

St. Andrew's Church Corbridge

# Advent and Christmas



# Services and Events 2025

**The seasons of Advent and Christmas are full of light and hope.**

In Advent we prepare our hearts to celebrate afresh the great and mighty wonder of the birth of Jesus the Son of God at Christmas. But as the year comes towards its close, we also remember that this same Jesus will come again as universal Lord of all when at last God's kingdom comes and his will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

As the days grow shorter, we pray that God will give us light, remembering the one who came as Light of the world, and as we seek to bring the light of hope in a dark and uneasy world.

We pray that the services and events in this booklet will help you to prepare well, that amidst all the shopping, parties and preparations, we may stop and be still, and allow God to speak to our hearts with a message of love and truth.

## The Advent Wreath



In St Andrew's, our Advent worship is centred around the Advent wreath. This lovely tradition came to us from Hamburg in Germany in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when a Lutheran pastor, who founded an orphanage, lit daily candles to form a crown of light to teach the children about the love of God coming into the world. Today, it is customary to light candles on each of the four Sundays in Advent and a fifth candle on Christmas Day. The evergreen foliage reminds us of the eternal life Jesus came to bring, and that his light is coming to our dark world.

## Services and Events

### Advent Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today.  
Amen.

10.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

5.00pm Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

3.00pm Light up a Light Hospice Service

## **Advent 2 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love.  
Amen.

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Halton
- 10.00am Parish Communion
- 4.00pm Messy Church
- 4.00pm Charlotte Straker Tree Lighting Service
- 4.00pm Newton Village Carol Service
- 6.00pm Advent Procession - a wonderfully atmospheric service. We begin in complete darkness and gradually fill St. Andrew's with the light of hope.
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**
- 2.00pm Advent Reflection led by Women's Fellowship. in the **CHURCH**. All are welcome.
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**
- 7.30pm Address and Compline
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7.30pm Fenham Ensemble and Dark Sky Voices Concert
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**
- 10.00am Service led by the Methodists
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 5.00pm** Bach Choir Concert

### **Advent 3 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.  
Amen.

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| 8.00am  | Holy Communion  |
| 10.00am | Parish Communion  |
| 11.25am | Draw of the Grand Christmas Raffle  |
| 4.00pm  | River in Advent - our informal gathering for all ages<br>beginning with refreshments. |

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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| 9.30am | Church Clean         |
| 7.30pm | Address and Compline |

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion |
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## **Advent 4 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
Blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news:  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.  
Amen.

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Carols for All in the Churchyard: Come and sing  
popular carols in the open air with Brass ensemble.  
(45 mins) This will be held inside St. Andrew's if wet.

## **Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December**

2.00pm Crib Service: An opportunity for families to participate  
in the wonderful Christmas Story portrayed through  
the crib characters in the wooden stable.

6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols, with candlelight

11.00pm Midnight Communion in candlelight – our  
atmospheric Midnight Mass as we welcome Christmas  
Day

## **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am All Age Family Communion – a joyful Christmas  
morning service for all.



for all the family

**Sunday 7th December, 4-5pm**

**in St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Corbridge**



**A Special Gift**

**With a Bible Story, Activities, Crafts,  
Celebration and a light snack**





AN INFORMAL  
AFTERNOON  
GATHERING  
FOR  
EVERYONE

**Sunday 14th December.**  
**In church, starting with**  
**refreshments at 4pm.**

**River**

at  
St Andrew's  
Church  
Corbridge



*River*  
*in*  
*Advent*



## Daily Reflection Booklet

The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2025 is: The Joy of Christmas

*The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people ...'*

*Luke 2.10-11*

**Daily Advent reflections** on the Everyday Faith app:

As well as being available as a printed book, the daily 'O Come Emmanuel' reflections are available with audio on the Everyday Faith app from 1 to 24 December. The Twelve Joys of Christmas meditations: These funny and profound reflections are also available by email and the Everyday Faith app (with audio).



## **Additional Information**

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Church clean.**

9.30am – 12 noon. Please drop in if you are available to help.  
All cleaning materials will be provided. Coffee and mince pies too!

### **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.

### **Food Bank**

Please don't forget the last day that the **FOODBANK** can receive Christmassy goods for distribution before Christmas is **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you.

### **Further information about Church Events can be found on:**

Church website: [www.corbridgechurch.org.uk](http://www.corbridgechurch.org.uk)

Twitter: @CorbridgeChurc1

Facebook page: @Corbridge Church

## **Regular Mid-week Worship and Groups**

### **Morning and Evening Prayer**

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.50am and Evening Prayer at 4.15pm, Monday to Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am.

## **Contact details**

**Please do contact us we would love to talk to you.**

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