

Welcome to Worship

Advent Sunday

3rd December 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:

9.00am Holy Communion at Halton

10.00am Parish Communion

Hymn: 38 Hark! A thrilling voice

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

First reading:

Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil, to make your name known

home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Sermon: Canon David Kennedy

Hymns: 39 Hills of the north
825 Word of God, come down on earth
41 Lo! He comes

3.00pm Community Carol singing

4.00pm **Charlotte Straker Service of Light**

There will not be an Evening Service

Announcements

TEA & CHAT: We meet on the 2nd and 4th 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 13th December at 2.00pm**. This will be our Christmas Tea. There will be no charge, but tickets are required so we know how many people to cater for.

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](#)

GRAND DRAW 2023: We hope to make the draw at the Church Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December during the afternoon. Please return sold tickets to Suzette Milne tel: 632932. Thank you very much.

TREE FESTIVAL: Thank you to all those who have helped so far, we are really grateful for your help. We are particularly short of

volunteers to help steward on Monday evening when the church will be very busy. If you are able to help please let Linda know on 07793876743 thanks. **We would also be very grateful for more mince pies!!** Please look at the noticeboards and the website for the musical programme that runs alongside the festival.

TALKS ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION: Copies of David's study notes on the three sessions exploring Revelation are available at the back of the church or on the Website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: We are having a Church Christmas Party on Saturday 16th 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.

ADVENT COMPLINE AND ADDRESS (Night Prayer): This quiet reflective service will be held on 3 consecutive Wednesday evenings, 6th, 13th and 20th of December at 7.30pm in church. The theme this year will be the Advent 'O' Antiphons. These Antiphons are traditionally used in the lead-up to Christmas. Each one reflects on one of the titles of Christ from the Old Testament. We know them best as the well-loved hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'.

ADVENT PROCESSION: 6.00pm on Sunday 10th December. A dramatic service of darkness to light with Advent readings, hymns and anthems. We begin in pitch darkness, gradually the church fills with light and hope. Do come along to this atmospheric service.

Pray every day



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

- Sunday** Linda our Curate.
Parishes in Corbridge Deanery and the Area Dean.
Farnley, Ladycutter Lane, Fellside.
- Monday** Phil and Claire our Associate Priests.
Ecumenical outreach to other denominations.
Dilston and Temperley Grange, Prospect Hill.
Take Five – The Church Mission Society and our mission partners Phil & Sylvie Good.
- Tuesday** The retired clergy - Jack Hay, Jenny Kinnaird, Barbara McNamara, Michael Thompson, Bryan Topping and their ministry in Corbridge.
Corbridge Methodist Church. Their congregation and their minister – Revd Marie Beard.
The Stanners, Station Road, Lion Court.
Take Five – Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopia
Getatchew and Gezashingn Yohannes.
- Wednesday** Churchwardens – Jean Wilks and David McEwan.
The schools in our parish – Corbridge First School,
Corbridge Middle School, Mowden Hall School.
Bridge End, Main Street.

Take Five - Byker: The Lighthouse Project, Mine Youth Project.

Thursday 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.
Take Five - Gap Supported Housing for the homeless in Hexham and Tynedale.

Friday PCC Minute Secretary Carol Moffatt and the Electoral Roll Officer, Maureen Davison.
For adult education, colleges and universities and particularly for Cambian College at Dilston.
Carrsfield, The Crofts, Hallbankgate.
Take Five - A Rocha UK Eco Church Programme and our care for creation.

Saturday The stewardship of money, Cliff 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.

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, Margaret Allen, Irene Loughran, David Andrews, John Chapman.

We give thanks for the life of: Ruth Harrison, Rita Atkinson, Anne Petrie, Millie Robson.

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

Diary

Monday **4th December**

9.30am to 8.00pm Christmas Tree Festival open

5.00pm Community Carol singing among the trees

Tuesday **5th December**

9.30am to 5.00pm Christmas Tree Festival open

2.00pm Book Club

Wednesday **6th December**

10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am onwards dismantling of Tree Festival

11.00am Service at Abbeyfield

7.30pm Address and Compline (Night Prayer) – quiet reflective service

Thursday **7th December**

2.45pm Prayer Group

4.00pm Home Group at Max and Monica's.

Friday **8th December**

7.00pm Choir Practice in church

Advent 2 **10th December**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Messy Church – Getting ready for Christmas

4.00pm Newton Village Carol Service

6.00pm Advent Procession - a wonderfully atmospheric service. We begin in complete darkness and gradually fill St. Andrew's with the light of hope.

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