Welcome to Worship

Christ the King **22nd 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.
We welcome Andrew Sanders from GAP Supported Housing.

Today's Services:

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: **227** Crown him with many crowns

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: **Ephesians 1:15 - end**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all
the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as
I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart
enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called
you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion and above every name that is
named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has
put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things
for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in
all.

Hymn: **563** Jesus Christ is waiting

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 31-end**

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as
a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the
sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say
to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I
was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer
him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or
thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?
39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and
you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in

prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.

Sermon: Andrew Sanders from GAP Supported Housing

Hymns:
453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
164 You are the King of glory
704 Let all the world

4.00pm River – Fruits of the Spirit - Patience

Afternoon Services at 4.00pm

29th November	Messy Church
6th December (3pm)	Community Carols among the Christmas Trees
13th December	River: Fruits of the Spirit - Peace and Joy

GRAND DRAW 2026: Tickets are available at the back of church, we hope to 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.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE: the final session is on Wednesday 25th November 11.00am to 12.30pm in the cottage. We are exploring the book of Daniel. All welcome.

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

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 Maintenance Committee which looks after the fabric of the Church.
The Pubs, Restaurants and Coffee Shops.
Those who live in St Wilfrid's Road, Windsor Terrace, Windsor Court, St Wilfrid's Court.

Monday The people who maintain and enhance the Church building, the flower arrangers, brass cleaners.
All shops and businesses who provide employment.
Those who live in The Avenue, Hippingstones Lane.

Tuesday The congregation at St. Oswald's Halton and all who lead worship there.
The Veterinary services who care for animals. The RSPCA and RSPB.
Those who live in Front Street, Middle Street, Market Place.

Wednesday Concerts and Cultural events.
For all community organisations in the village.
Those who live in Hill Street, Watling Street.

Thursday The Cottage.
All who contribute to community life through sporting activities.

Those who live in St Helen's Street, St Helen's Court, West Terrace, West End Terrace.

Friday The Welcome Ministry: our outreach to newcomers and visitors, and those who regularly come into church to light a candle and say a prayer. Our team of Church Guides.
Hotels and B & B's who serve local Tourism.
Those who live in Manor Cottages, Cookson Close.

Saturday Women's Fellowship and their committee.
The emergency services.
Those who live in Well Bank, Orchard Vale, Town Farm, Trinity Terrace.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: We pray for Andrew and Lisa Peart at 'Christ the Light of the World' Anglican church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia: working with CMS.

We pray for:

- the sick especially Carolyn Holmes, Maurice Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Joan Cross, 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 Derek Whittaker, Colleen Holmes, Alison Curtis and Bryan Topping.
- Years Mind, Madge Howard, Frank Baxter, Russell Cushing, Joan March

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!

ANDREW AND LISA PEART, our Church Mission Society Link Partners, appear in a new CMS video about a remarkable small business they helped locals Jenny and Richard set up in Santa Cruz. The public toilets (not quite like ours!) they opened have been a life-changing success for the couple, and have also become a place where people meet together to read the Bible. Watch an 8-minute video on YouTube via this link or by scanning this QR code.

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

Diary

Monday	**23rd November**
9.30am	River Meeting
1.00pm	Middle School Assembly KS2
Tuesday	**24th November**
All day	Lights Commissioning
9.00am	First School Assembly
1.00pm	Middle School Assembly KS3
5.00pm	Greater Chapter
Wednesday	**25th November**
10.00am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Exploring the Bible in the cottage
2.00pm	Tea and Chat
7.00pm	PCC Meeting in the Cottage
Thursday	**26th November**
10.00am	Methodist Service
12.00pm	Funeral of Bryan Topping
2.30pm	Prayer Group
4.00pm	Home Group
Friday	**27th November**
All day	PAT testing in the Cottage
8.30am	Mowden Hall Assembly
12.45pm	Funeral Service Colleen Holmes at Whitley Bay
7.00pm	Choir
Saturday	**28th November**
10.00am	Internment of Ashes Edna May May
Advent Sunday	**29th November**
10.00am	Parish Communion with Baptism of Nicholas André Baume Clements
4.00pm	Messy Church
6.00pm	Advent Procession: From Darkness to Light