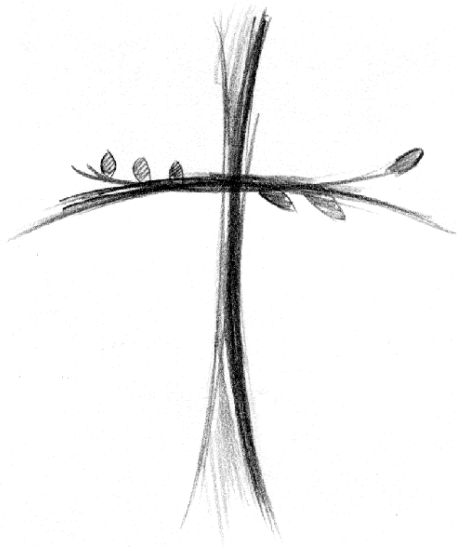


**The Parish of St. Andrew Corbridge with Halton and  
Newton Hall**

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



**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
to  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



## **‘Welcome, dear feast of Lent’ (George Herbert)**

The word ‘lent’ is from the old English word for ‘lengthen’. As the days lengthen and we rejoice in the coming of Spring, we are called to prepare well for our celebration of the Lord’s death and resurrection. Lent began in the Early Church as a period of fasting and preparation for those who would be baptized at Easter. In time, this period of fasting and prayer extended to the whole Church, as a time of seeking personal renewal in discipleship and holiness, a kind of spiritual ‘spring clean’ in which we walk with Jesus to the Cross and seek again to walk in newness of life as those who have died and been raised with him.

In Lent we seek renewal in prayer, in reading and meditating on the Bible, in almsgiving and, where appropriate, in fasting. Lent can be a time to give something up in order to focus our minds in God and to take something up, perhaps something that will enable us to grow in faith and discipleship.

During Lent, our worship reflects the challenging call in the Gospel to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus more fully. Our worship, therefore, is serious and reflective, and so we ‘give up’ the more joyful and celebratory aspects of our worship, including use of ‘alleluia’ and the ‘Gloria in excelsis’ (saving them for Eastertide) and this is reflected in the Church building by not have flowers and using an artistic representation of the Way of the Cross. Passiontide begins on the Fifth Sunday in Lent when we focus directly on the Cross, before our keeping of Holy Week from Palm Sunday and then the great ‘three days’ of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

## Ash Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> February

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.

## **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 2.45pm in the church please contact Jennifer Wright: [jenwright73@btinternet.com](mailto:jenwright73@btinternet.com) for further information

### **Home Group**

Please see page 17

A calendar for the Season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter follows.

Further explanation of the services and events is given at the end of the calendar.

# Lent 1

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Parish Communion

**Sermon series:** The Cross and healing 1

**Bible readings:** Numbers 21.4-9, John 3. 11-16

John draws on the passage in Numbers. As Moses fixed a bronze snake to a pole and held it up so that all who looked to it were healed, so Jesus was lifted up on the cross so that we might be healed from sin and death. Forgiveness is healing and death is no longer judgment but the gate of life.

4.00pm Simply Worship (see page 16 )

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm Address and Compline

**Northern Saints:** Aidan and Oswald

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

10.00am Holy Communion

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

10.00am Service led by the Methodist church

2.45pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group ( see page 17 )

## Lent 2

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion:

**Sermon series:** The Cross and healing 2

**Bible readings:** Ezekiel 47. 1-12, John 19. 31-37

Ezekiel's great prophecy of living water flowing from the temple, a great flood of life with trees whose fruit is for healing is alluded to in John's prophetic witness to blood and water, both symbols of life flowing from the crucified. Jesus' death brings healing to the world.

4.00pm River ( see page 16 )

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm Address and Compline  
**Northern Saints:** Cuthbert

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

2.45pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group

## Lent 3

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am Parish Communion with laying on of hands and anointing

**Readings:** Isaiah 53. 1-6, Matthew 8. 14-17

We understand Jesus as God's Servant who vicariously carries of diseases, infirmities and sins; by his vicarious suffering we find healing because we participate in his life as displayed in the sacraments.

4.00pm Simply Worship

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Address and Compline  
**Northern Saints:** Hild

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am **Exploring the Bible: the Servant Songs of Isaiah**  
(see page 15)

Introduction to Second Isaiah

Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

2.45pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group



## Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion with the giving of a plant.

4.00pm Simply Worship

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

6.40pm Tea/coffee and biscuits

7.00pm Talk led by Bishop Helen- Ann followed by conversation and questions, finishing with Compline at latest by 8.30pm

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am **Exploring the Bible: the Servant Songs of Isaiah**  
Readings: Isaiah 49. 1-13; Isaiah 50.4-11,

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Service led by the Methodists

2.45pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group

# Passion Sunday

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Parish Communion

Please note that Sunday this 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 your Christian giving for the next twelve months. Information on our Church budgets and financial needs will be available for all Church members.

6.00pm Behold the Man: a devotional service of congregational hymns, readings and music by the choir for Passiontide.

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Address and Compline  
**Northern Saints: Wilfrid**

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am **Exploring the Bible: the Servant Songs of Isaiah**  
Reading: Isaiah 52.13-53

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

2.45pm Prayer Group in the church

4.00pm Home Group

## 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 Matthew'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 stands 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, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

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 Mark Passion, before celebrating communion.

4.00pm      River

## **Monday in Holy Week, 25<sup>th</sup> March**

- 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 (Night Prayer)  
Theme: The friends of Jesus: Simon of Cyrene

## **Tuesday in Holy Week, 26<sup>th</sup> March**

- 8.50am Morning Prayer  
**9.30am** Holy Communion  
4.15pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Address and Compline (Night Prayer)  
Theme: Friends of Jesus: The women who stood on the cross

## **Wednesday in Holy Week, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

- 8.50am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion  
4.15pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Address and Compline (Night Prayer)  
Theme: Friends of Jesus: The Mother of Jesus and the Beloved  
disciple

## **Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

- 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.

## **Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

- 8.50am Morning Prayer and Litany
- 11.00am - Messy Church activities for families and children in the church.
- 12.30pm
- 2.00pm Ecumenical worship for Good Friday at St Andrew's.
- 3.30pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30pm Address and Compline (Night Prayer)  
Theme: Friends of Jesus: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

## **Easter Eve, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

- 8.50am Morning Prayer
- 4.15pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30pm Compline (Night Prayer) with preparation for Easter Communion

## **Easter Day, 31<sup>st</sup> March (please note the clocks go forward today)**

- 6.00am 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 Ecumenical Easter Praise at St Andrew's with Corbridge Methodists.

## **Exploring the Bible**

### **The Servant Songs of Second Isaiah**

As part of our Spiritual Preparation for Easter, there will be three seminars in the Cottage on Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> between 10.45am and 12.15pm Biblical Scholars normally divide the Book of Isaiah into three sections, chapters 1-39 ('First Isaiah') in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, chapters 40-55 ('Second Isaiah') during the Babylonian exile in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC and chapters 56-66 ('Third Isaiah') after the return to Jerusalem and Judah after the exile.

In what is called 'Second Isaiah', we read of the mysterious figure of the Lord's Servant. This Servant is anointed with God's Spirit, suffers vicariously to redeem God's people and is to be the means whereby God's salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. Who is he? Is the servant an individual, the Messiah, or the personification of Israel? Christians see in the Servant songs promises fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Especially important is the great prophecy of Isaiah 53 on which New Testament writers draw.

To help us prepare for Holy Week and Easter we will explore the four 'Servant Songs'. What might they have meant to their original hearers? How have these songs been interpreted? What light do they shed on the Servant King, who suffered, died and was raised for us and for the world's salvation?

Each session begins with coffee, short presentations on the texts, and group discussion. All are welcome.

## Simply Worship

**Simply Worship** is an informal service of God's word. We meet on Sundays at 4pm in church, on two or three Sundays each month.

Between January and Easter we are exploring some of the Psalms and how through them God speaks to us today. Simply Worship lasts for about 50 minutes.

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Psalm 121	The God who never sleeps
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalm 22	The Man of Sorrows
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Psalm 118 vv1-25	The Stone the builders rejected
7 April	Psalm 139	The God who knows us through and through
21 April	Psalm 1, 150	Faithful discipleship and praise



River meets in the church (not by the River!) on a Sunday afternoon each month. We begin at 4pm 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 5.00 and 5.15. Titles/themes will appear on our website and on posters in/around church.

25<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm at St. Andrew's





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 3pm to 5pm, but the Lent Messy Church is on Good Friday at 11am. 'The Easter Journey'. We'll end at 12.30pm after a light snack lunch.

## Home Group

The Home Group meets on Thursdays, starting with refreshments at 4pm and ending at 5.30. 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.

## Stations of the Cross will be available in church until Easter

The Stations of the Cross used in St. Andrew's are a biblical commemoration of the path of suffering walked by Jesus. The 15 stations focus on specific events from his Passion beginning with his condemnation.

The stations can be used as a mini pilgrimage as you move from one to another. At each station, please take time to recall and meditate on the specific event that is recalled using the reading and prayer provided.

You may want to do just a few stations and then return on another occasion. There will be a booklet to guide you round the stations.

## **Getting Ready for Easter**

### **Church spring clean and tidy-up of the Churchyard**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **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. If so, we will remember them in our prayers during Easter service.

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.

## **Future Events**

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

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