

# Welcome to Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

18<sup>th</sup> May 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:          208      Light's glittering morn

**Collect:** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First reading:

**Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I

also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Hymn:**      **209**    Love's redeeming work is done

**Gospel reading:** John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Sermon:** Revd Linda Hunter

**Hymns:**        507     We have a gospel to proclaim  
                     424     Author of life divine  
                     678     In Christ alone

**4.00pm**        River – Mary of Magdala. Her story and ours.

**ASCENSION DAY: THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 7.30pm** sung Eucharist followed by drinks and nibbles.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** There will be a Confirmation Service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 4.00pm. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed, please speak to David or Linda.

**PARISH SHARE:** Please see the thank you from the Diocese for paying our full Parish Share of £84,357.00.

### **The St Andrew's 1350th Prayer.**

God of the ages, we praise you for your faithfulness to us over 1350 years here in Corbridge. As we rejoice in our foundation by St Wilfrid, and are inspired by your holy apostle St Andrew, make us as a city set on a hill, whose light cannot be hidden, the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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# 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** Brenda Ford our verger in her ministry through the occasional offices of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Trinity Court, Primlea Court and Windsor Court. Glebelands, Old Vicarage, White Gates.

**Monday** The River planning team.  
Corbridge Health Centre. Doctors, nurses and ancillary staff.  
Greencroft Avenue, Appletree Lane.  
**Take Five** - Andrew and Lisa Peart at 'Christ the Light of the World' Anglican church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**Tuesday** Simon Hunter and his work with the church website and weekly email.  
Corbridge Youth Initiative.  
Princes Street, Princes Court, The Orchard.  
**Take Five** - Getachew & Gezashign Yohannes, working in Bible translation and trauma counselling with Wycliffe Ethiopia.

**Wednesday** The Maintenance Committee which looks after the fabric of the Church.  
The Pubs, Restaurants and Coffee Shops.  
St Wilfrid's Road, Windsor Terrace, Windsor Court, St Wilfrid's Court.

**Take Five** - St Michaels Church, Byker: Developing the church building into 'The Lighthouse' worship, community and youth centre.

**Thursday** The people who maintain and enhance the Church building, the flower arrangers, brass cleaners.  
All shops and businesses who provide employment.  
The Avenue, Hippingstones Lane.

**Take Five** - Gap Supported Housing: providing accommodation and support for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

**Friday** Concerts and Cultural events.  
For all community organisations in the village.  
Hill Street, Watling Street.  
**Take Five** - A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

**Saturday** The Cottage and work that is being carried out this year.  
All who contribute to community life through sporting activities.  
St Helen's Street, St Helen's Court, West Terrace, West End Terrace.

**As part of our Take 5 marks of mission:** We pray for St Michaels Church, Byker: Developing the church building into 'The Lighthouse' worship, community and youth centre.

We pray for the sick, especially Carolyn Holmes, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Joyce Walker, David Andrews, John Clark, Bridget Lay, Joan Cross, and Val Barnes.

We pray for the family and friends of Allan Foster, David Walters, Nicholas Craig, David Priestley, David Roberts, and Mary Rae.

Years Mind: Elizabeth Collingham

# Announcements

**CAPORETTO:** Our exhibition of Keith Roberts' sculptural bell installation has drawn many visitors to St Andrew's. People have enjoyed spending time in the stillness and beauty of our church, quietly reflecting as they take in the artwork.

If you haven't yet seen the installation, it will be at St Andrew's until **Friday, 23rd May**. Do pop in if you have the chance! A huge thank you to our generous sponsor, whose support made this installation possible.



**LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS held in St Andrew's, Corbridge at 12.30pm:** Next recital is on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, with Kriss Thomsett from Newcastle Cathedral. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Tea and coffee available from 12 noon.

**1350<sup>th</sup> EVENTS BOOKLET:** The Spring version is available online and as a paper copy. Please do look to see all the wonderful events we have planned for the next few months.

**ART TALK: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm.** Helen Alice Johnson will be delivering a talk on her upcoming exhibition 'Our Beautiful World'. The

talk will cover Helen's creative process, the techniques and materials she uses, and the challenges she faced in her paintings and how she overcame them. This is a great opportunity to find out more about Helen's work and have the chance to ask her questions at first hand. If anyone is able to welcome or serve tea and coffee, please let Linda know. Thanks.

**ART EXHIBITION: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June.** An exhibition by Helen Alice Johnson, who lives and works between Alston in the North Pennines and Les Chapelles in the Pays de la Loire, Northern France. The use of geometry, in particular geometric pattern is something that has occurred in Helen's art work periodically, and this exhibition shows how this has now become more focussed as she begins to explore the space in between a landscape and introduces a spiritual thinking into the relationship between people and nature.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 9.30am – 5.00pm.** On Thursday the Flower Festival will be open to 9.00pm during the village Midsummer Evening. Also on Sunday there will be a Festival Eucharist from 10.00am to 11.15am, and Village Songs of Praise at 5.00pm. Please sign on the list at the back of church for helping during the Flower Festival with stewarding and refreshments.

**SPONSORSHIP FOR THE FLOWER FESTIVAL:** If you or your family or business have a special occasion or anniversary you would like to celebrate by sponsoring an arrangement at the Flower Festival, forms are available to download from our website or from the 1350<sup>th</sup> table in church.

**CASCADE OF FLOWERS:** Please could all flowers be handed into church by the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

**NEXT HERITAGE TALK: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** *A Blacksmith's Family.* Douglas Knott, MBE, a former resident of Corbridge. Please pay on the door. £7.00 a glass of wine is included in the cost.

## Diary

| <b>Monday</b>    |   | <b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b> |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 9.30am           | Staff Meeting                                     |                            |
| 11.00am          | Maintenance Committee Meeting                     |                            |
| 11.30am          | Funeral – Allan Foster                            |                            |
| 2.00pm           | Women's Fellowship Meeting                        |                            |
| 7.00pm           | Messy Church Planning Meeting                     |                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |   | <b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b> |
| ALL DAY:         | Organ being tuned                                 |                            |
| 9.00am           | First School Assembly                             |                            |
| 9.45am           | River Planning Meeting                            |                            |
| 10.30am          | Book Club   |                            |
| 1.30pm           | WI Committee Meeting – in the Cottage             |                            |
| 2.00pm           | Art Exhibition Talk by Helen Johnson              |                            |
| 7.00pm           | Whittonstall APCM                                 |                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |   | <b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> |
| 10.00am          | Holy Communion                                    |                            |
| 12.30pm          | Chapter in the Cottage                            |                            |
| 2.30pm           | Burn Brae Lodge Service                           |                            |
| 7.00pm           | Talk 4: A Blacksmith's Family – Douglas Knott MBE |                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |   | <b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> |
| 10.00am          | Methodist Service                                 |                            |
| 2.30pm           | Prayer Group in the Church                        |                            |
| 4.00pm           | Home Group  |                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    |   | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> |
| 12 noon          | Refreshments available prior to the recital       |                            |
| 12.30pm          | Organ Recital: Kriss Thomsett                     |                            |
| 2.30pm           | Funeral – Mary Rae                                |                            |
| 7.00pm           | Choir Practice                                    |                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    |   | <b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b> |
| 8.00am           | Holy Communion                                    |                            |
| 10.00am          | Parish Communion                                  |                            |
| 4.00pm           | Simply Worship – James 2                          |                            |