

St Andrew's Church, Corbridge

**1350th Lent, Holy Week and Easter
Services and Events**



**Wednesday 5th March
to
Sunday 20th April 2025**

Spring-time for Lent 1350

Easter is quite late this year, so all of Lent falls in March and April. The word *Lent* comes from an Old English word for *lengthening*, so we rejoice in longer days and lighter nights, and the beauty of spring flowers and blossom and the gradual greening of trees and shrubs.

The season of Lent is like a spiritual spring-time for renewal in faith and discipleship. This holy season has a number of emphases. It is, most of all, a six-week time of preparation for our celebration of the very heart of our faith, the dying and rising of Jesus, to bring us and the world salvation. As Lent progresses, so we focus more and more on the 'wondrous cross' and the great love of our Saviour in giving himself even to death.

Lent began in the Early Church as a time of fasting and preparation for those who were to be baptized at Easter. In time, it was recognised that the whole Church could benefit from this tradition by seeking to grow in discipleship by prayer, meditating on the Bible, fasting and giving. Part of this is seeking a deeper penitence for the sins and habits that lead us away from God and for which Christ died. So, we 'give up' our church flowers, and the liturgical colour is penitential purple and our worship is reflective and invites us to self-examination and repentance.

From the Fifth Sunday in Lent we enter Passiontide and focus directly on the cross, preparing us for Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday and concluding with the 'great three days', Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

In our 1350th Anniversary year, we hope this Lent will be special and we have devised special themes for our Sunday morning, afternoon and special weekday services. St Wilfrid would have encouraged us all to open ourselves anew to God's love and grace, and so may our love for God and each other be enlarged and our faith deepened

Special Themes for Lent 2025

We will be exploring special themes this year during Lent.

Sunday mornings at 10am.

In Colossians 3:12-15, St Paul invites us to put on a new set of clothes. This may echo the baptism of new converts in the Early Church who would wear new white clothes after their baptism to show their new birth and life in Christ. Paul invites all of us to be renewed in a series of virtues. Each Sunday in Lent we will explore

- Clothe yourselves with compassion and kindness
- Clothe yourselves with humility, meekness and patience
- Clothe yourselves with forbearance and forgiveness
- Clothe yourselves with love
- Clothe yourselves with peace and thanksgiving

Sunday afternoons at Simply Worship at 4.00pm.

2 Corinthians 3-5 are some of the richest chapters of the New Testament. St Paul paints a magnificent vista of the meaning of Christian hope. We will explore

- A bold hope - 2 Cor. 3.7-18
- Hope versus despair – 2. Cor. 4.1-15
- Hope beyond death – 2 Cor. 4.16-5.10
- A hope to grasp – 2 Cor. 5.11-21

Special Evening Services in Lent:

Reflections on the Sonnets of Malcolm Guite from his book *Sounding the Seasons*. Malcolm Guite is an Anglican priest, poet and story-teller. He has a magnificent gift for using poetic language to explore the Bible and our Christian faith. In a series of talks during Lent we will base reflections around his sonnets. This will begin with the Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist on 5th March, and continue with the weekly Address and Compline services each Tuesday evening, and continue with Choral Evensong on Palm Sunday, and the daily evening Holy Week services. We will order copies of Malcom's book for any who wish to purchase them.

Regular Mid-week Worship and Meetings

Morning and Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.50am and Evening Prayer at 4.15pm, Monday to Saturday (Please check the weekly pew leaflet for any variations). Can you find time to join us at least once a week during Lent?

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 2.30pm in the church please contact Jennifer Wright: jenwright73@btinternet.com for further information

Home Group

Please see page 17

Ash Wednesday: 5th March

Please make a good start by being at worship on Ash Wednesday, one of the holiest days of the year as a day of penitence and reflection.

8.50am	Morning Prayer and Litany
10.00am	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
4.15pm	Evening Prayer
7.30pm	Sung Communion with hymns, address and the imposition of ashes

Receiving ash, in the form of a cross, is a powerful outward sign of the truth that, though we are dust and ashes, though we are sinful and mortal, the cross saves us from sin and death. It is an optional ceremony for any who find it helpful devotionally.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday and any day during Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Thursday 6th March

2.30pm	Prayer Group
4.00pm	Home Group

Lent 1

Sunday 9th March

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Sermon series: Clothe yourselves with compassion and kindness

Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-15; Luke 4:1-13

4.00pm Messy Church (see page 18)

Tuesday 11th March

7.30pm Address and Compline

Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons* - Temptations: 1 Stones into bread

Wednesday 12th March

10.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Corbridge Chamber Music Concert

Thursday 13th March

10.00am Service led by the Methodist church

2.30pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group (see page 17)

Lent 2

Sunday 16th March

- 10.00am Parish Communion:
Sermon series: Clothe yourselves with humility, meekness and patience
Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-15; Luke 13:31-end
- 4.00pm Simply Worship (see page 18)
Hope versus despair – 2 Corinthians 4:1-15

Tuesday 18th March

- 7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons* – Temptations: 2 All the kingdoms of the world

Wednesday 19th March

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7.00pm 1350th Talk 2: Edwardian Corbridge Families
Dr Frances McIntosh, Collections Curator
for Hadrian's Wall & the NE for English Heritage.

Thursday 20th March

- 2.30pm Prayer Group in the church
- 4.00pm Home Group

Lent 3

Sunday 23rd March

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion:

Sermon series: Clothe yourselves with
forbearance and forgiveness

Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-15; Luke 13:1-9

6.30pm St John Passion by J. S. Bach, sung by the Bishop's
Consort (see page 21)

Monday 24th March

10.45am Exploring the Bible: The Temple (see page 17)

Tuesday 25th March

7.30pm Address and Compline

**Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the
Seasons*** – Temptations: 3 On the pinnacle

Wednesday 26th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th March

10.00am Service led by the Methodist Church

2.30pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group

Saturday 29th March

7.30pm Ryton Choral Society Concert

Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday **(clocks go forward this weekend)**

Sunday 30th March

- 10.00am Parish Communion
Sermon series: Clothe yourselves with love
Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-15; Luke 15:1-3,
11b-end
- 4.00pm River: Phoebe (see page 18)

Monday 31st March

- 10.45am Exploring the Bible: The Temple (see page 17)

Tuesday 1st April

- 7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Jesus weeps

Wednesday 2nd April

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd April

- 2.30pm Prayer Group in the church
4.00pm Home Group

Saturday 5th April

- 7.30pm Antiphon Concert *Stabat Mater*: A Mother's Grief
and The Father's Glory.

Passion Sunday

Sunday 6th April Giving Commitment Sunday

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Halton
- 10.00am Parish Communion: Giving Commitment Sunday
Sermon series: Clothe yourselves with peace and thanksgiving
Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-15; John 12:1-8
- 4.00pm Simply Worship
Hope beyond death – 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

Monday 7th April

- 10.45am Exploring the Bible: The Temple (see page 17)

Tuesday 8th April

- 7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: The anointing at Bethany

Wednesday 9th April

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 10th April

- 10.00am Service led by the Methodist Church
- 2.30pm Prayer Group in the church
- 4.00pm Home Group

Friday 11th April

- 1.30pm First School Easter Service

Introduction to Holy Week

In our Holy Week worship, we dramatically and symbolically enter into the great narrative of the dying and rising of Jesus. On Palm Sunday, outside the Church building, we acclaim him with 'hosanna' as our Messiah-King, but then we enter the Church as Jesus entered the city to die for us, and we read dramatically the narrative of his passion, this year from St Luke's Gospel. On Maundy Thursday we are with him in the upper room as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, as we wash feet and remember the 'maundy', the new commandment that we should love one another and serve one another. Then we go with him to Gethsemane in the North Transept to watch and pray with him. On Good Friday we watch at the Cross in wonder, love and praise. At the Easter Dawn Service, we light the Easter Candle and process into the pitch black Church which gradually fills with light as we greet his rising (with percussion instruments) in the joy of dawn, renew our baptism at the font, and celebrate his presence with us in communion. This risen joy fills the worship of the day; at the 10am Communion we also renew our baptism and celebrate his living presence in word and sacrament.

We are not simply remembering what happened 2,000 years ago. Wonderfully, through faith and baptism, we have been joined to these saving acts. As St Paul teaches, through faith and in baptism we have died with Jesus, we have been buried with him in his tomb and we have been raised with him from the dead (see Romans chapter 6). Jesus' story has become our story. His death and resurrection stand at the intersection of the old world of sin, death and corruption which is passing away, and the new life of love, joy and peace which leads us to eternal glory. In celebrating Holy Week, we are celebrating our salvation, the victory we share through Jesus our Lord. So let us celebrate the feast with faith, in wonder, and in gratitude.

Holy Week & Easter

There are a variety of services to mark this the most sacred week in the Church Year. Please try to come to one of our services each day as we walk closely with Jesus to the Cross.

The Collect for Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday, 13th April

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Procession and Parish Communion

This service will begin at the Lych-gate in the Churchyard (for those who find standing difficult, please go directly into Church) when we will remember how the crowds greeted Jesus as Messiah - King with shouts of 'hosanna'. Then we symbolically go with him into the city as we process into Church and we all join in a dramatic reading of Luke's Passion, before celebrating communion.

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Palm Sunday

Monday in Holy Week, 14th April

- 8.50am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion
2.00pm Lent Reflection led by Women's Fellowship at Corbridge Community Hub.
4.15pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Jesus meets his mother

Tuesday in Holy Week, 15th April

- 8.50am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion
4.15pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Simon of Cyrene carries the cross

Wednesday in Holy Week, 16th April

- 8.50am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
4.15pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Maundy Thursday, 17th April

- 8.50am Morning Prayer
10.00am Methodist Service - Holy Communion
11.00am Blessing of Oils at Newcastle Cathedral
4.15pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm The Communion of the Last Supper with stripping of the Sanctuary followed by the watch. In this dramatic service, we are in the upper room with Jesus as we recall the events of Maundy Thursday.
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Maundy Thursday

Good Friday, 18th April

8.50am Morning Prayer and Litany
11.00am - Messy Church activities for families
12.30pm in the church.
2.00pm Ecumenical worship for Good Friday
3.30pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Address and Compline
Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*: Jesus dies on the cross

Easter Eve, 19th April

8.50am Morning Prayer
12.00noon Baptism
3.00pm Evening Prayer
5.30pm Easter Service at Whittonstall

Easter Day, 20th April

5.30am Service of Light and Dawn Communion followed by Bacon Sandwiches with Prosecco & Bucks Fizz. This dramatic service begins with a bonfire in the churchyard; we light the Easter Candle and filling St Andrew's with candle-light we welcome the Resurrection light of Christ, renew our baptism and

celebrate communion at the dawn of day. Please bring percussion instruments to acclaim 'Christ is risen. Alleluia!'

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Easter Communion at Halton
10.00am Family Easter Communion with Easter eggs for the children
4.00pm Simply Worship for Easter
A hope to grasp – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

FURTHER INFORMATION



River meets in the church (not by the River!) on a Sunday afternoon each month. We begin at 4.00pm with refreshments and conversation followed by a time including worship, discussion, reflection and prayer, usually sat around tables. The songs are not traditional, and are led by our small group of musicians and singers. There is always some input on a theme to engage with, but not a sermon. We end between 5.00pm and 5.15pm. Titles/themes will appear on our website and on posters in/around church.

30th March, 27th April at 4.00pm at St. Andrew's

This year to mark our 1350th we are exploring Saints from the New Testament.

30th March Phoebe

Exploring the Bible: The Temple

**Monday morning: 24th March, 31st March, 7th April,
10.45am to 12.15pm, in The Cottage.**

The Temple is one of the most important themes in the Bible. The physical Temple in Jerusalem (finally destroyed in AD 70) anticipates the Incarnation, the High Priesthood of Jesus and his sacrifice on the Cross. In John's Gospel, Jesus is the New Temple, and in Paul, the Church is the New Temple. In our 1350th year how does temple theology inform our understanding of our faith and of the buildings in which we worship?

We will consider

- The Jerusalem Temple with its earlier Tabernacle
- Jesus as the New Temple
- The Church as the new Temple
- St Andrew's – how temple theology is reimagined in our building.

We begin with coffee, and in each session there will be teaching and group discussion. Everyone welcome.

Home Group

The Home Group meets on Thursdays, starting with refreshments at 4.00pm and ending at 5.30pm. We enjoy informal discussion, usually on a passage from the Bible. We usually meet at the home of Max and Monica Philbrick (11, Crofts Avenue). For more details on what we're doing during Lent, ring Max Philbrick (632707) or Paul Morris (633148). You are most welcome to come.

Simply Worship

Simply Worship is an informal service of God's word. We meet on Sundays at 4.00pm in church, on two or three Sundays each month.

In March and April we are exploring 2 Corinthians 3-5 where St Paul paints a magnificent vista of the meaning of Christian hope. Simply Worship last for about 50 minutes. We will explore:

9 th March	2 Cor. 3.7-18	A bold hope
16 th March	2 Cor. 4.1-15	Hope versus despair
6 th April	2 Cor. 4.16-5.10	Hope beyond death
20 th April	2 Cor. 5.11-21	A hope to grasp

Messy Church



Messy Church isn't like 'ordinary church'! For a lot of the time people are walking around, chatting, or helping their child with a craft activity or a game. But it is still 'church' of course, and there is always a short Bible-based story time. There's some singing for everyone to join in, and we always pray as well.

We usually meet in church on a Sunday each month from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

9th March The Storm on the Lake

The Lent Messy Church is on **Good Friday** at 11.00am. 'The Easter Journey'. We'll end at 12.30pm after a light snack lunch.

Giving Commitment Sunday

Please note **Sunday 6th April is Giving Commitment Sunday**. As we remember the ‘love so amazing, so divine’ that demands our life, our soul, our all, we ask all members of St Andrew’s and Halton prayerfully to consider their Christian giving for the next twelve months. Information on our Church budgets and financial needs will be available for all Church members.

Church spring clean and tidy-up of the Churchyard

Saturday 12th April 9.30am to 11.30am.

If you cannot come for all of the time please just call in when you can. All cleaning materials provided but if you are working outside, please bring your own gardening gloves and secateurs. Come and help to give St Andrew’s a spring clean as we prepare for Easter. We need help inside and outside the Church. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Easter Flowers

The church will be decorated on Saturday 19th April

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. Please use one of the special flower donation envelopes on the table at the Church door and ensure that your donation is given by Palm Sunday.

Church of England Lent Theme: Living Hope

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2025 is Living Hope.

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. In Lent we journey with Jesus on the difficult and thorny road that leads all the way to the cross on Good Friday – and beyond, to the transformation of Easter Day. God invites us to bring to him our own journey through everyday life. In the disappointment of daily setbacks and the pain of deeper hurts, we discover that God is present with us. And God promises a future where all things are healed and made new.

Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

The readings and reflections explore how we can have hope in times of frustration or uncertainty; the hope found in joining with others; the invitation to notice signs of hope around us; the courage to face reality and pursue a hopeful future; and the ways God transforms death into life at Easter.

Reflections via email: Sign up to Lent reflection emails and receive daily messages straight to your inbox. Daily emails will offer Bible readings, short reflections and a practical challenge, as well as prayers linked to weekly themes.

Daily reflections via Everyday Faith app: You can read and listen to daily Lent reflections from 5th March through the Everyday Faith app, the new daily devotional app from the Church of England

[Living Hope - Resources for Lent 2025 | The Church of England](#)

St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge



St John Passion

J.S Bach

Sung by The Bishop's Consort

Directed by David Stancliffe

6.30pm on Sunday 23rd March

Cost £15.00, Concessions £10.00, Students £5.00

Tickets available from Forum, online or at the door.



Ryton Choral Society

John Rutter:

MAGNIFICAT

Pergolesi:

STABAT MATER

Saturday 29th March at 7.30 p.m.

St Andrew's, Corbridge

TICKETS: £15

(Students: £5 Under 16s: free)

Tickets from any choir member

At the door (cash or card)

Or scan this QR code

www.rytonechoralsociety.org.uk



1350th Events

Organ Recitals

Lunchtime 12.00 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

25 th April	Marc Bryant	St Andrew's, Corbridge
2 nd May	Michael Haynes	Hexham Abbey
9 th May	Ian Roberts	Newcastle Cathedral
16 th May	Phil Mills	Morpeth
23 rd May	Kris Thomsett	Newcastle Cathedral
30 th May	No Recital	
1 st August	John Roper	St Andrew's, Corbridge

29th April

Talk 3: *Early Medieval Northumbria with a Corbridge slant.*

Dr David Petts 7.00pm

8th May to 22nd May

Caporetto: A sculpted installation of bells by Keith Roberts

21st May

Talk 4: *A Blacksmith's Family* Mr Douglas Knott, MBE 7.00pm

5th June to 16th June

Art Exhibition: Our Beautiful World by artist: Helen Alice Johnson

19th to 22nd June

Flower Festival: 'Celebrating 1350 years of St. Andrew's Church'.
Featuring a rainbow cascade of crafted flowers

1st July

Cathedral Cycle relay race will stop off for a short service at 1.00pm

8st July

Talk 4: *A Vicar's Son* John Malden – Son of Rex Malden, Vicar at St. Andrew's 1947 – 1970 7.00pm

24th to 27th July

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival with the premiere of 'St. Wilfrid' a work specially commissioned for the 1350th celebrations. Original prints by Jo Westgate, commissioned for the CCMF on the theme of St Wilfrid.

1st August to 5th September

Lunchtime Summer Music 12.30pm – 1. 15pm

8th to 14th September

Heritage Week: Telling the Story of Corbridge. This will be a huge exhibition. Please get in touch with the church office if you would like to participate.

20th September

Concert: Bradley Creswick and David Murray time TBC

11th and 12th October

Closing weekend of 1350th Celebrations.

Information about all our events will be found on the church noticeboards or website:

www.corbridgechurch.org.uk