

# Welcome to Worship

Candlemas

1<sup>st</sup> February 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

9.00am      **Holy Communion at Halton**

10.00am      **Parish Communion**

**Collect:** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, Whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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:**

**Malachi 3:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a

refiner's fire and like washers' soap;<sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.<sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.<sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

### **Gospel reading**

**Luke 2:22-40**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word,<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel

and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon him.

**Sermon:** Revd Linda Hunter

**4.00pm:** Simply Worship – Living Bread, John 6:1-15, 25-40  
Speaker – Canon David Kennedy

Loving God,  
As we see candles in the darkness,  
we remember that your light  
came to shine for all people.  
Help us to live in that light  
today, and every day,  
so that your world may be filled  
with hope and love.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen

# 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** David our Vicar, his vision and leadership and Janet his wife.

The Anglican Communion.

The Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Archbishop of York.

Halton and Aydon

**Monday** Linda our Curate.

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

Newton and Thornbrough.

**Tuesday** Phil our Associate Priest.

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

**Wednesday** Claire our Associate Priest.

Ecumenical outreach to other denominations.  
Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.

**Thursday** The retired clergy - Jack Hay, Jenny Kinnaird, Barbara McNamara, Michael Thompson and their ministry in Corbridge.  
Corbridge Methodist Church. Their congregation and their minister – Revd Marie Beard.  
The Stanners, Station Road, Lion Court.

**Friday** Churchwardens – David McEwan and Peter Cook.  
The schools in our parish – Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School.  
Bridge End, Main Street.

**Saturday** 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.

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, Bobbie Middleton, Michael Oswell, John McNamara, Irene Scobbie, Mike Wilson, and Margaret Preece.
- the family and friends of Martin Kitchen (Priest), Michael Hodgkinson, Derek Walker, Frank Hilbourne, Pauline Bennett, Jean Marshall.

# Announcements

**TEXTILE AND ART EXHIBITION:** The Textile and Art exhibition will take place from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to exhibit or know someone who lives in Corbridge or the surrounding area who may like to exhibit, please contact Rosie Cunningham: [rosie.cunningham2@outlook.com](mailto:rosie.cunningham2@outlook.com)

**AFTERNOON SERVICES:** Please see the separate leaflet for an outline of the programme for Afternoon Worship from January to April 2026.

**PAULINE BENNETT:** We are saddened to announce the death of Pauline, who died peacefully on Monday evening. We give thanks for her life and for all she gave to our community. Pauline was very involved in church life and many village activities, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her funeral service will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm in church.

**SHROVE TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY:** Susan Bennett would still like to organise the Pancake and Quiz Evening which she and her mum have organised for many years. This will be held on Shrove Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm onwards, in the cottage. A list is available on the noticeboard at the back of church so you can sign up if you are attending. Spaces are limited to 40.

**ASH WEDNESDAY: 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY:** As well as morning prayer at 8.50am and Evening prayer at 4.15pm there will be our regular Wednesday morning celebration of the Eucharist at 10.00am with the imposition of ashes. At 7.30pm, there will be a sung Eucharist with hymns, address and the imposition of ashes. Please do try to set aside the time to begin Lent well by attending one of these services.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT 2026:** Our Lent, Holy Week and Easter booklet will be available soon but we thought we would let you know in plenty of time about our Exploring the Bible sessions and our Address and Compline themes.

## **EXPLORING THE BIBLE**

**Meeting in the cottage from 11.00am - 12.30pm on Wednesdays  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Jeremiah – the cost of faithfulness**

In four sessions, we will consider the main themes of his book and explore its meaning for us today.

As in previous Exploring the Bible sessions, there will be teaching input and group discussion of some of the key passages.

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| Week 1 | Introduction, overview, Jeremiah's call and early ministry. |
| Week 2 | Examples of Jeremiah's teaching – word and symbolic action. |
| Week 3 | Not all doom and gloom - promises of salvation.             |
| Week 4 | The sufferings of Jeremiah.                                 |

**ADDRESS AND COMPLINE:** will take place on the following Tuesdays - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

We will be looking at **Reflective Psalms:**

Psalm 51

Psalm 139

Psalm 121, 125

Psalms 130, 131

## Diary

### Monday

2<sup>nd</sup> February

9.30am Staff Meeting  
11.00am Charlotte Straker Service  
11.30am Funeral - Michael Hodgkinson

### Tuesday

3<sup>rd</sup> February

9.00am First School Assembly  
10.00am Book Club

### Wednesday

4<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Abbeyfield Service

### Thursday

5<sup>th</sup> February

11.30am Thanksgiving Service – Derek Walker  
2.30pm Prayer Group  
4.00pm Home Group

### Friday

6<sup>th</sup> February

1.30pm Reception Class in Church – Baptism Talk  
7.00pm Choir

### 2 Before Lent

8<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion  
4.00pm Messy Church – The Good Samaritan

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