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2019

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## TOGETHER

Brexit will be a cause of celebration for some and lament for others, but one thing is clear - we can no longer continue to define one another by how we voted in the referendum. The time has come for communities to come together to serve the common good, in our nation and in our relationship with the rest of Europe. Together with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Bishop Christine encourages us to mark the day by joining in a national prayer initiative in Hexham Abbey on **Saturday 30th March 2019 at 10.00am**, gathering around three candles: one for me, one for my neighbour and one for our shared future together.



## THE CONSONE QUARTET

**Friday 29th March, 7.30pm**

*The Great Hall*

Award winning period instrument string quartet in a concert of music by Boccherini, Mendelssohn and Beethoven. **Tickets £15 (including refreshments) are on sale now in the shop! Fundraising concert; all proceeds will go towards the Hexham Abbey Roof Appeal.**

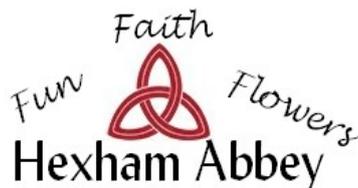


## TAKE PRIDE IN HEXHAM

Initiated by Hexham Community Partnership, the campaign aims to encourage residents, traders and community groups to get involved in taking pride in the town. The 'Spring Clean-up 2019' will take place from Tuesday 2nd through to Thursday 4th April. Derek Hughes is organising an Abbey Team to tidy up the Abbey Flags, Grounds and Cowgarth area. He is looking for volunteers ASAP so that the team arrangements can be set up in advance. If you can spare an hour or two or more during the Spring clean-up period, please contact Derek on 07948 767941 or 01434 601417 or derek.hughes@mypostoffice.co.uk.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

Volunteer Sidespeople needed for our **Holy Week** and **Easter** Services. If you would like to be involved and support the Abbey's Welcome, please sign up on the sheet on the volunteer board near the vestry aisle. Thank you!



Come and join us

on

**Mothering Sunday**

10.00am

31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



## CAR PARK CLOSURE

The rear Abbey Car Park will close from 5.00pm on Thursday 4th April and will re-open the evening of Saturday 6th April ready for Sunday morning services. Please make other arrangements for parking during this period.

# NEWS

## ARE YOU ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL???

It's the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote in elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted! By this means, the continuing validity of the roll is maintained. We are beginning to prepare for a brand new roll this Spring for our APCM on 28th April. Please look out for the **Electoral Roll forms**. We also need an Electoral Roll Officer whose main job will be looking out for the regular members of the congregation and encouraging them to go onto the Electoral Roll.

## 'YOUR CALL' — LENT GROUP

Your Call is a spiritual journey to make in Lent, exploring how we respond to Jesus' call to follow him by reflecting on the Bible passages from the readings for the Sundays in Lent. In addition to the House Groups, some or all of whom will be using the material as well, there is a further Lent Group on offer on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm, continuing on 28th March, led by Mary Warner, Carol Wilson and — some of the time — Dagmar. Venue: Etheldreda Room. Material will also be on hand on Sundays for those who cannot make it to any group but would like to make Lent special! **And on the 11th April there will be a plenary for everyone, including those not in a house group, in the Wilfrid Room—What does Jesus' passion really mean for us?**



## FOOD BANK APPEAL

The Food Bank would value tinned meat, fish and potatoes, cook-in-sauces and soap powder, but please not baked beans.

## FOOD BANK VACANCY FOR MINUTE SECRETARY

An opportunity has arisen to join the local Food Bank to help continue to meet the growing need for help. The Board of 6 trustees meets once a month, usually the first Wednesday at 2.00pm in Hexham for 2 hours. The AGM is held in Hexham at the end of each February. The Food Bank are looking for a Volunteer Minute Secretary available around 4 hours a month. Please contact Sam for more information on 01434 700068 or westnorthumberlandfoodbank@gmail.com.

## SOCIAL GROUP

If you would like to be part of a steering group for social events at the Abbey, or have an idea for an event, please speak to Steph Bingham or Rachael Haywood-Smith this week or next. We will meet again in early April.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

Are now following the 'Your Call' course, studying the topic in line with the sermon preached the day before. They meet at one of two homes on a Monday afternoon and they are an open and welcoming group! Come and join us for one session, all of Lent . . . or forever! Call or text David on 07866 600904 for more details.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING HOUSE GROUP

Are studying Acts this term before following 'Your Call' for Lent. New members very welcome! Call Rachael on 07984 398113 for more information.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

During Lent we shall be following "Your Call" journey. We will give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for this course. Call Elizabeth on 601142.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **SHORT WALK, DENE HOUSE** Today, 3.00pm

There will be a short walk on Sunday 24th March in the afternoon starting from Dene House, Juniper, NE46 1SJ at 3.00pm and finishing back there for tea and cake. The walk is fairly flat with a short steep hill at the end (lift available). The daffodils are blooming in Juniper, so do come and bring family, friends and dogs. Margaret & Brian.

## **SILVER SCREEN** Thursday 28th March, 2.30pm

This month's classic is Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' (1940) starring Laurence Olivier and Greer Garson. It was described as 'the most crisp and crackling satire ever seen on screen'. So come along and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of home made cake, coffee or tea and good company. Entrance is free but donations are very welcome.

## **CONCERT BY ANTIPHON** Saturday 6th April, 7.45pm

Treading the Upward Path – Passiontide to Ascensiontide. A devotional concert based on T.L. da Victoria's Missa pro Defunctis with additional seasonal music by Bach, Weelkes, Bruckner, Bryd, Palestrina and Handel. On Saturday 6th April at 7.45pm at St Mary's R.C. Church, Hexham. Tickets cost £12 and available to buy from Cogito Books in Hexham or online [www.antiphonchoir.co.uk](http://www.antiphonchoir.co.uk).

## **PLANT AND BOOK STALL** Saturday 11th May, 10.00am

Save the date in your diary for the next Plant and Book Stall taking place in the Abbey in May. We will be accepting donations of good condition books in the Parish Centre after Easter. You may wish to use the Easter break to spring clean your book shelves. Donations also welcome for the plant stall. Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Judi Singleton.



## **PARISH BREAKFAST** Sunday's, 9.10am

Parish Breakfast takes place each Sunday between the two morning services. Tea, coffee, bread rolls and marmalade will be served, together with great chat and the chance for the 8.30am and 10.00am congregations to meet one another. We meet each week from 9.10am and 9.45am in the Allendale Room of the Refectory. We have a team of four helpers who between them can manage three of every Sunday each month. We really need to find two more people to join this team - very simple and straightforward now that the Refectory help us with logistics. Please come along one Sunday and let us know if you would be able to help or just mention it to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson.



## **ELEVENSES** Sunday's, 11.00am

Our rota after the 11.00am service, serving tea, coffee and biscuits is nicely full, thanks to well-oiled, well-drilled teams. Each team is on rota once in four weeks. For this rota what we need is to have a couple of people who could offer to serve the refreshments on the 5th Sunday (i.e. four per year) and be available to stand in when one of the regular team is unavailable. Not a huge commitment, but of real value to our ministry of welcome. If this could be you, please mention it to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson.

## **WITH THANKS**

Dr Stan Beckensall raised £260 for charity following his talk last week on British Prehistoric Rock Art. The donations will be shared between Tynedale Hospice at Home and the Food Bank.

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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 Parish  
: Office.  
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**Sunday 24th March** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President &amp; Preacher</b>	Dagmar Winter
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>President</b>	Janet Jackson
<b>Preacher</b>	Dagmar Winter	<b>Reader</b>	Roddy Findlay
<b>Motet</b>	Walton: <i>A Litany</i>	<b>Intercessor</b>	Bridget Hewitt
<b>Setting</b>	Vierne: <i>Messe Solennelle</i>	<b>Hymns</b>	19, 317 (omit v3), 34 (omit v3), 708
<b>Organ</b>	Vierne: <i>Carillon</i>	<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Readings</b>	Genesis 28:10-19a, John 1:35-end
<b>Officiant</b>	Frank Dexter	<b>Reader</b>	Hedley Everett
<b>Canticles</b>	Rizza/Haynes	<b>Responses</b>	Atkinson
<b>Anthem</b>	Franck: <i>Panis Angelicus</i>	<b>Psalm</b>	67
<b>Organ</b>	Franck: <i>Cantabile</i>	<b>Hymns</b>	389 (vv1,2,3,5), 704

**Abbey Services for the week beginning Monday 25th March 2019**

<b>Monday</b> <b>25th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>2.00pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>5.40pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Funeral for Layton &amp; Christine Ring</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> <b>Christian Meditation</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	<i>Philip Cunningham</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>27th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>10.15am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Tots' Praise</b> <b>Choral Evensong</b>	<i>Chris Simmons</i> <i>Philip Cunningham</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>28th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> <b>Choral Evensong</b>	<i>Frank Dexter</i>
<b>Friday</b> <b>29th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>2.30pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Funeral for George Makepeace</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>30th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Brexit Prayer</b> <b>Palestine Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	

**Sunday 31st March** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President &amp; Preacher</b>	Claire Robson
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Abbey Praise</b>	<b>Readings</b>	—
<b>Led by</b>	Dagmar Winter & Team	<b>Reader</b>	—
		<b>Intercessor</b>	—
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 40:27 - 41:13, 2 Timothy 4:1-18
<b>Officiant</b>	Chris Keating	<b>Reader</b>	Keith Lombard

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

Edna O'Neil, Doreen Beniams, Christopher Brown, Ann Dodgson, June Olliver, Gordon Rowell.

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

Layton and Christine Ring, George Makepeace.

**Contact the Parish Office:** 01434 602031 or [admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk](mailto:admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk)  
**Opening Hours:** 9am - 3pm