

Welcome to Worship

Covenant Service

25th January 2026

Welcome to St Andrew's

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this Sunday, we welcome the Revd Marie Beard and our Methodist friends to St. Andrew's, as we share in the Covenant Service together.

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

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am United Covenant Service with Holy Communion to Celebrate Christian Unity Week

Hymn: 258 O thou who camest from above

Collect: God of grace, through the mediation of your Son, you call us into a new covenant. Help us therefore to draw near with faith and join ourselves in a perpetual covenant with you: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First reading:**Deuteronomy 29.10-15**

You stand assembled today, all of you, before the LORD your God—the leaders of your tribes, your elders, and your officials, all the men of Israel,¹¹ your children, your women, and the aliens who are in your camp, both those who cut your wood and those who draw your water—¹² to enter into the covenant of the LORD your God, sworn by an oath, which the LORD your God is making with you today;¹³ in order that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you and as he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.¹⁴ I am making this covenant, sworn by an oath, not only with you who stand here with us today before the LORD our God,¹⁵ but also with those who are not here with us today.

Second Reading:**Jeremiah 31. 31-34**

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Third Reading:**Romans 12. 1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Hymn: 324 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Gospel reading:

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles - ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned. ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon: Revd Marie Beard

Hymns: The Covenant Hymn

509 What shall our greeting be

421 All for Jesus

4.00pm: River – I am the Way.

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 Cottage.
All who contribute to community life through sporting activities.
St Helen's Street, St Helen's Court, West Terrace, West End Terrace.

Monday 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.
Manor Cottages, Cookson Close.

Tuesday Women's Fellowship and their committee.
The emergency services.
Well Bank, Orchard Vale, Town Farm, Trinity Terrace.

Wednesday The Prayer Group.
The farming community.
All involved in the production of food and stewardship of the countryside.
Stagshaw Road, Manor Park, Leazes Terrace, Leazes Lane.

Thursday	Our Pastoral Team and Tea & Chat. The care of the elderly and sick in their own homes. Carers and good neighbours. Priory Gardens, Prior Terrace.
Friday	The Book Group, all who attend and those who lead. Those who are currently unemployed or looking for employment. Roman Way.
Saturday	Home Group run by Max and Monica Philbrick and Paul Morris. All those who are lonely. Corchester Towers, Corchester Terrace.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: We pray for Gap Supported Housing: providing accommodation and support for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

We pray for:

- the sick especially Carolyn and Maurice Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Joan Cross, Marion Thompson, Bobbie Middleton, Michael Oswell, Pauline Bennett, John McNamara, Irene Scobbie, and Mike Wilson.
- the family and friends of Martin Kitchen (Priest), Michael Hodgkinson, Jimmy Forster, Ruth Barrass, Derek Walker.
- Years Mind: Gail Williams.

Announcements

TEXTILE AND ART EXHIBITION: The Textile and Art exhibition will take place from Thursday 18th June to Saturday 20th 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

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

CANDLEMAS: We conclude our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany with the great feast of Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on Sunday 1st February at 10.00am

SHROVE TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY: We are delighted that Pauline Bennett and her daughter Susan are once again organising a Pancake and Quiz evening. This will be held on Shrove Tuesday 17th February, 6.30pm onwards, in the cottage. A list will be going up very soon on the noticeboard at the back of church so you can sign up if you are attending.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 18th 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
25th Feb, 4th, 11th and 18th 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.

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 - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March at 7.30pm.

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

Psalm 51

Psalm 139

Psalm 121, 125

Psalms 130, 131

Diary

Monday

26th January

9.00am Church Gutter Cleaning
10.00am Chapter at Stamfordham

Tuesday

27th January

9.00am First School Assembly
10.00am Book Club
1.30pm WI Committee Meeting in the Cottage

Wednesday

28th January

10.00am Holy Communion
11.15am Primlea Court Service
2.00pm Tea and Chat
7.00pm PCC Meeting

Thursday

29th January

9.00am Church Annual Boiler Service
9.15am Review of Lighting System in the Church
11.15am Musical Events Meeting
2.30pm Prayer Group
4.00pm Home Group

Friday

30th January

1.30pm Funeral – Revd Martin Kitchen, West Road
7.00pm Choir

Candlemass

1st February

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton
10.00am Parish Communion
4.00pm Simply Worship: John 6. 1-15; 25-40 - Living Bread

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