St. Andrew's Church Corbridge

Advent and Christmas



Services and Events 2026

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 19th 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 29th 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

4.00pm Messy Church

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 30th November
7.00pm A sung Eucharist celebrating our patron saint – St Andrew followed by wine and nibbles.

Wednesday 2nd December
10.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 5th December
3.00pm Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees

Advent 2 Sunday 6th 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
3.00pm	Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees
4.00pm	Charlotte Straker Tree Lighting Service

Monday 7th December

5.00pm	Community Carol Singing among the Christmas Trees

Wednesday 9th December

10.00am	Holy Communion

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Advent 3 Sunday 13h 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.

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	River - Joy and Peace - our informal gathering for all ages beginning with refreshments.
Monday	**14th December**
2.00pm	Advent Reflection led by Women's Fellowship. All are welcome.
Tuesday	**15th December**
9.30am	Church Clean
7.30pm	Address and Compline: The Eternal City -A quiet 30 minute service of reflection by candlelight
Wednesday	**16th December**
10.00am	Holy Communion

Advent 4 Sunday 20th 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
11.20am	Draw of the Grand Christmas Raffle
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.

Tuesday 22nd December

7.30pm	Address and Compline : The Eternal Day -A quiet 30 minute service of reflection by candlelight



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve 24th 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 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

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



Messy Church

for all the family

Sunday 29th November
4–5pm

in St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Corbridge

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS



With a Christmas story video, Activities, Crafts, Celebration and a light snack

A RELAXED INFORMAL GATHERING

River@StAndrews

Sunday 13th December.
In church, starting with refreshments at 4pm.

Concluding our series on 'The Fruit of the Spirit'

Peace and Joy

River

Time for praise and reflection
to ***explore*** what being a Christian is about
to ***listen*** to what God is saying to us
to ***consider*** what it means to ***follow*** Jesus today

refreshments
conversation
exploring faith



Additional Information

Tuesday 15th 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!

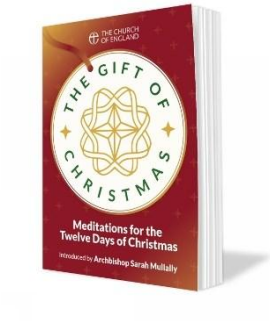
Home Communion for Christmas
If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive communion over the Christmas period please let David or Linda know.

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

Further information about Church Events can be found on:
Church website: www.corbridgechurch.org.uk
Twitter: @CorbridgeChurc1
Facebook page: @Corbridge Church

The Gift of Christmas is The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2026



Join Archbishop Sarah Mullally and eleven other Christians as they share how their experiences connect with the Christmas story and reveal what it means to receive God's gift.

From Christmas Day to Epiphany, *The Gift of Christmas* offers daily readings, reflections, prayers and challenges to deepen your faith.

These meditations will be available via the church of England Everyday Faith app

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