

Welcome to Worship

Lent 2

1st March 2026

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.

Services today

9.00 am Holy Communion at Halton

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: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him

as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hymn: 598 Before the throne of God

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of

the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon: Canon David Kennedy.

Hymns: 427 Behold the Lamb
727 May the mind of Christ
421 All for Jesus

4.00pm: Simply Worship Fullness of Life
Speaker Revd Linda Hunter

LICENSING OF THE REVD LINDA E HUNTER: The Bishop has appointed Linda as Associate Priest of this Parish. She will continue her ministry here as part of the team of Licensed clergy. Linda will be Licensed by Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Berwick, at St Andrew’s on Sunday 19th April at 10.00am. Please note this in your diaries and calendars. We hope we can have a great turn out of members of our Church family to share in what will be a very special service celebrating Linda’s ministry.

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Please do look in the booklet we have produced with all that is happening over this season.

Copies available at the back of church or on line.

Our next **EXPLORING THE BIBLE** sessions in the cottage at 11.00am is on Wednesday 4th March. We will consider the cost of Jeremiah's faithfulness and examples of his teachings. This is a really good opportunity to learn more about the book of Jeremiah. There will be teaching input and the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. If you have never been to any of our Exploring the Bible sessions why not come along and see what it is all about.

LENT ADDRESS AND COMPLINE: Will be at **7.30pm** on the following **Tuesdays in March.**

The theme of the addresses will be **Reflective Psalms.**

3 rd Psalm 51	The Depths of Repentance
10 th Psalm 139	The Hound of Heaven
17 th Psalms 121 & 125	Looking to the Hills
24 th Psalms 130 & 131	Wrestling and Nestling

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are having to change the way we are sending out the weekly email and other important emails. So we need everyone who would still like to receive these emails to please do this by either clicking on the button on the weekly email, the QR code below or the web address below. (This needs to be completed by the 1st March 2026)



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 David our Vicar, his vision and leadership and Janet his wife.

The Anglican Communion.

The Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Archbishop of York.

Halton and Aydon.

Monday Linda our Curate.

The Diocese of Newcastle, Helen-Ann, Bishop of Newcastle and Mark, Bishop of Berwick.

Newton and Thornbrough

Tuesday Phil our Associate Priest.

Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.

Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.

Wednesday Claire our Associate Priest.

Ecumenical outreach to other denominations.

Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.

- Thursday** The retired clergy - Jack Hay, Jenny Kinnaird, 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.
- Friday** Churchwardens – David McEwan and Peter Cook.
The schools in our parish – Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School.
Bridge End, Main Street.
- Saturday** 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.

As part of our Take 5 marks of mission: we pray for Gap Supported Housing, providing accommodation and support for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

We pray for:

- the sick especially Carolyn and Maurice Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Joan Cross, Marion Thompson, Bobbie Middleton, Michael Oswell, John McNamara, Irene Scobbie, and Mike Wilson.
- the family and friends of Pauline Bennett, Jean Marshall and Margaret Preece

MARGARET PREECE: Many of you will know Margaret and David who moved to be near their daughter last year. Margaret's funeral will be at St Andrew's on Monday 2nd March at 11.30am.

Announcements

ST ANDREW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: We meet on 2 occasions in March. On 9th March Julie Johnston from Corbridge Health Centre will come along to talk about The Future of General Practice. On the 30th March (Monday of Holy Week) we will have our Lent Reflection. If you have not been before you would be most welcome to join us. We meet in the community Hub at 2.00pm and our meeting always end with tea and biscuits

MESSY CHURCH: We are always looking for support for Messy Church. Could you help? It doesn't have to be every month. If you are able to help speak to one of the MC team. In addition, we have leaflets about Messy Church available at the back of church, if you have any children in your street up to the age of 8 please take a leaflet and put it through their door.

ROTAS: We would really like some more people to help out with tea / coffee after the 10.00am service. We have a space on the rota for **22nd March**. If you were able to fill this space please let Frances know in the office. Thank you.

Frances will be putting together Welcomer, Coffee, Intercessor and Reader rotas for April and May soon, so please let her know your availability. If you would like to be involved please do contact her. It doesn't have to be every month!

SPRING LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: Dates for your diary! We are having a series of 4 Organ Recitals, in church, beginning in mid April.

Friday 17 th April	Marc Bryant
Friday 24 th April	Alison Rudd Morpeth Church
Friday 1st May	Mathew Kelley Hexham Abbey
Friday 8 th May	John Roper

Diary

Monday		2nd March
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
11.00am	Charlotte Straker Service	
11.30am	Funeral Margaret Preece	
Tuesday		3rd March
9.00am	First School Assembly	
2.00pm	Messy Church Meeting	
5.45pm	Visit Corbridge AGM	
7.30pm	Lent Address and Compline – Reflective Psalms, 51	
Wednesday		4th March
10.00am	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Exploring the Bible: Jeremiah – in the Cottage	
11.00am	Abbeyfield Service	
Thursday		5th March
2.30pm	Prayer Group	
4.00pm	Home Group	
Friday		6th March
7.00pm	Choir	
Sunday / Lent 3		8th March
8.00am	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Parish Communion: Jesus meets the Samaritan woman	
4.00pm	Messy Church – Lenten Journey	

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