

# **Epiphany**

5th January 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:** 94 As with Gladness Men of Old

**Collect:** O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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. Amen.

#### First Reading Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

**60** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather

together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

# **Hymn** 98 From the Eastern Mountains

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>2</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Sermon:** Revd Claire Robson

**Hymns:** 105 We Three Kings

63 Glory to God86 The First Nowell

**4.00pm** Simply Worship; 1 John 2.7-29

Talk: Canon David Kennedy

#### **SERVICES COMING UP SOON**

**THREE WONDERS SERVICE:** Our service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am will be the Three Wonders - a special service for Epiphany. We still need a reader and 3 people to carry up items during this service. If you would like to be involved please contact Linda

**COVENANT SERVICE:** On Sunday 19th January our Methodist friends will be joining us here in St. Andrew's when we will be holding our annual Covenant Service.

**CANDLEMAS:** We conclude our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany with the great feast of Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.00am.

#### WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING:

12 <sup>th</sup> January	4.00pm	Messy Church
19 <sup>th</sup> January	4.00pm	Simply Worship
26 <sup>th</sup> January	4.00pm	River-Bishop Mark will join us.
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	4.00pm	Simply Worship
9 <sup>th</sup> February	3.00pm	Messy Church

# Pray every day



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

Sunday

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.

Monday

Churchwardens David Mcewan and Peter Cook.

The schools in our parish - Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School.

Bridge End, Main Street.

**Tuesday** 

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.

Wednesday PCC Minute Secretary Jo Eldridge and the Electoral Roll Officer, Maureen Davison.

> For adult education, colleges and universities particularly for Cambian College at Dilston.

Carrsfield, The Crofts, Hallbankgate.

**Thursday** 

The stewardship of money, Cliff our treasurer, all those who help count the money. Corbridge Community Partnership and the local Trader's group – Visit Corbridge.

Crofts Avenue, Crofts Close, Carham Close, Crofts Way.

**Friday** Frances Stride, our Parish Administrator.

For the uniformed organisations and all who lead them.

Beech Drive, Woodside Avenue.

**Saturday** The Church's work with young people.

Messy Church, the children and parents, and the team who plan and prepare.

Corbridge Health Centre, doctors, nurses and ancillary

staff.

Jameson Drive, Cragside, Siskin Drive, Bilberry Drive.

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

We pray for the family and friends of Roger Searle, Doris Duffy, Albert Crowe, Maureen Price and Evelyn Charlton

Years Mind: Kim Wilson

Please pray for Laurie and Sara married on Saturday.

#### 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**

**THANK YOU:** to all those who have helped in any way with all the work involved over the Christmas period it has been greatly appreciated.

**SMALL CHRISTMAS TREES**: Thank you to those who decorated a small tree for the tree festival. Ann wanted them to stay up to compliment the rest of the flowers etc over the Christmas period. If you would like to decorate a tree again next year then please do take the tree away as well. However, if you would prefer, take your decorations and leave the tree, we can store it until next year. Please take them after the service on Sunday morning.

**ROTAS**: If you are willing to go onto the rota for welcoming, reading, interceding or making coffee at the 10.00am service for February and March please email Frances in the office <a href="mailto:admincorbridgechurch@btinternet.com">admincorbridgechurch@btinternet.com</a>. So that the rotas can be compiled. This ministry is a really valuable ministry. the more volunteers we have the less onerous it is for people..

**SAFEGUARDING:** If you need to contact someone about a safeguarding issue please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Mandy Norton: telephone: O7831136505 email

<u>mandy.norton@btinternet.co.uk</u> All our policies and procedures were updated at the November PCC meeting. Information about Safeguarding can be found on the noticeboard or the website, too.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AGM AND MEAL:** Monday 27th January at the Mart Function Suite., 12.15pm for 12.30pm start. Please contact Sheila Neilson on 633098 for details if you have not already replied.

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

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

MESSY CHURCH: We are always looking for support for Messy Church, particularly with setting out and clearing away the tea (you don't have to make anything, Janet Morrison very kindly makes all the food) Could you help? It doesn't have to be every month. If you are able to help speak to one of the MC team. In addition we have leaflets about Messy Church available at the back of church, if you have any children in your street up to the age of 8 please take a leaflet and put it through their door.

**1350 EVENTS**: Further information about events will be in an updated 1350<sup>th</sup> Brochure available very soon.

#### VILLAGE EVENTS

**BURNS NIGHT CEILDH:** 7pm (prompt), Sat 1st Feb. Northern Lights Ceilidh Band. In support of Charlotte Straker & Chrysalis charities, Corbridge Parish Hall. Pie & pea supper. Tickets £15. Bring friends? Contact: <a href="mailto:william.cunningham@charlottestraker.org.uk">william.cunningham@charlottestraker.org.uk</a> or text 07890998827.

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**Parish Administrator:** Frances Stride Tel: 01434 634905 admincorbridgechurch@btinternet.com

Diary

Monday		6 <sup>th</sup> January
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
11.00am	Charlotte Straker Service	
1.30pm	Standing Committee - cottage	
2.30pm	Maintenance Committee Meeting - cottage	
5.00pm	Flower Festival Planning Meeting	
Tuesday		7 <sup>th</sup> January
9.00am	First School Assembly	
10.30am	Book Club – cottage	
1.30pm	Bridge Club – cottage	
Wednesday		8 <sup>th</sup> January
10.00am	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Abbeyfield Service	
12.30am	Macular Society – cottage	
2.00pm	Tea and Chat	
7.00pm	Messy Church Planning	
Thursday		9 <sup>th</sup> January
10.00am	Methodist Service	
11.30am	Funeral – Albert Crowe	
2.45pm	Prayer Group- church	
4.00pm	Home Group	
Friday		10th January
7.00pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday		11th January
12. 15pm	Wedding: Laurie Troke and Sara Lightfoot	
Sunday - Ba	ptism of Christ	12th January
8.00am	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Parish Communion – 3 Wonders Service	
4.00pm	Messy Church	