

Welcome to Worship

Remembrance Sunday (3rd before Advent) 12th November 2023

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

10.40am Civic Service for Remembrance Sunday

3.00pm Messy Church

6.00pm Holy Communion

Collect: Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading:

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those

who have died.¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25.1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon: The Revd Phil Smith

ST. ANDREW'S DAY: We are keeping St Andrew's Day this year on Wednesday 29th November because of the Tree Festival beginning on November 30th. Our St Andrew's Holy Communion celebration will take place on Wednesday 29th, followed by refreshments.

Announcements

EXPLORING THE BIBLE. The Book of Revelation: Many Christians find the Book of Revelation challenging with its strange symbolism and imagery, its vivid passages on judgment and its references to plagues, beasts and the great red dragon. But it also includes beautiful visions of heaven and salvation, and the triumph of good over evil.

We are meeting for three sessions to explore together this fascinating book and what it might teach us. Please do join us for our next sessions on Wednesday November 15, and 22, 11-12.30am in the Cottage. Coffee and notes will be provided.

TEA & CHAT: We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Community Hub. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might like conversation and cake. All ages welcome. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 22nd November at 2.00pm.**

ROTAS: We really appreciate all the help given on the 10.00am rota for readers, welcomers, intercessors and coffee. The rota for November to January is now available, if you are unable to take your turn, please just make a swop with someone else and let Sue Graves know on: 07774178071.

HOME GROUP: The home group is continuing to look at Paul's letter to Romans where he explains the basis of our Christian faith, guided by some materials produced by the Bible Society. It is quite relaxed, beginning with tea and coffee and nibbles, and is an opportunity to share ideas and friendship. And is often inspiring and challenging! We are now meeting at Max and Monica's home (11 Crofts Avenue) from 4pm to 5.30 each Thursday. You are welcome to join in or to just listen - why not come along and give it a go? For more information contact Max (632707) or Paul (633148)

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKLET: These will be available soon as a paper copy in church or digitally on the website. Please do pass them on to others in your street.

RECORDED SERVICE: Currently we are not recording a weekly service at St. Andrew's. However, the Church of England has a weekly service that you may participate in, this link should take you to the correct page:

[Weekly online services | The Church of England](#)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Forms to enter a tree into the Christmas tree Festival are available at the back of church or to download from the church website. Please do encourage any groups or organisations you are in to participate. The list for volunteers to help steward and with refreshments, is now on the sloping noticeboard, we would be grateful if you would sign u if you are able to help.

MESSAGE FROM JACK HAY: “ Jack can longer distribute the ‘Barnabas fund’ prayer diary. Will intercessors, please contact Barbabas fund and arrange to have their own diaries delivered or it can be downloaded at: [Prayer Diary | Barnabas Aid](#). Pray without ceasing”

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: We are hoping to have a Church Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm approximately in Corbridge Community Hub. We are looking for some people to organise this, if you are able to help, please contact Linda. Thanks.

GRAND DRAW 2023: Tickets are not available from the back of church. We would really appreciate it if you could deliver any for people who live near you. We hope to make the draw at the Church Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December during the afternoon. Please return sold tickets to Suzette Milne tel: 632932. Thank you very much.

MUSICAL EVENTS

Ryton Choral Society

Cavalleria Rusticana

A platform performance of Mascagni's dramatic one act opera.

Saturday 18th November at 3.00pm

Tickets £13.00 available at the door

The church is looking to appoint a:
Parish Administrator
(part time)

Information pack and application form available to
download:

www.corbridgechurch.org.uk

or

by contacting

Canon David Kennedy 01434 633012

Jean Wilks: 01434 633637

for an informal discussion about the post.

Pray every day



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

- Sunday** For the Choir and our director of Music – Colin Williams.
For the dental practices and the physiotherapists.
Aydon Road, Deadridge Lane, Milkwell Lane, Aydon Estate.
- Monday** For our organists – Marc Bryant and John Roper.
Hexham General Hospital, medical and support staff and patients.
Stanegate Manor and Roman Fields.
Take Five – The Church Mission Society and our mission partners Phil & Sylvie Good.
- Tuesday** The Welcome Ministry, the development of our outreach to newcomers and visitors. Those who regularly come into church to light a candle and say a prayer.
The care of the elderly and sick in their own homes, carers and good neighbours.
St Helen's Lane, Milkwell Estate, Synclen Estate.
Take Five – Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopia
Getatchew and Gezashingn Yohannes
- Wednesday** Alice Bryant and her work as Sacristan.
Burnbrae Residential Care Home, residents and staff.

The Cheynes Estate, Hallgarth Close
Take Five - Byker: The Lighthouse Project, Mine Youth Project

Thursday The development of our Pastoral Team and the new initiative Tea & Chat
Charlotte Straker House, residents and staff.
Chantry Estate.
Take Five - Gap Supported Housing for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

Friday All those who help regularly with services: readers intercessors, welcomers, chalice assistants and those making coffee.
Riverhill Abbeyfield House, residents and staff.
The Riggs, Willowdyke, The Potteries
Take Five - A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

Saturday Brenda our verger in her ministry through the occasional offices of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.
Trinity Court, Primlea Court and Windsor Court.
Glebelands, Old Vicarage, White Gates.

We also pray for the sick, especially Joan Smith, Roger Thorn, Carolyn Holmes, Martha Coan, Evelyn Charlton, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Michael Walker, Joyce Walker and Margaret Allen.

We give thanks for the life of: Ruth Harrison, Edward Oliver, Sheila Arrowsmith and William McEwan.

Years' Mind: Geoffrey Whiteley.

We pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel

Diary

Monday **13th November**

- 9.30am Staff Meeting
- 10.30am 1350 Committee Meeting

Tuesday **14th November**

- 9.00am First School Assembly
- 2.00pm Book Club
- 7.00pm Deanery Synod at Matfen

Wednesday **15th November**

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 11.00am Exploring the Bible: Book of Revelation, in the cottage
- 2.30pm Service at Burn Brae
- 3.00pm Middle School Assembly

Thursday **16th November**

- 2.45pm Prayer Group
- 3.00pm Middle School Assembly
- 4.00pm Home Group (please see information overleaf)

Friday **17th November**

- 7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday **18th November**

- 3.00pm Ryton Choral Society Concert

Sunday (2nd before Advent) **19th November**

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer with Homily

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