

Welcome to Worship

Epiphany

4th January 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.

Today's Services:

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: 94 As with Gladness Men of Old

Collect: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,^[a]
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Hymn: 98 (verses 1 – 3) From the Eastern Mountains

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 2:1-12**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when

you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon: Revd Linda Hunter

Hymns: 105 We Three Kings
63 Glory to God
86 The First Nowell

4.00pm Simply Worship:

Theme: Beholding the Glory: Exploring John’s Gospel

John 1. 10-18 From his fullness

Speaker: Canon David Kennedy

Afternoon Worship: Please see page 7 for an outline of the programme for Afternoon Worship from January to April 2026.

MESSY CHURCH: We are always looking for support for Messy Church, particularly with setting out and clearing away the tea (you don’t have to make anything, Janet Morrison very kindly makes all the food) 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.

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	Claire our Associate Priest. Ecumenical outreach to other denominations. Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.
Monday	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.
Tuesday	Churchwardens – David McEwan and Peter Cook. The schools in our parish – Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School. Bridge End, Main Street.
Wednesday	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.
Thursday	PCC Minute Secretary Jo Eldridge and the Electoral Roll Officer, Maureen Davison. For adult education, colleges and universities and particularly for Cambian College at Dilston. Carrsfield, The Crofts, Hallbankgate.

Friday	The stewardship of money, Cliff Wright our treasurer, all those who help count the money. Corbridge Community Partnership and the local Trader's group – Visit Corbridge. Crofts Avenue, Crofts Close Carham Close, Crofts Way.
Saturday	Frances Stride our Parish Administrator. For the uniformed organisations and all who lead them. Beech Drive, Woodside Avenue.

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 and Maurice Holmes, Joyce Walker, John Clark, Joan Cross, Marion Thompson, Bobbie Middleton, Michael Osswell, Pauline Bennett, Jack Hay, John McNamara, Irene Scobbie, and Mike Wilson.
- the family and friends of Russell Cushing, David Andrews, Martin Kitchen (Priest), Michael Hodgkinson, Margaret Moore and Jimmy Forster.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this week, perhaps you may like to reflect on these words from the carol ' In the Bleak Mid Winter'.

What can I give Him,
 Poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd
 I would bring a lamb,
 If I were a wise man
 I would do my part,
 Yet what I can I give Him,
 Give my heart.

Announcements

HOME COMMUNIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive communion over the Christmas period please let David or Linda know. Thanks.

TEA & CHAT: If you would like to attend the Christmas Tea on Wednesday 14th January 2026 in the hub, please sign on the list at the back of church. There will be no charge, but numbers are required so we know how many people to cater for.

ROTAS: If you are willing to go onto the rota for welcoming, reading, interceding or making coffee at the 10.00am service for February and March please email Frances in the office so that the rotas can be compiled. To admin@corbridgechurch@btinternet.com. this ministry is a really valuable ministry. The more volunteers we have the less onerous it is for people..

STAMPS: Please bring your used stamps to church and put in the collecting box at the back, near the vestry door. Thank you

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AGM AND MEAL: Monday 19th January at the Mart Function Suite, 12.15pm for 12.30pm start. Please contact Sheila Neilson on 633098 for details if you have not already replied.

SAFEGUARDING: If you need to contact someone about a safeguarding issue please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Mandy Norton: telephone: 07831136505 email mandy.norton@btinternet.co.uk All our policies and procedures will be all updated at the January PCC meeting. Information about Safeguarding can be found on the noticeboard or the website, too.

SERVICES COMING UP SOON

THREE WONDERS SERVICE: Our service on Sunday 11th January at 10.00am will be the Three Wonders - a special service for Epiphany. We need 3 people to carry up items during this service. If you would like to be involved please contact Linda

COVENANT SERVICE: On Sunday 25th January our Methodist friends will be joining us here in St. Andrew's when we will be holding our annual Covenant Service.

CANDLEMAS: We conclude our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany with the great feast of Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on Sunday 1st February at 10.00am.

Sunday Afternoon Worship: January to April 2026

Simply Worship: Beholding the Glory: Exploring John's Gospel
River: I am sayings of Jesus

4 th	January	John 1. 10-18	From his fullness
11 th	January	Messy Church	Lost and Found
18 th	January	John 5. 1-30	Sabbath release
25 th	January	River	I am the Way
1 st	February	John 6. 1-15; 25-40	Living Bread
8 th	February	Messy Church	tbc
15 th	February	John 8. 1-20	Restoration & Light
22 nd	February	River	tbc
1 st	March	John 10.1-18	Fullness of Life
8 th	March	Messy Church	tbc
15 th	March	John 12. 20-36a	Saviour of the World
22 nd	March	River	I am the Good Shepherd
29 th	March	Palm Sunday	Choral Evensong
5 th	April	John 20. 19-23	Worshipping the Risen Lord

Diary

Monday

5th January

9.30am Staff Meeting
11.00am Charlotte Straker Service
2.30pm Funeral – Russell Cushing
7.30pm Messy Church Planning Meeting

Tuesday

6th January

9.00am First School Assembly
10.00am Book Club
2.00pm Corbridge Community Partnership Meeting in the Hub

Wednesday

7th January

10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Abbeyfield Service

Thursday

8th January

10.00am Methodist Service
2.30pm Prayer Group
4.00pm Home Group

Friday

9th January

7.00pm Choir

Sunday – Baptism of Christ

11th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Three Wonders Service
12 noon Burial of Ashes – Nicholas Craig
4.00pm Messy Church – Lost and Found

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