

Welcome to Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

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:

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Parish Communion**

Hymn: 586 All praise to Christ

Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First reading:

Acts 8: 26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in

charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip^[i] baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hymn: 209 Love's redeeming work is done

Gospel Reading:

John 15: 1 - 8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.⁶ Whoever does not abide

in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Sermon: Canon David Kennedy

Hymns: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

424 Author of life divine

690 Jesus is Lord

4.00pm River - Restored

Announcements

THE REVD SAM LOCHEAD: We extend our warmest congratulations to our Curate, Sam, on his appointment by the Bishop as Priest-in-Charge of Seaton Hirst in Ashington. Sam will be serving a large urban parish with two churches. **Sam's final Sunday here at St Andrew's will be Sunday 2nd June 2024** when Sam will preside and preach at the 10.00am Parish Communion. After that service there will be a drinks reception and presentations, followed by a shared lunch for those who would like to stay. Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church if you are intending to attend the shared lunch so we have an idea of number. We are now collecting contributions for a leaving gift; please give them to the Church Wardens, Jean Wilks and David McEwan, or to David or Linda (cheques to be payable to PCC of Corbridge). Please mark your gift with "Sam's Leaving Gift". Please keep Sam in your prayers in this time of transition as we look forward to his continuing ministry here over the coming weeks.

SPRING MUSIC SERIES: Lunchtime concert dates for your diary from 12.30pm- 1.15pm. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Tea and Coffee available from 12 noon.

3rd May – Organ Recital – John Roper

10th May – Organ Recital – John Green

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 5th May** at 11.15am after the 10.00am service. We will be electing Churchwardens, members to PCC and Deanery Synod representatives. Please think and pray about who we might elect, and whether God is calling you to one of these roles.

ELECTORAL ROLL FORM: The Church Electoral Roll is a register of people who are Church of England members who live in the parish or who attend St. Andrew's Church. Nobody is automatically entered into this register. Only people who are registered on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote on matters arising at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) or be members of PCC or Deanery Synod. All members of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) who are baptised (christened) and over the age of 16 and who are either resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship here for the last 6 months are eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll.

To join the Church Electoral Roll, you must complete an electoral roll application form. This form is only used for the above purpose. You may collect a form from the back of church or download one from this link.

If you are already on the roll, you need not apply again.

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll.docx>

Please do not confuse this with the yellow database form.

SERVICE ROTAS: If you are willing to go onto the rota as either a welcomer or coffeemaker, please email Hilary in the office: admin@corbridgechurch.btinternet.com so that the rotas for June and July can be compiled.

ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: we meet in Corbridge Community Hub at 2.00pm, all welcome. Our next meetings are as follows: Monday April 29th Sharon Brown, Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services. Monday May 20th Wooden Boats & Iron Men. David Hastings, Durham RNLI. Monday June 24th Visit to be confirmed.

CHURCH GUIDES: in preparation for the summer season and the 1350 celebratory year we are looking at re introducing Church guiding. Watch out for more information which will be available soon

ASCENSION DAY: THURSDAY 9TH MAY 7.30pm sung Eucharist followed by drinks and nibbles.

SIMPLY WORSHIP – An informal Service of God's Word

Sundays, 4pm at St Andrew's on the following dates

Life in the Spirit – Romans 8

5 May Romans 8. 1-11 **19 May** Romans 8. 12-27

2 June Romans 8. 28-39

Praise from Prison – St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

16 June Philippians 1. 1-14 **30 June** Philippians 1. 15-30

7 July Philippians 2. 1-13 **4 August** Philippians 2.14-3.1

11 August Philippians 3.2–4.1 **18 August** Philippians 4.2-23

Simply worship lasts for about 50 minutes

ROBIN GRAY AND DAPHNE ANDERSON: We are greatly saddened by the loss of two of our long-standing Church members, Robin and Daphne. Robin has given a lifetime of service to both the Diocese and to the Churches to which he has belonged, including St Andrew's. Daphne worshipped at Halton mainly, but has been a great support of our fund-raising and Women's Fellowship. Robin's life will be celebrated on **Thursday 9th May at 2pm**, Daphne on **Friday 10th May at 10.30am**

Pray every day



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

- Sunday** The Prayer Group who meet in Church.
The farming community. All involved in the production of food and stewardship of the countryside.
Stagshaw Road, Manor Park, Leazes Terrace, Leazes Lane
- Monday** The Parish Safeguarding Team: Mandy Norton & Richard Adams.
Those who are currently unemployed or looking for employment.
Priory Gardens, Prior Terrace.
Take Five – The Church Mission Society and our NEW mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart in Bolivia.
- Tuesday** The Book group, all who attend and those who lead.
Those who are suffering abuse, particularly domestic abuse.
Roman Way.
Take Five – Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopia
Getachew and Gesashign Yohannes.
- Wednesday** David our Vicar, his vision and leadership and Janet his wife.
The Anglican Communion. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York.
Halton and Aydon.

Take Five - Byker: The Lighthouse Project, Mine Youth Project.

Thursday

Sam our Curate.

The Diocese of Newcastle, Helen-Ann, Bishop of Newcastle and Mark, Bishop of Berwick.
Newton and Thornbrough.

Take Five - Gap Supported Housing for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

Friday

Linda our Curate.

Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.
Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.

Take Five - A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

Saturday

Phil and Claire our Associate Priests

Ecumenical outreach to other denominations.

Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill

We also pray for the sick, especially Carolyn Holmes, Martha Coan, Evelyn Charlton, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Michael Walker, Joyce Walker, David Andrews, Joan Chapman and Peter Anderson.

We give thanks for the life of: Leonard Graham, Donald Chapman Malcolm Wharton, Daphne Anderson and Robin Gray

We pray for Stuart Robinson and Carolyn Wright who are to be married next Saturday

We pray for the King as he continues his treatment for cancer and the Princess of Wales as she recuperates from her recent surgery.

Diary

Monday		29th April
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
11.00am	Funeral of Malcolm Wharton	
2.00pm	Women's Fellowship at Community Hub	
Tuesday		30th April
9.00am	School Assembly	
9.30am	River meeting	
Wednesday	Philip and James, Apostles	1st May
10.00am	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Abbeyfield service	
Thursday		2nd May
2.45pm	Prayer Group in the church	
4.00pm	Home Group	
Friday		3rd May
12.00noon	Refreshments served	
12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert – Piano Recital – John Roper	
7.00pm	Choir in the church	
Saturday		4th May
12.30pm	Wedding of Stuart Robinson and Carolyn Wright	
Rogation Sunday		5th May
9.00am	Holy Communion at Halton	
10.00am	Parish Communion	
11.15am	APCM	
4.00pm	Simply Worship	

Contact Details:

Contact details of the Ministry Team can be found on the website.
www.corbridgechurch.org.uk