

Welcome to Worship

Lent 3

8th March 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.

Services today

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: 669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured

into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn: 119 Forgive our sins

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus

said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together."³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the

woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Sermon: Revd Phil Smith.

Hymns: 763 Praise to the holiest
800 The Lord's my Shepherd
806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

4.00pm: Messy Church Lenten Journey

LICENSING OF THE REVD LINDA E HUNTER: The Bishop has appointed Linda as Associate Priest of this Parish. She will continue her ministry here as part of the team of Licensed clergy. Linda will be Licensed by Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Berwick, at St Andrew's on Sunday 19th April at 10.00am. Please note this in your diaries and calendars. We hope we can have a great turn out of members of our Church family to share in what will be a very special service celebrating Linda's ministry.

Our next **EXPLORING THE BIBLE** sessions in the cottage at 11.00am is on Wednesday 11th March. We will consider the cost of Jeremiah's faithfulness and examples of his teachings. This is a really good opportunity to learn more about the book of Jeremiah. There will be teaching input and the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. If you have never been to any of our Exploring the Bible sessions why not come along and see what it is all about.

LENT ADDRESS AND COMPLINE: Will be at 7.30pm on the following **Tuesdays in March**. The theme of the addresses will be **Reflective Psalms**.

10th Psalm 139

The Hound of Heaven

17th Psalms 121 & 125

Looking to the Hills

24th Psalms 130 & 131

Wrestling and Nestling

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please register to receive the bulletin by either clicking on the button on the weekly email, the QR code below or the web address below.



www.corbridgechurch.org.uk/church-newsletter

ST ANDREW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: On 9th March Julie Johnston from Corbridge Health Centre will come along to talk about The Future of General Practice. On the 30th March (Monday of Holy Week) we will have our Lent Reflection. If you have not been before you would be most welcome to join us. We meet in the community Hub at 2.00pm and our meeting always end with tea and biscuits

ROTAS: Frances will be putting together Welcomer, Coffee, Intercessor and Reader rotas for April and May soon, so please let her know your availability.

SPRING LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: Dates for your diary! We are having a series of 4 Organ Recitals, in church, beginning in mid April.

Friday 17th April

Marc Bryant

Friday 24th April

Alison Rudd Morpeth Church

Friday 1st May

Matthew Kelley Hexham Abbey

Friday 8th May

John Roper

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** 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.
- Monday** The stewardship of money, Cliff Wright 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.
- Tuesday** Frances Stride our Parish Administrator.
For the uniformed organisations and all who lead them.
Beech Drive, Woodside Avenue.
- Wednesday** The Church's work with young people.
Messy Church the children and parents, and the team who plan and prepare.
The Pre-school, Little Tinkler's Nursery, Over the Rainbow Childcare and all those who childmind.
Jameson Drive, Cragside, Siskin Drive,
Bilberry Drive.

- Thursday** For the Choir and our director of Music – Colin Williams.
For the dental practices, physiotherapists. & opticians.
Aydon Road, Deadridge Lane, Milkwell Lane, Aydon Estate.
- Friday** For our organists – Marc Bryant and John Roper.
Hexham General Hospital, medical and support staff and patients.
Roman Heights.
- Saturday** The Parish Safeguarding Team: Mandy Norton & Richard Adams.
Those who are suffering abuse, particularly domestic abuse.
St Helen’s Lane, Milkwell Estate, Synclen Estate.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: we pray for A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

We pray for:

- the sick especially Carolyn and Maurice Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Joan Cross, Marion Thompson, Michael Oswell, John McNamara, Irene Scobbie, and Mike Wilson.
- the family and friends of Margaret Preece and Bobbie Middleton.
- Years Mind: Anne-May Pottage and Searana Ritzema.

BOBBIE MIDDLETON: We are saddened to announce the death of Bobbie, who died peacefully on Sunday evening. We give thanks for her and for all she gave in the many spheres of her life. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 3.30pm.

Diary

Monday		9th March
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
11.00am	Take 5 Meeting	
2.00pm	Women's Fellowship in the Hub	
Tuesday		10th March
9.00am	First School Assembly	
10.30	Church Guides meeting in the cottage	
7.30pm	Lent Address and Compline Reflective Psalms, 139	
Wednesday		11th March
10.00am	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Exploring the Bible: Jeremiah in the Cottage	
2.00pm	Tea and Chat	
3.30pm	Funeral Service: Bobbie Midleton	
7.00pm	PCC Meeting	
Thursday		12th March
10.00am	Methodist Service	
2.30pm	Prayer Group	
4.00pm	Home Group	
Friday		13th March
7.00pm	Choir	
Lent 4 Mothering Sunday		15th March
10.00am	Parish Communion: Jesus heals the man born blind	
4.00pm	Simply Worship: Saviour of the World, John 12:20-36a	

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