

Welcome to Worship

Advent Sunday

30th November 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: 38 Hark! A thrilling voice

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the

word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hymn: 37 Hark! What a sound

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Sermon: Revd Claire Robson

Hymns: 39 Hills of the north
 825 Word of God, come down
 41 Lo! He comes

3.00pm Community Carol Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival

Afternoon Services at 4.00pm

7 th December	4.00pm – Messy Church 4.00pm – Charlotte Straker Service of Light 4.00pm – Newton Carol Service 6.00pm – Advent Procession
14 th December	River in Advent
21 st December	6.30pm – Carols for All in the Churchyard

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.

ADVENT PROCESSION 6.00pm on Sunday 7th December. A dramatic service from darkness to light with Advent readings, hymns and anthems. We begin in pitch darkness, gradually the church fills with light and hope. Do come along to this atmospheric service.

ADVENT COMPLINES: 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

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** The Book Group, all who attend and those who lead.
Those who are currently unemployed or looking for employment.
Roman Way.
- Monday** David our Vicar, his vision and leadership and Janet his wife.
The Anglican Communion.
The Archbishop of Canterbury – designate.
The Archbishop of York.
Halton and Aydon.
- Tuesday** Linda our Curate.
The Diocese of Newcastle, Helen-Ann, Bishop of Newcastle and Mark, Bishop of Berwick.
Newton and Thornbrough.
- Wednesday** Phil our Associate Priest.
Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.
Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.
- Thursday** Claire our Associate Priest.
Ecumenical outreach to other denominations.
Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.

Friday The retired clergy - Jack Hay, Jenny Kinnaired, Barbara McNamara, Michael Thompson and their ministry in Corbridge.

Corbridge Methodist Church. Their congregation and their minister – Revd Marie Beard.

The Stanners, Station Road, Lion Court.

Saturday Churchwardens – David McEwan and Peter Cook.

The schools in our parish – Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School.

Bridge End, Main Street.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: We pray for Andrew and Lisa Peart at ‘Christ the Light of the World’ Anglican church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia: working with CMS.

We pray for:

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

GRAND DRAW 2025: Tickets are available in named envelopes at the back of church on a Sunday and Wednesday. On a Monday and Friday morning you may collect your envelope from the office. We hope to make the draw after the Service on Sunday 14th December. We would like to have vouchers 1 x £100.00, 1 x £50.00, 2 x £25.00 as prizes along with a hamper and some other prizes. 12 in total. If you would be willing to make a contribution towards the purchase of vouchers, please contact Suzette Milne Tel: 632932. Thank you very much.

Announcements

CORBRIDGE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING: Monday 1st December until 8.00pm.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKLET: This booklet is now available to collect from church or download from the website: www.corbridgechurch.org.uk

ADVENT COMPLINE AND ADDRESS (Night Prayer): There will be two quiet reflective services during Advent and they will be held on **Tuesday 9th December and Tuesday 16th December** at 7.30pm in church.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARDS: Bob and Jo Eldridge are organising the distribution of the village Christmas card. It has been put into areas for delivery, we will be really grateful if you could take a bundle and deliver them. Please return any undelivered cards to the back of church.

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.

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.

BACH CHOIR: Tickets are available on a Sunday morning to purchase from the back of church or from the office during opening times.

ORDER FORMS: for our 1350th mug and bauble can be found near our trifold display board at the back of church or downloaded from the website. Mugs and Baubles are available from the office or on a Sunday morning.

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Advent Procession

A dramatic service during which we move from the west end of the Church to the east end and from darkness to light.



Readings and Advent Music

Sunday 7th December at 6.00pm

Diary

Monday		1st December
Christmas Tree Festival 9.30am – 8.00pm		
11.00am	Charlotte Straker Service	
5.00pm	Community Carols among the Trees	
Tuesday		2nd December
Christmas Tree Festival 9.30am – 4.30pm		
9.00am	First School Assembly	
10.00am	Book Club	
Wednesday		3rd December
Christmas Tree Festival – Take Down		
10.00am	Holy Communion	
10.30am	Funeral – Frank Baxter at West Road Crematorium	
11.00am	Abbeyfield Service	
Thursday		4th December
2.30pm	Prayer Group	
4.00pm	Home Group	
Friday		5th December
All Day	Church Organ Tuning	
Afternoon	Christingle at First School	
7.00pm	Choir	
Saturday		6th December
11.00am	Burial of Ashes – Margaret McNeill	
3.00pm	Light Up a Life Hospice Service	
Advent 2		7th December
9.00am	Holy Communion at Halton	
10.00am	Parish Communion	
4.00pm	Messy Church	
4.00pm	Newton Carol Service	
4.00pm	Charlotte Straker Tree Lighting Service	
6.00pm	Advent Procession	

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