armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenwards, great Power of my
power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun.
O grant me its joys after victory is won.
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

We Pray Together

Minister In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Please sit or kneel

Minister St Wilfrid dedicated both Hexham Abbey and Corbridge Church to St Andrew, the great missionary Apostle. Let us pray that we may both follow Jesus fully and witness to others of his love.

God, our loving Father, St Andrew introduced Peter, the Greek visitors, & the little boy with loaves & fishes, to your Son Jesus Christ. May we be like him in sharing friendship and hospitality, and in faithfulness to Jesus and his Kingdom of justice, love and peace. May our nation be a community where everyone matters, where everyone has an honoured place, and the dignity of each is assured by our faith in you as Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Minister Let us give thanks to God for the life and witness of St Wilfrid, our founder. For his vision to plant churches and monasteries to evangelise our ancient peoples and to bring the gospel to this community of Corbridge.

O God, who called your servant Wilfrid to be Bishop in Northumbria and a servant of your universal Church: may we be inspired by the example of his faithfulness to preach the good news to your people,

and to bring peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for this Village and Parish of Corbridge. For all who live and work here, for our Schools and especially our Church of England First School and its choir, and for the mission of this Church.

Father of all, we give thanks for the beauty, history and community life of Corbridge. We ask a blessing on every person and every home. We pray for its schools, businesses and organisations; for its health and community services, and for the many who visit here. Make this Church a beacon of faith and hope, an oasis of prayer and peace, and give us grace to serve this village with faithfulness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us bring to God our concerns for the world, for peace, justice and equality; for our own nation that we may seek the things that belong to our peace; for all in need in body, mind or spirit. In silence we pray.

Silence is kept.

Minister Let us give thanks for all God's faithful servants who have worshipped in this church for over 1350 years.

Anthem sung by the Choir

Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Isaac Watts

Ernest Bullock

Minister Let us bring together all our prayers in the words
our Saviour taught us.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

Hymn

Thanks be to God for his saints

Thanks be to God for his saints of each past
generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim,
Jesus for ever the same,
author of life and salvation.

Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily
surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and
found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God, for the years that are still in his
keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily
defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends
us;
now in that name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

We Go Out to Love and Serve

Bishop Let us give thanks to God for all his mercies in the words of The General Thanksgiving:

**All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you most humble
and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us
and to all people.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus
Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your
mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Bishop May God bring you to the home that Christ prepares
 for all who love him.

All **Amen.**

 May Jesus our Saviour fill your hearts with his love.

All **Amen.**

 May the Holy Spirit renew and equip you to serve this
 community.

All **Amen.**

 And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
 and the Holy Spirit be among you this day and
 always.

All **Amen.**



Go in the peace of Christ; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

James Lancelot 2002

Voluntary

Festival Toccata Op 41 - Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

*Please join us for a drinks reception in the
North Transept after the service, to be followed by a
light lunch in Church.*



**ST ANDREW'S
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**1350th
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