Welcome to Worship

Advent Sunday **29th November 2026**

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:

10.00am Parish Communion and Baptism

4.00pm Messy Church

6.00pm Advent Procession : From Darkness to Light

Afternoon Services at 4.00pm

6th December	3.00pm: Community Carols
	4.00pm: Charlotte Straker, Tree of Light Service
13th December	4.00pm: River : Fruits of the Spirit – Joy and Peace
	4.00pm: Newton Carol Service
20th December	**6.30pm – Carols for All in the Churchyard**

ST ANDREW'S DAY: Monday 30th November Sung Eucharist at 7.00pm. Drinks and nibbles will follow the service.

Have you picked up your copy of the Advent and Christmas Services and Events Booklet? Copies are available at the back of the church – do take one to give to friends and neighbours.

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 The Prayer Group.
The farming community.
All involved in the production of food and stewardship of the countryside.
Those who live in Stagshaw Road, Manor Park, Leazes Terrace, Leazes Lane.

Monday Our Pastoral Team and Tea & Chat.
The care of the elderly and sick in their own homes.
Carers and good neighbours.
Those who live in Priory Gardens, Prior Terrace.

Tuesday The Book Group, all who attend and those who lead.
Those who are currently unemployed or looking for employment.
Those who live in Roman Way.

Wednesday Home Group run by Max and Monica Philbrick and Paul Morris.
All those who are lonely.
Those who live in Corchester Towers, Corchester Terrace.

Thursday David our Vicar, his vision and leadership and Janet his wife.
The Anglican Communion.

The Archbishop of Canterbury.
The Archbishop of York.
Those who live in Halton and Aydon.

Friday Linda our Associate Priest.
The Diocese of Newcastle, Helen-Ann, Bishop of Newcastle and Mark, Bishop of Berwick.
Those who live in Newton and Thornbrough.

Saturday Phil our Associate Priest.
Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.
Those who live in Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: We pray for Getachew, Gezashign and their children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as war has restarted; we pray for their safety and lasting peace for the country.

We pray for:

- the sick especially Carolyn Holmes, Maurice Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Marion Thompson, Michael Oswell, John McNamara, Mike Wilson, Bell Wilson, Elliott Ward, Margret Jacot, Michael Senior and Paul Morris.
- we commemorate the faithful departed and pray for the family and friends of Colleen Holmes, Alison Curtis, Bryan Topping and Bob Wood.
- We pray for Nicholas André and his parents William and Sally as he is baptised today.

We pray for David and Janet as they prepare for David's retirement. Bless them in this time of change, and guide them as they look towards the future. May they know your presence, your peace and your love in the days ahead. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 4th December – Tuesday 8th December



Opening Times

Friday	4th December	9.30am to 6.00pm
Saturday	5th December	9.30am to 6.00pm
Sunday	6th December	11.30am to 5.00pm
Monday	7th December	9.30am to 8.00pm
Tuesday	8th December	9.30am to 4.30pm

Refreshments will be served between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

Community carol singing, Christmas Music

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: The sign up lists for helping with set up, welcoming, refreshments and selling merchandise are available at the back of church. If you are able to help please could you sign on the appropriate place on the lists. Thank you.

MINCE PIES: We get through hundreds of mince pies for the Tree Festival. If you are able to donate any please sign on the Mince pie sheet. Thanks.

SMALL TREES: Last year we gave out small trees to be decorated. If you would like to decorate one this year. Please ask Ann Prudhoe or a member of the flower team and they will provide one for you.

BEWARE There are still emails circulating that are impersonating David. If you receive any emails requesting vouchers from David or any other member of the Ministry Team please do not respond or engage with them. Please delete them. Thankyou

DAVID'S FINAL WEEKEND: Please keep the weekend of **30th and 31st January free** as we come together to celebrate with David and Janet, his long and dedicated ministry. It promises to be a very special weekend and an opportunity to show David just how much he has been appreciated. Further details will follow soon, but for now, please make sure the date is firmly in your diary!

GRAND DRAW 2026: We will make the draw after the Service on Sunday 20th December. We would like to have vouchers 1 x £100.00, 1 x £50.00, 2 x £25.00 as prizes along with a hamper and some other prizes. 12 in total. If you would be willing to make a contribution towards the purchase of vouchers, please contact Suzette Milne Tel: 632932. Thank you very much.

Advent Procession

A dramatic service which we move from the west end of the Church to the east end and from darkness to light.



Readings and Advent Music
Sunday 29th November at 6.00pm

ADVENT COMPLINES: Part of the spirituality of Advent is taking time out to be still and prepare our hearts for the wonder of the coming of Immanuel – God with us. Our two evening Compline Services provide such an opportunity as in the choirstalls with the glow of candlelight we watch and pray.
Tuesday 15th December 7.30pm : The Eternal City
Tuesday 22nd December 7.30pm : The Eternal Day

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

TEA & CHAT: We meet next on **Friday 18th December** and this will be our Christmas Tea. Tickets are available for the Christmas Tea. There will be no charge, but tickets are required so we know how many people to cater for.

FOOD BANK
Please don't forget the last day that the **FOOD BANK** can receive Christmassy goods for distribution before Christmas is **Saturday 12th 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 21st December. Thank you.

CORBRIDGE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING: Monday 7th December until 8.00pm.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



Christmas- clean and tidy-up!



Tuesday 15thDecember

9.30am- 12.00pm





Please come and help to give St Andrew's a clean as we prepare for Christmas. We need help inside the Church.



If you cannot come for all of the time please just call in when you can.



All cleaning materials provided



Tea and coffee will be provided.



THANK YOU!

Diary

Monday St Andrew's Day **30th November**

Christmas Tree Festival Set Up
2.00pm Women's Fellowship in the hub
7.00pm Sung Eucharist for St Andrew

Tuesday **1st December**

Christmas Tree Festival Set Up
1.30pm WI Committee Meeting in the Cottage
2.00pm – 6.00pm – Set up of trees
2.30pm First School Christingle Service

Wednesday **2nd December**

10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Abbeyfield Service
11.30am – 6.00pm – Set up of trees

Thursday **3rd December**

2.00pm Preview for residential Homes
2.30pm Prayer Group in cottage
4.00pm Home Group
6.30pm Christmas Tree Festival Preview

Friday **4th December**

9.30am - 6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
3.00pm Community Carol Singing
7.00pm Choir

Saturday **5th December**

9.30am - 6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
3.00pm Community Carol Singing

Advent 2 **6th December**

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton
10.00am Parish Communion
11.30am – 5.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
3.00pm Community Carol Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival
4.00pm Charlotte Straker Tree of Light Service