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Hexham Abbey News

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VACANCY NEWS

The PCC met this week for its important Section 11 meeting, at which our two Parish Representatives who will take part in the selection process for the new Rector were chosen. Helen Milner and Malcolm Thompson were elected by the PCC to fulfil this important role. The PCC also approved the Parish Profile, subject to minor changes suggested by PCC members. This document, which will be sent to all applicants for the post of Rector, has been prepared following extensive consultation with a large number of bodies and people - Churches Together in Hexham, representatives of the Deanery, representatives of the town of Hexham, the Abbey staff, and perhaps most importantly, you the Abbey congregation. We received in excess of 80 responses, either from the 'green slips' or by email, amounting to more than 250 attributes which you thought our new Rector should have. This was a magnificent response, and covered a wide range of categories such as spirituality, personal attributes, interpersonal skills, managerial skills and vision for the future. All of these responses have been carefully analysed and, as far as possible, have been distilled into the few paragraphs describing the expectations we have of our new incumbent. The PCC does wish to thank all of you who responded, and to assure you that all of your responses have been taken into consideration. The final version of the Parish Profile will be available on the Abbey website at the same time as the post of Rector is advertised.

THE MEISSEN COMMISSION CONFERENCE

This week, Thursday – Sunday, the Abbey is honoured to be hosting the Meissen Commission. It is named after the Meissen Declaration (1991) in which the Protestant Church in Germany and the Church of England recognized each other as churches belonging to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, and committed themselves to taking all possible steps to closer fellowship in as many areas of Christian life and witness as possible, as well as to strive together for full, visible unity. The German and English Co-Chairs will be leading our worship at 10am next Sunday, with the Bishop of Hanover, Ralf Meister, preaching and the Bishop of Huddersfield, Jonathan Gibbs, presiding. Don't miss a great occasion coming right here to Hexham.



FRANK DEXTER

This year Frank Dexter celebrates fifty years as a Priest. He will preside at a Festal Communion Service in the Abbey on Saturday 28th September at 11.30am. Members of the congregation are invited to join in this celebration.

THE BIG SING

BBC Music Day celebrates the power of music to inspire, transform and bring people together. This year they are launching a project to help bring music to everyone living with dementia by 2020. A Big Sing in Northumberland is planned, with groups and communities across the county, singing the same song at the same time. The chosen song is 'Hey Jude'. EVERYONE'S INVITED. Please come and join us for the Big Sing in Hexham on Thursday 26th September! During the event we will also be singing a variety of well-known and well-loved songs, with song sheets provided. 10.30am – 11.30am on the Abbey flag stones opposite the Market Place. The wet weather venue is the Queens Hall. For more info contact Adele via adelekinsella@hotmail.co.uk.



Should you wish to make a donation towards the Abbey you are welcome to use the contactless machine near the Welcome Desk.

NEWS



SILVER SCREEN

Silver Screen is going on its own 'Summer Holiday' but will be back on 31st October in the North Transept with the American musical 'Calamity Jane' starring Doris Day. Make it a date!

HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE

The next Healing and Wholeness Service led by Rev. Janet Jackson will take place on Tuesday 24th September at 7pm in the Abbey.

TREASURER VACANCY

West End Refugee Service (WERS) is a registered charity supporting asylum seekers and refugees in Newcastle upon Tyne. The charity seeks to empower men and women, whose futures have been changed by past events in their home country. They are seeking a voluntary Treasurer to support their work. Please make direct contact with WERS via info@wers.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A range of Christmas Cards are now available to buy in the Abbey Gift Shop with proceeds going to The Leprosy Mission. An Abbey Pocket Diary for 2020 is also available.

END HUNGER UK WEEK

West Northumberland Food Bank is getting behind End Hunger UK Week from 11th-18th October, to raise awareness of the number of people in the UK going hungry. We want to yarn bomb Hexham with knitted food items for people to find, take home and think about. If you think you can knit cake, carrots, fried eggs or fondants please contact Sam at WNFB on 07958 000719 or via westnorthumberlandfoodbank@gmail.com. Finished items can be left at WNFB on Burn Lane or given to Margi McAllister.



ANTIQUES ROAD TRIP

The BBC were filming in the Abbey recently and we understand that Hexham Abbey will feature on the Antiques Road Trip on Friday 4th October at 16.30 on BBC One.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Are able to help set up and or clear up at the Harvest lunch, including washing up & manning the dishwasher? Please speak to or email Steph Bingham via sjbingham45@gmail.com, she would be delighted to hear from you!



MESSY CHURCH

The Messy Church team are planning for their next session on Sunday 13th October at 3pm. Please do invite young people to be creative and messy in the Abbey.

MONDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

Monday house group have started a study of the Gospel of Mark on Mondays between 2.15pm & 3.45pm at Rye Terrace, Hexham alternating with Stable Cottage, Riding Mill. Please call 07866 600904 for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING HOUSE GROUP

Our Elvaston Road house group is studying the book of Galatians, but we will also spend time learning more about biblical prayer and how to practise it. Anybody who is interested would be very welcome. Call Rachael on 07984 398113.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

The homegroup meet every Friday in term time, usually at one of three addresses. This term we are looking at the story of Joshua. If you'd like to join us, please phone Tony or Margi on 609074 to find out the venue. It would be good to see you!

EVENTS

WRAPPED AROUND THE HEART OF WONDER

The second Westcroft Quiet Garden Day this year will be on 30th September. This Quiet Garden Day of spiritual nourishment includes input on the theme, as well as time to reflect in the garden (or indoors). From 10am until 3pm, lunch is included in the price of £8. For further information and booking please contact Bridget via bridget.hewitt@btinternet.com or 602897.

BIBLE SOCIETY QUIZ NIGHT, 4th October, 7.30pm

A fun evening to raise funds for Bible Society at Hexham Community Church on Friday 4th October at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and include refreshments. Pay on the door or ring Sandra on 673845. Why not bring a team from your church? Sandra Innes, Bible Society, Hexham.



HUMOURS AND DELIGHTS, 5th October, 7.30pm

A fundraising concert in aid of Hexham Abbey Roof Appeal will take place on Saturday 5th October in the Great Hall. With music from 17th century England, France and Germany and featuring Michael Ronan - bass baritone, Sergio Bucheli - lute & theorbo, Jacob Garside - bass viol and John Green - chamber organ. Tickets cost £12 (including refreshments) and are on sale now via the Abbey Gift Shop. Free admission for under 18's and children who are accompanied by a ticket holder (up to 3 people per ticket holder).

GREENMAN & OTHER POEMS, STAN BECKENSALL

A recital will be given by members of Hexham Abbey on 8th October at 7.30pm in the Priors' Hall. Tickets cost £5 and are available to buy from Cogito Books, Hexham. All monies to be donated by Stan to the restoration of the Abbey roof. This collection of poems in book form is available to buy from the Gift Shop.

THE BIRTH OF GOD IN THE SOUL, 19th October

The Birth of God in the Soul: how does the medieval mystic Meister Eckhart speak to the 21st Century? Bridget Hewitt will be leading this day at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Chapel House on 19th October between 10am & 4pm. Cost £10. Bridget would happily answer any questions that you may have about the day and can be contacted via bridget.hewitt@btinternet.com.

MAHLER ONE 'TITAN', Sunday 20 October, 3pm

Royal Northern Sinfonia play a romantic programme including a special ensemble arrangement of Mahler's 'Titan' symphony. Feel the full force and energy of this mighty symphony from just fifteen players. Wagner's intensely personal *Siegfried Idyll* and Strauss' opulent *Capriccio Sextet* complete this programme of three greats. Tickets £15, under 18s, £5 and available from Sage Gateshead Box Office on 0191 443 4661 or via www.sagegateshead.com.

SKELETONS IN THE ABBEY, 26th October, 2-4pm

For the last few years, the Abbey has opened its doors to the public on Spook Night to show a Christian presence and share some aspects of the Christian faith. We show the Christian heritage behind All Hallows and the idea of Jesus bringing light to darkness. It has been a popular event in the past, welcoming many into the Abbey who may not normally come inside. It is a fun afternoon where we do crafts and activities with families. If this sounds like something you would like to help with or would like to know more about what's involved please contact Zoe Robinson zoe.robinson@hexhamabbey.org.uk.



LUNCHTIME LIVE, November

Lunchtime Live returns to the Abbey in November. A full programme will follow shortly.

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: **THE PASTORAL VISITING GROUP** is always happy to hear from a Church Member, :
: perhaps housebound, who would like a visit. Please contact Margaret Meade via the Office. :
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Sunday 22nd September FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am	Holy Communion	President	Michael Jackson
10.00am	Festival Choral Eucharist	President	Janet Jackson
Preacher	Rt Rev Mark Bryant	Readings	Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-11
Intercessor	Bridget Hewitt	Reader	Shelagh Carter
Hymns	144, 289, 324, 240	Setting	Mozart: <i>Sparrow Mass</i>
Motet	Mozart: <i>Ave Verum</i>	Organ	Mulet: <i>Carillon Sortie</i>
6.30pm	Festival Choral Evensong	Officiant	Claire Robson
Readings	Ezra 1, John 7:14-36	Reader	David Ratcliff
Hymns	673, 518	Organ	Germani: <i>Toccata</i>
Responses	Smith	Canticles	Stanford in C
Anthem	Parry: <i>I Was Glad</i>	Psalm	136:1-9

Abbey Services this week

Monday	9.00am 12.00pm 5.00pm 5.40pm	Morning Prayer Funeral of Colin Wilson Evening Prayer Christian Meditation	
Tuesday	9.00am 10.00am 12.00pm 5.00pm	Morning Prayer Funeral of Barbara Grainger Holy Communion Evening Prayer	<i>Philip Cunningham</i>
Wednesday	9.00am 9.30am 10.15am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Tots' Praise Choral Evensong	<i>Philip Cunningham</i> <i>Frank Dexter</i>
Thursday	9.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Prayer Group Choral Evensong	<i>Chris Keating</i>
Friday	9.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm	Morning Prayer Thanksgiving Service for Amy Pick Evening Prayer	
Saturday	11.30am	Festal Communion Service - Frank Dexter	

Sunday 29th September ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

8.30am	Holy Communion	President	Claire Robson
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Preacher	Bishop Ralf Meister
President	Bishop Jonathan Gibbs	Readings	Genesis 28:10-17, John 1:47-end
Intercessor	James Arkless	Reader	Jill Dexter
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Officiant	Philip Cunningham
Readings	Daniel 10:4-end, Revelation 5	Reader	Keith Lombard

For your prayers***We pray for those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers:***

Edna O'Neil, Christopher Brown, Gordon Rowell, Doreen Beniams, Jill Eltringham, Ralph Mayland, Tom Samwell.

We pray for all those who have died and all those who mourn:

Colin Wilson, Barbara Grainger, Amy Pick.

Parish Office: 01434 602031 or admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk. **Opening hours:** 9am - 3pm.
In the case of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Jeremy Thompson, Area Dean on 600268.