

# Welcome to Worship

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## 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:**      362      Come, let us join our cheerful songs

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First reading:

**1 Thessalonians 5.1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden

destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Hymn:**            683    Jerusalem the golden

**Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 25.14-30**

<sup>14</sup>Jesus says, for it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy

slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**Sermon:** Canon David Kennedy

**Hymns:** 663 How shall I sing that Majesty  
358 Be still, for the presence  
671 I will sing the wondrous story

**6.00pm** Evening Prayer with Homily

**ST. ANDREW’S DAY:** We are keeping St Andrew’s Day this year on Wednesday 29th November because of the Tree Festival beginning on November 30th. Our St Andrew’s Holy Communion celebration will take place on Wednesday 29th, followed by refreshments.

# Announcements

**TEA & CHAT:** We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month in the Community Hub. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might like conversation and cake. All ages welcome. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 22nd November at 2.00pm.**

**ROTAS:** We really appreciate all the help given on the 10.00am rota for readers, welcomers, intercessors and coffee. The rota for November to January is now available, if you are unable to take your turn, please just make a swop with someone else and let Sue Graves know on: 07774178071.

**HOME GROUP:** The home group is continuing to look at Paul's letter to Romans where he explains the basis of our Christian faith, guided by some materials produced by the Bible Society. It is quite relaxed, beginning with tea and coffee and nibbles, and is an opportunity to share ideas and friendship. And is often inspiring and challenging! We are now meeting at Max and Monica's home (11 Crofts Avenue) from 4pm to 5.30 each Thursday. You are welcome to join in or to just listen - why not come along and give it a go? For more information contact Max (632707) or Paul (633148)

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKLET:** These are available as a paper copy in church or digitally on the website. Please do pass them on to others in your street.

**RECORDED SERVICE:** Currently we are not recording a weekly service at St. Andrew's. However, the Church of England has a weekly service that you may participate in, this link should take you to the correct page: [Weekly online services | The Church of England](#)

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Last chance to register for a place at the Tree Festival. Please do encourage any groups or organisations you

are in to participate. The list for volunteers to help steward and with refreshments, is now on the sloping noticeboard, we would be grateful if you would sign up if you are able to help.

**MESSAGE FROM JACK HAY:** "Jack can no longer distribute the 'Barnabas fund' prayer diary. Will intercessors, please contact Barbabas fund and arrange to have their own diaries delivered or it can be downloaded at: [Prayer Diary | Barnabas Aid](#). Pray without ceasing"

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** We are having a Church Christmas Party on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm approximately in Corbridge Community Hub. We are looking for some people to organise this, if you are able to help, please contact Linda. Thanks.

**GRAND DRAW 2023:** Tickets are available from the back of church. We would really appreciate it if you could deliver any for people who live near you. We hope to make the draw at the Church Christmas Party on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December during the afternoon.

Please return sold tickets to Suzette Milne tel: 632932. Thank you very much.

**LANDERMASON AND DARK SKY VOICES:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Tickets £15.00 available at the Forum. Do come along. Doors open 7.00pm.

The church is looking to appoint a

### **Parish Administrator**

(part time)

Information pack and application form available to download:

[www.corbridgechurch.org.uk](http://www.corbridgechurch.org.uk)

or

by contacting

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# Pray every day



*'By prayer and petition with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God'*

- Sunday** The River planning team.  
Corbridge Youth Initiative.  
Greencroft Ave, Appletree Lane.
- Monday** Simon Hunter and his work with the church website and weekly email.  
The Pre-school, Little Tinkler's Nursery and all those who childmind.  
Princes Street, Princes Court, The Orchard.  
**Take Five** – The Church Mission Society and our mission partners Phil & Sylvie Good.
- Tuesday** The Maintenance Committee who look after the fabric of the Church.  
Gardening Society, Women's Institute and other community organisations.  
St Wilfrid's Road, Windsor Terrace, Windsor Court, St Wilfrid's Court.  
**Take Five** – Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopia  
Getatchew and Gezashingn Yohannes

**Wednesday** 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** - Byker: The Lighthouse Project, Mine Youth Project.

**Thursday** The congregation at St Oswald's Halton and all who lead worship there.  
The Veterinary services who care for animals. The RSPCA and RSPB.  
**Take Five** - Gap Supported Housing for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

**Friday** Concerts and Cultural events.  
All who contribute to community life through sporting activities.  
St Helen's Street, St Helen's Court, West Terrace, West End Terrace, Orchard View.  
**Take Five** - A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

**Saturday** Ministry to the sick and housebound.  
Hotels and B & B's who serve local Tourism.  
Manor Cottages, Cookson Close.

We also pray for the sick, especially Joan Smith, Roger Thorn, Carolyn Holmes, Martha Coan, Evelyn Charlton, Luna Medina Craig, Mark Stephenson, Michael Walker, Joyce Walker and Margaret Allen.

We give thanks for the life of: Ruth Harrison, Rita Atkinson.  
Years' Mind: Jack Little.

We pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel

## Diary

<b>Monday</b>		<b>20th November</b>
9.30am	Staff Meeting	
10.30am	Maintenance Committee	
7.00pm	Messy Church Planning	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>21st November</b>
9.00am	First School Assembly	
2.00pm	Book Club	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>22nd November</b>
10.00am	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Exploring the Bible: Book of Revelation, in the cottage	
2.00pm	Tea and Chat	
7.30pm	PCC in the Cottage	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>23th November</b>
10.00am	Methodist Service	
2.45pm	Prayer Group	
4.00pm	Home Group (please see information on page 4)	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>24th November</b>
7.00pm	Choir practice	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>25th November</b>
7.30pm	Landermaison and Dark Sky Voice Concert	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>26th November</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Parish Communion	
4.00pm	River	
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	

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The Revd Phil Smith and The Revd Claire Robson