

St Andrew's Church, Corbridge



1350th Anniversary
Celebrations
Spring update



**ST ANDREW'S
CORBRIDGE**

1350th

INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Message from the Vicar Canon Dr David J Kennedy

We are now almost half way through our 1350th anniversary year. We look back with joy at the splendid opening weekend last October, the 135 trees at the Christmas Tree Festival and the moving worship of Advent and Christmas. Many people have already engaged with the displays and interpretation within St Andrew's and we are looking forward to the creative events and worship between now and October.

This booklet will help you navigate your way through the coming months; we hope that there is something for everyone. We also look forward to the Guided Tours that will be offered over the Spring and Summer period; our team of guides have been working hard in preparing to interpret our Church building and the Christian community that inhabits it.

There will be other major highlights such as Caporetto in May, Art Exhibition and Flower Festival in June and the Heritage Week in September. Preparations for the Flower Festival are now well advanced, and we hope that the Heritage Week will be a splendid celebration not only of St Andrew's but also of Corbridge. There is so much history and creativity bound up in the life of our Village, past and present.

We invite all Village groups and organisations to be part of it. This is part of our vision that St Andrew's should be a place for everyone and somewhere where we can celebrate the common life we share in this wonderful community.

I often reflect that could people who lived here in the year 700 or at the turn of the first Millennium, or in the high Middle Ages or in the 19th century could somehow come back, despite all the changes

that the centuries have brought, they would still recognise St Andrew's, set in the heart of the Village in the Market Place.

Its tower still stands sentinel over this community. It is a great testament to the continuity of faith and community life. Most of it, it witnesses to the unchanging faithfulness and love of God as a house of prayer and place where the love of Christ is proclaimed and shared.

Please come and be part of this once in a generation anniversary. We would love to see you and welcome you.

With my warm wishes

David Kennedy, Vicar.

1350 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.

Events Calendar

Friday 25th April

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

Marc Bryant St. Andrew's, Corbridge

Tuesday 29th April

7.00pm Talk 3: *Early Medieval Northumbria with a Corbridge slant.*

Dr David Petts

Friday 2nd May

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

Michael Haynes Hexham Abbey

9th May to 22nd May

Caporetto:

A sculpted installation of bells by Keith Roberts

Friday 9th May

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

Ian Roberts Newcastle Cathedral

Friday 16th May

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

Marc Bryant St. Andrew's, Corbridge

Wednesday 21st May

7.00pm Talk 4: *A Blacksmith's Family*

Mr Douglas Knott, MBE

Friday 23rd May

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

Kris Thomsett

Newcastle Cathedral

5th June to 16th June

Art Exhibition: Our Beautiful World by artist: Helen Alice Johnson

Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd June

Flower Festival: 'Celebrating 1350 years of St. Andrew's Church'.

Featuring a rainbow cascade of crafted flowers

Tuesday 1st July

Cathedral Cycle relay race will stop off for a short service at 1.00pm

Tuesday 8th July

7.00pm Talk 5: *A Vicar's Son*

John Malden – Son of Rex Malden, Vicar at St. Andrew's 1947 – 1970

Monday 14th July

7.00pm Concert: Khrystyna and Sasha Mykhailichenko

Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th July

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival with the premiere of 'St.

Wilfrid' a work specially commissioned for the 1350th celebrations.

Original prints by Jo Westgate, commissioned for the CCMF on the theme of St Wilfrid.

1st August to 14th September

Friday Lunchtime Summer Music

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Music

Monday 8th to Sunday 14th September

Heritage Week: 'Telling the Story of Corbridge'.

This will be a huge exhibition. Please get in touch with the church office if you would like to participate.

Wednesday 10th September

7.00pm Talk 6: title to be confirmed

Molly Kady author of Hexham Abbey: Souvenir

Saturday 20th September

Concert

Bradley Creswick and David Murray

Programme and time to be confirmed

11th and 12th October

Closing weekend of 1350th Celebrations.

Visiting St Andrew's Church

Spirituality Pilgrimages

Visit St Andrew's and rejoice in the beauty and splendor. The building is a living place of Christian worship and service today. You may like to walk round following our Interpretation Boards or using the Spiritual Prayer Guide. Please do take the Spiritual Prayer Guide away with you.

Many people speak of the peacefulness and powerful spiritual presence of this church. Please do find time to visit, to stop, reflect and pray. You may like to light a candle as you remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

Guided Historical Tours

Our newly formed team of church guides will be providing the opportunity to have a guided tour of the church.

Our first 2 tours will be as follows:

Tuesday 22nd April at 13.50

Friday 25th April at 13.50

No need to book just turn up at the appointed time.

Other tours will be advertised on the church noticeboard and website.

If you are interested in being involved in guiding or would like to bring a group for a tour, please contact the office. 01434 634905 or email: admin@corbridegchurch@btinternet.com

Displays

There will be a series of displays on a noticeboard in the South Transept. These displays will reflect aspects of St. Andrew's Church and Corbridge's heritage.

2025

April	Vicars of Corbridge
May	Josephine Butler
June	Festivals at St. Andrew's
July	Weddings
August	Transport in Corbridge
September	Village organisations. This will link in with National Heritage Week
October	St. Andrew's through the years

If you have any information that you can share with us – photographs, newspaper cuttings etc please contact Simon Hunter:

corbridgechurchwebsite@btinternet.com

We will scan them and then return to you.

Thank you.

Talks 7.00pm

Tuesday 29th April

Early Medieval Northumbria with a Corbridge slant.

Dr David Petts

Associate Professor Department of Archaeology
Durham University

Wednesday 21st May

A Blacksmith's Family

Douglas Knott, MBE

Former resident of Corbridge

Tuesday 8th July

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Molly Kady, Author of Hexham Abbey: Souvenir Book

Musical Events

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Recital

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9 th May	Ian Roberts	Newcastle Cathedral
16 th May	Marc Bryant	St Andrew's, Corbridge
23 rd May	Kris Thomsett	Newcastle Cathedral

Monday 14th July

7.00pm Concert: Khrystyna and Sasha Mykhailichenko.



Beethoven - Sonata for violin and piano no.2
in A Major, op.12

Beethoven - Piano Sonata no.31 in A flat
Major, op.110

Interval

Schumann - Sonata for violin and piano no.1
in A Minor

Sarasate - Carmen Fantasy

Skoryk - Carpathian Rhapsody

Summer Music commencing on 1st August to 14th September

Friday Lunchtime Summer Music

12 noon Refreshments, 12.30pm Music

1st August Organ recital John Roper St Andrew's Corbridge

Saturday 20th September Concert

Bradley Creswick and David Murray
Programme and time to be confirmed



Caporetto

A sculpted installation of bells by Keith Roberts

Friday 9th May to Thursday 22nd May 2025



‘Caporetto’ refers to a battle fought on the Italian front during the Autumn of 1917. These sculpted bells were part of a 2017 exhibition called ‘War in the Sunshine’.

The artist has created a sculpture of broken and fractured bells to represent the chaos and upheaval that war always brings. However, it does more than that Roberts’ vision brings to the viewer the universal truth that the crises of war leave us broken and lost. His work provokes many questions.

This installation situated in the South Transept has generously been sponsored.

Preview evening Thursday 8th May at 6.30pm

OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

An exhibition by Helen Alice Johnson

BA Combined Hons in Visual Art and Art History

MA Contemporary Art Practice



- *Shortlisted for the VAA UK and International Scholarship Award 2022*
- *Twice selected by Saatchi Art Online as Curator's Choice and as part of a selection of artists.*

Helen lives and works between Alston in the North Pennines and Les Chapelles in the Pays de la Loire, Northern France. She has an optimistic approach to life and this is evident in her celebratory landscapes.

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.



'RETREATING WATERS'
OIL ON HAND STRETCHED CANVAS
80CM X 129CM

ART TALK – TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2.00PM TO 3.00PM

Helen will be delivering a talk on her upcoming exhibition 'Our Beautiful World'. With a background in education and a former headteacher, Helen is experienced at public speaking so this is one not to be missed!

The talk will feature the following areas:

- Helen's creative process
- Techniques and materials used in her paintings
- Challenges she faced in her paintings and how she overcame them
- Questions and Answers

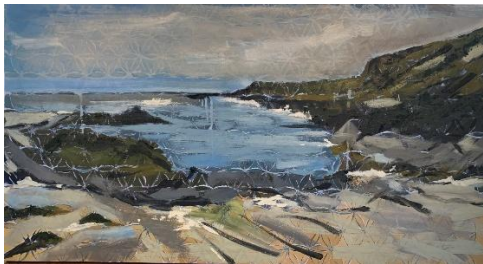


This is a great opportunity to find out more about Helen's work, her use of patterns as well as a chance to ask her questions first hand.

PREVIEW EVENING – THURSDAY 5TH JUNE – 6:30PM TO 8:00PM

An opportunity for all to preview this exciting exhibition of paintings that reflect the landscapes of the North with a unique twist before it opens on Friday 6th June for 10 days.

Helen will be on hand all evening to chat to you about particular paintings and answer any questions you might have about her work.



BREATHE'

OIL, PLASTIC, SAND AND FEATHER ON HAND STRETCHED CANVAS
60CM X 112CM



FLOWER FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 1350 YEARS OF
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CORBRIDGE

Designed by St Andrew's Flower Arrangers and
Friends

Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd June, 2025
9.30am - 5pm (except times below)

Thursday open to 9pm during the village Midsummer Evening

Sunday 10am - 11.15am: Festival Eucharist

Sunday 5pm: Village Songs of Praise

Preview evening Wednesday 18th at 6.30pm

Sponsorship for the Flower Festival

Would you or your family or business like to sponsor an arrangement at the Flower Festival. If you would like to do this, please contact the office for further information. (01434 634905) Thank you.

Cascade of Flowers

Calling all those people who can make flowers out of material or wool! We are hoping to have a huge cascade of crafted flowers at the Flower Festival. Patterns can be collected from the back of church or email the office to have one sent to you. When finished these can be dropped off at church. All flowers need to be in by **30th May 2025**.

Cathedral Cycle Race

The Cathedrals Cycle Relay beginning at Bradford Cathedral will arrive in Corbridge at 1.00pm afternoon of Tuesday 1st of July. A short service will take place before they depart at 1.50pm for Newcastle Cathedral.

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival 2025

We are delighted that the Corbridge Chamber Music Festival will be joining in 1350 celebrations

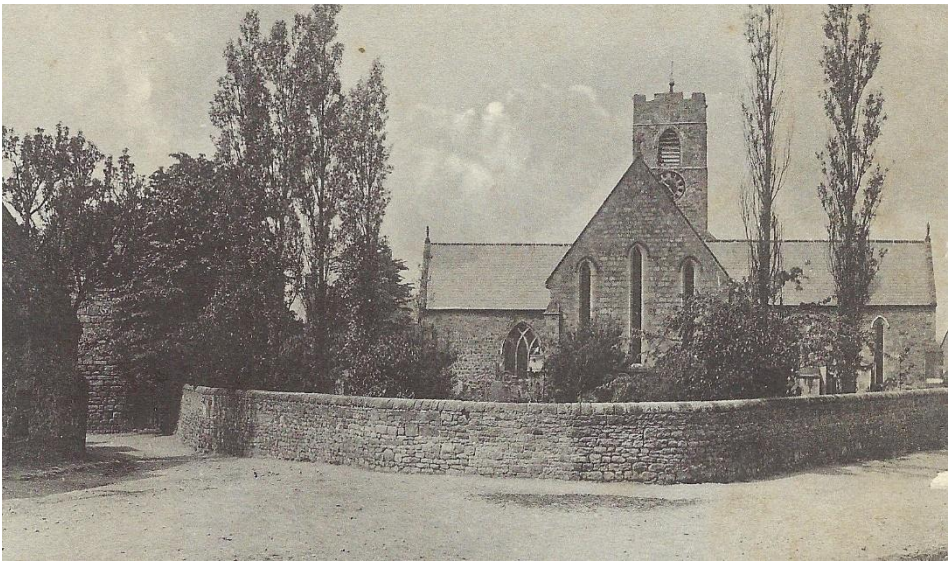
They have commissioned a new work, 'St. Wilfrid' from distinguished composer Piers Hellawell which will be played by the Gould trio and clarinettist Robert Plane.

The new work which will incorporate audience participation too, will be a centrepiece of the 2025 Chamber Music Festival and our celebrations.

Corbridge Music Festival will also mount an exhibition of new, Wilfrid inspired work by local artist and printmaker Jo Westgate to run alongside the premiere of Piers work.

For more information and to sponsor a bar or a page please visit the Chamber Music Festival website.





HERITAGE WEEK

8TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

‘TELLING THE STORY OF CORBRIDGE’.

Exhibitions and programme of events and a special service on the Sunday.

If you belong to a group and would like to share some information about the history of your group please contact the parish

Administrator: 01434 634905 or email

admincorbridgchurch@btinternet.com

**We would like to make this a big
Village Event.**

Holy Week

Monday 14 th April	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Lent Reflection led by the Women's Fellowship at Corbridge Community Hub
	7.30pm	Address and Compline
Tuesday 15 th April	9.30am	Holy Communion
	4.15pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Address and Compline
Wednesday 16 th April	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Address and Compline
Maundy Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Methodists
	7.30pm	Communion of Last Supper with Stripping of Sanctuary
Good Friday	11.00am	Messy Church
	2.00pm	Ecumenical Worship for Good Friday at St. Andrew's
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Address and Compline
Easter Eve	8.50am	Morning Prayer
	4.15pm	Evening Prayer
	5.30pm	Easter Service at Whittonstall
Easter Day	5.30am	Service of Light and Dawn Communion
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.00am	Easter Communion at Halton
	10.00am	Family Easter Communion with Easter eggs for the children
	4.00pm	Simply Worship for Easter