

Welcome to Worship

Advent 2

7th December 2025

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:

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: 36 Hark! The glad sound

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading:

Isaiah 10:33-11:10

³³ Look, the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts, will lop the boughs with terrifying power;


the tallest trees will be cut down,
and the lofty will be brought low.

³⁴ He will hack down the thickets of the forest with an axe,
and Lebanon with its majestic trees^[d] will fall.

11 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow^[a] out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the

Lord; make his paths straight.' " ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with  water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Sermon: Canon David Kennedy

Hymns: **42** Longing for light
 34 Earth was waiting
 30 Come, thou long expected Jesus

4.00pm Messy Church

4.00pm Charlotte Straker Tree Lighting Service

4.00pm Newton Carol Service

6.00pm **Advent Procession**

Afternoon Services

14th December 4.00pm - River in Advent

21st December **6.30pm – Carols for All in the Churchyard**

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** Those who serve on Deanery Synod and the PCC.
Corbridge Parish Council and Northumberland County Council, their officers and staff.
Newcastle Road, Spoutwell Lane, Appletree Rise.
- Monday** PCC Minute Secretary Jo Eldridge and the Electoral Roll Officer, Maureen Davison.
For adult education, colleges and universities and particularly for Cambian College at Dilston.
Carrsfield, The Crofts, Hallbankgate.
- Tuesday** The stewardship of money, Cliff Wright our treasurer, all those who help count the money.
Corbridge Community Partnership and the local Trader's group – Visit Corbridge.
Crofts Avenue, Crofts Close Carham Close, Crofts Way.
- Wednesday** Frances Stride our Parish Administrator.
For the uniformed organisations and all who lead them.
Beech Drive, Woodside Avenue.
- Thursday** The Church's work with young people.
Messy Church the children and parents, and the team who plan and prepare.
The Pre-school, Little Tinkler's Nursery, Over the Rainbow Childcare and all those who childmind.
Jameson Drive, Craggside, Siskin Drive, Bilberry Drive.

- Friday** For the Choir and our director of Music – Colin Williams.
For the dental practices, physiotherapists. & opticians.
Aydon Road, Deadridge Lane, Milkwell Lane, Aydon Estate.
- Saturday** For our organists – Marc Bryant and John Roper.
Hexham General Hospital, medical and support staff and patients.
Roman Heights.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: We pray for Getachew and Gezashign Yohannes, working in Bible translation and trauma counselling with Wycliffe Ethiopia.

We pray for:

- the sick especially Carolyn Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Joan Cross, Marion Thompson, Bobbie Middleton, Michael Oswell, Pauline Bennett, Jack Hay, George Hall, John McNamara and Irene Scobbie.
- the family and friends of Madge Howard, Frank Baxter, Joan March, Russell Cushing and David Andrews.
- Years Mind: Albert Crowe

GRAND DRAW 2025: Please return Grand Draw counterfoils and money to Suzette Milne Tel: 632932. Thank you very much.

TEA & CHAT: We meet next on Wednesday 10th December. Due to work in the hub we will meet in the **CHURCH COTTAGE** at 2.00pm. Tickets will be available then for the Christmas Tea which will be held on Wednesday 14th January in the hub. There will be no charge, but tickets are required so we know how many people to cater for.

Announcements

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKLET: Have you picked up your copy of the Advent and Christmas Services and Events Booklet? Copies are available at the back of the church – do take one to give to friends and neighbours. Alternatively the booklet can be downloaded from the website www.corbridgechurch.org.uk.

ADVENT COMPLINES AND ADDRESS: (Night Prayer) Part of the spirituality of Advent is taking time out to be still and prepare our hearts for the wonder of the coming of Immanuel – God with us. Our two evening Compline Services provide such an opportunity as in the choirstalls with the glow of candlelight we watch and pray.

David will lead two reflections:

Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm

Gabriel brings an amazing message to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-21

Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm

Gabriel brings an amazing message to Mary – Luke 1:26-38

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARDS: May be collected from the back of church. If you require more they are available at the back of church too. Thanks to all who are able to deliver, we really appreciate it.

CHRISTMAS TREE: We are looking for volunteers to decorate the Christmas Tree. If you are able to help on Friday 12th December please speak to David McEwan. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS GREENERY: We are looking for greenery for Christmas – in particular variegated holly, conifer and leylandii if you are able to provide any please contact Ann Prudhoe: 01434 632971. Thanks.

TREE FESTIVAL:. A huge THANK YOU to the setting up and take down team, numerous choirs, welcoming and refreshments team, money counting team. Particular thanks to Jean Wilks who coordinated a feast of musical entertainment and Louise Stubbs who made the wonderful name cards and created a table of Christmas crafts to sell and Simon Hunter who looked after all the electrics. 11,289 people visited and were amazed at the 126 trees displayed.




**Newcastle upon Tyne
Bach Choir**
**Words and Music for
Christmas**
St Andrew's Church Corbridge
Saturday 13 December 2025 5pm
Tickets £10
Students £5 ; under 18s free
available from St Andrew's Website
Or Forum Books Corbridge

Proceeds 50/50
OHMI/St Andrew's 
Enabling Music-Making for the Physically Disabled

 www.facebook.com/nclebachchoir www.newcastlebachchoir.org.uk 

During our 1300th Anniversary the Newcastle Bach Choir sang in St Andrew's Church.

A large group are making a return on
Saturday 13th December at **5.00pm**

Tickets available on line, from Forum books and
St Andrew's Church

Diary

Monday		8th December
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
2.00pm	Advent Reflection led by Women's Fellowship in the CHURCH	
Tuesday		9th December
9.00am	First School Assembly	
10.00am	Book Club	
11.00am	Funeral – Madge Howard	
7.30pm	Address and Compline - Gabriel brings an amazing message to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-21	
Wednesday		10th December
10.00am	Holy Communion	
2.00pm	Tea and Chat in the Cottage	
7.30pm	Concert – Fenham Ensemble & Dark Sky Voices	
Thursday		11th December
10.00am	Methodist Service	
2.30pm	Prayer Group	
4.00pm	Home Group	
Friday		12th December
7.00pm	Choir	
Saturday		13th December
10.30am	Burial of Ashes – Peter Jewitt	
5.00pm	Concert – Words and Music for Christmas, Bach Choir	
Advent 3		14th December
8.00am	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Parish Communion	
11.30am	Grand Christmas Draw will be drawn	
4.00pm	River in Advent	

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