

# Welcome to Worship

Lent 2

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## 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**

10.00am    **Parish Communion**

Hymn:      128    Jesu, lover of my soul

### Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First reading:

**Ezekiel 47. 1-12**

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from

below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. <sup>3</sup>Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. <sup>5</sup>Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. <sup>6</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?' Then he led me back along the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup>As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup>He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. <sup>9</sup>Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. <sup>10</sup>People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. <sup>11</sup>But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. <sup>12</sup>On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

**Hymn:**            669    I heard the voice

**Gospel reading:**

**John 19. 31-37**

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the

crucified men broken and the bodies removed.<sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.<sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.<sup>34</sup> Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.<sup>35</sup> (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.)<sup>36</sup> These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.'<sup>37</sup> And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

**Sermon:** Canon David Kennedy

**Hymns:** 598 Before the throne of God above  
140 All ye who seek  
806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

**4.00pm** River - Exploring brokenness – how the Lord meets us in time of trial.

## Announcements

**TEA & CHAT:** Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 28th February at 2.00pm** at the Community Hub.

**HYMN BOOKS:** A reminder that several of our hymn books show the melody as well as the words, which is helpful if a hymn tune is unfamiliar to you. Even if you don't read music, you can see whether the dots are going up or down! Just ask us for a melody hymn book when you come into church.

**LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER BOOKLET:** is available online and hard copies are now available at the back of the Church. Please distribute widely. Thank you

**MINISTRY OF HEALING:** On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be exploring how we find healing through the Cross. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March there will be opportunity to receive prayer and the laying on of hands with anointing with the oil of healing for those who wish to receive it.

**ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** meets on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February in Corbridge Community Hub at 2.00pm. Our speaker will be Margaret Bozic who will talk about the Newcastle Lit and Phil. All are welcome.

**DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS:** Please help us to make St Andrew's and Halton look magnificent for Easter. Would you be willing to give a donation in memory of a loved one? If so, we will remember them in the prayers. Please use one of the special flower donation envelopes on the table at the Church door and if possible, make your donation by Palm Sunday. Thank you

**SIMPLY WORSHIP:** is an informal service of God's word. We meet on Sundays at 4pm at St Andrew's, on the dates below. Between January and Easter we will be exploring some of the Psalms and how through them, God speaks to us today. *Simply worship* lasts for about 50 minutes.

### **The Songs of Sion – Exploring the Psalms**

3 March	Psalm 121 -the God who never sleeps
10 March	Psalm 22 - the Man of Sorrows
31 March	Psalm 118. 1-25 – the Stone the builders rejected
7 April	Psalm 139 - the God who knows us through and through
21 April	Psalm 1, 150 – faithful discipleship and praise

**CONTACT FORM AND ELECTORAL ROLL FORM:** Please see the additional information on the website and at the back of church with regard to the 2 different forms. All forms are covered by GDPR.

## **DATES FOR LENT**

**ADDRESS AND COMPLINE:** will take place at 7.30pm on the following Tuesdays during Lent.

**27<sup>th</sup> February** Northern Saints: Cuthbert

**5<sup>th</sup> March** Northern Saints: Hild

**19<sup>th</sup> March** Northern Saints: Wilfrid

**BISHOP HELEN-ANN IS COMING TO CORBRIDGE:** Our new Bishop Helen-Ann will be coming to Corbridge on **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH** (Please note change of day and date) to give a Lent Talk followed by Evening Prayer. We will welcome members of other churches to this service 6.30pm – 7.00pm, refreshments will be served with an opportunity to meet the Bishop, 7.00pm Address followed by questions and the evening will conclude with Evening Prayer. Please put the date in your diary and let's fill St Andrew's to welcome our Bishop

**COTTAGE SEMINARS:** As part of our Spiritual Preparation for Easter, there will be three seminars in the Cottage on Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> between 10.45am and 12.15pm. Each session begins with coffee, short presentations on the texts, and group discussion. All are welcome.

The theme will be The Servant Songs of Isaiah.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Introduction to Second Isaiah;

Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Readings: Isaiah 49. 1-13; Isaiah 50.4-11.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Reading: Isaiah 52.13-53

# Pray every day



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

- Sunday** The Cottage and work that is proposed.  
All who contribute to community life through sporting activities.  
St Helen's Street, St Helen's Court, West Terrace, West End Terrace, The Orchard.
- Monday** Ministry to the sick and housebound. All who receive Holy Communion at home.  
Hotels and B & B's who serve local Tourism.  
Manor Cottages, Cookson Close.  
**Take Five** – The Church Mission Society and our NEW mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart in Bolivia.
- Tuesday** Women's Fellowship and their committee.  
Police, Fire and Ambulance Services.  
Well Bank, Orchard Vale, Town Farm, Trinity Terrace.  
**Take Five** – Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopia  
Getachew and Gesashign Yohannes.
- Wednesday** The Prayer Group who meet in Church.  
The farming community. All involved in the production of food and stewardship of the countryside.  
Stagshaw Road, Manor Park, Leazes Terrace, Leazes Lane.

**Take Five** - Byker: The Lighthouse Project, Mine Youth Project.

**Thursday** The Parish Safeguarding Team: Mandy Norton and Richard Adams.

Those who are currently unemployed or looking for employment.

Priory Gardens, Prior Terrace.

**Take Five** - Gap Supported Housing for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

**Friday** The Book group, all who attend and those who lead.

Those who are suffering abuse, particularly domestic abuse.

Roman Way.

**Take Five** - A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

**Saturday** Home Group run by Max and Monica Philbrick and Paul Morris.

All those who are lonely.

Corchester Towers, Corchester Terrace.

We also pray for the sick, especially Carolyn Holmes, Martha Coan, Evelyn Charlton, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Michael Walker, Joyce Walker, Margaret Allen, David Andrews, Joan Chapman, Ava Halman, Lynne Ward, Peter Anderson and Miles Middleton.

We give thanks for the life of: Roger Thorn and Barry Hardy.

Years Mind: John Sykes.

We pray for the King as he continues his treatment for cancer and the Princess of Wales as she recuperates from her recent surgery.

## Diary

### **Monday** **26<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9.30am Staff Meeting  
2.00pm Women's Fellowship at the Community Hub

### **Tuesday** **27<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9.00am First School Assembly  
9.30am River Meeting  
2.00pm Book Club  
5.00pm Visit of the Corbridge Beavers for Faith Badge  
7.30pm Address and Compline – Northern Saints: Cuthbert

### **Wednesday** **28<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10.00am Holy Communion  
2.00pm Tea and Chat at the Community Hub

### **Thursday** **29<sup>th</sup> February**

- 2.45pm Prayer Group in the church  
4.00pm Home Group

### **Friday** **1<sup>st</sup> March**

- 1.30pm Reception class: Baptism visit  
7.00pm Choir in the church

### **Saturday** **2<sup>nd</sup> March**

- 7.00pm Gould Piano Trio Spring Concert

### **Lent 3** **3<sup>rd</sup> March**

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Halton  
10.00am Parish Communion -laying on of hands and anointing  
4.00pm Simply Worship - Psalm 121 -the God who never sleeps

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