



8th October 2017

# Hexham Abbey News

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## Hexham is looking for Town Hosts!

Our friends at the Hexham Community Partnership are looking to recruit volunteer town hosts to welcome visitors in the run up to Christmas. This will include the Christmas Market weekend which attracts in the region of 15,000 visitors.

Town hosts will provide a warm welcome for all visitors, answer questions, give directions and generally supply any information visitors need to have a comfortable, enjoyable and memorable visit. As a town host volunteer, you will be based around various locations in Hexham during the Christmas market and ideally one other Saturday in December.

If you are interested in more information, you can contact Sarah Davidson on [HexhamTownHosts@gmail.com](mailto:HexhamTownHosts@gmail.com) or 0775 3633787. A special event is also taking place here at the Abbey on Wednesday 11th October 4pm-6pm, for anyone who would like to come along.

## Conservation Notes: Dean Farrar's Window

At the east end of the south choir aisle, there is a window dedicated to a past Dean of Canterbury, a former schoolmaster and father-in-law of Canon Savage. His name was Frederick William Farrar. He was a Chaplain to the King and, incidentally, a grandfather to Field Marshall Montgomery. He wrote a book for schoolboys called 'Eric or Little by Little' detailing the moral decline of a boy called Eric who, it was related, fell into bad company and became a lost sinner. In Canterbury Cathedral there is a plaque dedicated to the Dean erected by his son - Eric.  
By Tom Kelsey.



## Christmas Ticketing

Christmas Service Tickets: to avoid overcrowding and to ensure everyone's safety, comfort and enjoyment, both **Services of Nine Lessons and Carols** (23rd and 24th Dec, 6.30pm) and the **Children's Crib Service** (24th Dec, 3pm) will be ticketed this year. Tickets are free and unallocated. You can collect your tickets after Sunday services from Chris Wilson, Church Warden. Tickets will become available to the community via the shop after half term. Please collect your tickets early to avoid disappointment – if you decide you no longer need your ticket(s) please return them so that someone else may make use of them. Thank you, and please spread the word.



# Hosting with HOSTUK 2017

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.  
Hebrews 13:2*



How true such advice can be. Hospitality is an equal partnership, the feel-good factor of offering it and the delight in receiving it. HOST UK is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the offers of hospitality that result from awareness-raising in Churches through parish news and word of mouth. If you are unable to travel abroad, have "abroad" come to you! Our students are both curious and fascinated by our traditions and happy to fully participate in everyday life. If you have a curiosity about exotic places, or desire to improve a second language, or want your children to encounter those of other cultures and countries, we can offer all of this. Our international students bring something really special to such a visit and experiences become treasured memories for all and forever.

Whilst we operate all year round Christmas or New Year is an especially valuable time to enjoy welcoming guests into your home. Consider what faces the international student this Christmas; a lonely hall of residence compounded with the uncertainty of their welcome from a Brexiting Britain. They may also be from a country experiencing conflict or natural disaster and if none of this applies, then they are invariably far from home, family and loved ones. Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend, or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period. The choice is yours. And remember...your offer can be made at any time of the year. If you should like to know more please look at our website: [www.host.org](http://www.host.org) or contact us via [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org) or 020 7739 6292

## Congregation News

**FORUM OVER COFFEE** Once a month, after the 10am Parish Eucharist, there will be the opportunity for a congregational meeting. This will be an informal series lasting maybe 30mins to aid our communication with one another, with what's going on and our learning. So, for instance, in September we had a little presentation about Open Book. On **Sunday 15th October**, as we are nearing the end of our OT readings from Exodus, there will be the chance to deepen our understanding on that great story and the plans for the Leschman Garden will be available.



**SHOP TALK** Sally is now selling the *Hexham Abbey 2018* diary in the gift shop - only £2 and the perfect size to fit in your pocket or handbag. Christmas cards will also be on sale next week. Come in and have a browse.

**CARNTYNE HOLY COMMUNION** All are welcome to Carntyne on Friday 15th at 11.15am for Holy Communion led by Raymond Dance and Steph Bingham.

**THANKYOU** A great big Thank You from Northumberland West Food Bank for our harvest donations. They currently support around 250 households and sadly the need is rising. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

**ACCOMODATION** Abbey Bellringer, recently returned to the UK, looking for a small flat or room with shared facilities in Hexham. Immediate requirement is from 1st November, but would consider temporary accommodation while waiting for a more suitable long-term solution. Please contact Trish Davie: T: 07526143754 or E: [trish.davie@gmail.com](mailto:trish.davie@gmail.com)

**JAR LIDS PLEASE!** We still need more! Please can you collect large jar lids and bring them in to the parish office for soon-to-be-revealed crafty purposes. Many thanks.

**JAM, PRESERVES AND CHUTNEY** It's jam making time! Please keep the Christmas Fair in mind whilst making your jam and fill a few extra jars for the Jam Stall at this year's Christmas Fair (Saturday 9th December). Keep them somewhere safe and drop them off at the end of November. Thank you!

**MONDAY HOUSE GROUP** Not meeting this week. Next meeting Monday 16th.

# Upcoming Events



**MESSY CHURCH, Sunday 8th October, 3.00-4.30pm** Come and join an afternoon of fun, craft, story, and food. Everyone is welcome, young and old alike. Adults, children, teenagers, carers, grandparents, everyone! If you are a child please bring an adult with you. Held in the North Transept. Free entry.

**LUNCHTIME LIVE: THE OCTOBER SERIES** These short and varied concerts begin at 1pm in the Abbey and everyone is welcome. This week on **Tuesday 10th October** Robert Laws, piano, will be performing. Do come along if you can. Free entry, retiring collection.

**CTiH NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP** An Evening of Christian celebration on **Saturday 14th October**, 6.30-8.00pm at Tynedale Function Suite, Hexham Auction Mart. Free admission. Donations welcome.

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT, Friday 20th October, 7.00pm** The Hexham Abbey Choir's annual fundraising concert, this year in support of their tour to Geneva in 2018. Please do come along and be generous in your support of the choirs as they perform a selection of their favourite sacred choral pieces in the ever atmospheric Hexham Abbey. Free entry with retiring collection. Bar after the concert.



**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** There will be an information event about the forthcoming Holy Land pilgrimage on **Saturday 21st October, 10am**, in the Wilfrid Room. The pilgrimage itself will be led by the Dean of Durham and Dagmar our Rector on 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**NEWCASTLE GUITAR ORCHESTRA Saturday 21st October, 7.30pm** Programme to include concerto in D Major for Lute by Vivaldi and the Fantasia para un Gentilhombre by Rodrigo, and the famous Adagio from the Concierto d'Aranjuez. Tickets [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**AFTERNOON TEA, Sunday 22nd October, 2.00-4.30pm** Enjoy a delicious selection of cakes, bakes and sandwiches for £12.95 per person... or add in a glass of prosecco for £16.00 per person. To book contact Jane E: [jane@hexhamabbey.org.uk](mailto:jane@hexhamabbey.org.uk) or T: 01434 611904

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN THE ABBEY Mondays, 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start**, Anyone who is interested in experiencing this ancient form of prayer is welcome to join the group. **Sessions will be running on:** Mondays 30th October, 6th November, 13th November, 20th November, 27th November and 4th December. No previous experience needed. For more information contact Bridget: T: 01434 602897 or E: [bridget.hewitt@btopenworld.com](mailto:bridget.hewitt@btopenworld.com).



**LIGHT SWITCH ON, Friday 24th November, 5.00pm** Hexham's fabulous Christmas lights will be switched on at the bandstand at 5pm, then the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at 5.10pm. Pop into the Abbey for free Hot Chocolate and hear the boy choristers sing around the piano. A short candlelit service of compline (night-prayer) will start at 5.45pm.

## Millennium Mystery

Last week the conservation team came across a curious picture in the archive. It showed a cross made out of frosted glass with a central blue stone. Stan Beckensall revealed that this cross visited the Abbey in the millennium and sent in some further pictures. If you know anything more about this object we would love to hear about it!



**Sunday 8th October***17th Sunday After Trinity—Green*

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Led by</b>	Matthew Hunter
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<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Baptism</b>		
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<b>President</b>	Mary Warner	<b>Reader</b>	Mark Squires
<b>Preacher</b>	Matthew Hunter	<b>Intercessor</b>	Judi Cornforth
<b>Readings</b>	Exodus 20:1–4.7–9.12–20; Matthew 21:33–end		
<b>Gloria</b>	Peruvia	<b>Motet</b>	Mozart <i>Ave Verum</i>
<b>Sanctus &amp; Agnus</b>	Haydn <i>St Nicholas</i>	<b>Organ</b>	Bedard <i>Fantaisie</i>
<b>Hymns</b>	12 510 175 524		

<b>11.45am</b>	<b>Morning Worship with Baptism</b>	<b>Led by</b>	Matthew Hunter
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<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		
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<b>Officiant &amp; Preacher</b>	Dagmar Winter	<b>Reader</b>	John Robinson
<b>Readings</b>	Proverbs 2:1–11; 1 John 2:1–17		
<b>Canticles</b>	Dyson in F	<b>Hymns</b>	596 609(omit v.4)
<b>Anthem</b>	Howells <i>Like as the hart</i>	<b>Response</b>	Ebdon Responses
<b>Organ</b>	Berkeley <i>Andantino</i>	<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 80

**Abbey Services Diary for the week beginning Monday 9th October***9.00am Morning Prayer and 5.00pm Evening Prayer (unless Choral Evensong)*

<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Dagmar Winter</i>
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<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Matthew Hunter</i>
	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Tots' Praise</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>Dagmar Winter</i>

<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Dagmar Winter</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b> ( <i>Elizabeth Fish tel. 01434 601142</i> )
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>Matthew Hunter</i>

<b>Friday 13th</b>	<b>11.15a.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Carntyne <i>Raymond Dance &amp; Steph Bingham</i>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b> for Alan Currie

**Sunday 15th October***18th Sunday After Trinity—Green*

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President</b> <i>Dagmar Winter</i>
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<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>Readings</b> <i>Exodus 32:1 – 14; Matthew 22:1 – 14</i>
	<b>President</b> <i>Matthew Hunter</i>	<b>Reader</b> <i>Lynne Thomson</i>
	<b>Preacher</b> <i>Dagmar Winter</i>	<b>Intercessor</b> <i>TBC</i>

<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Readings</b> <i>Proverbs 3:1 – 18; 1 John 3:1 – 15</i>
	<b>Officiant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Reader</b> <i>Jason Robinson-Gay</i>

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

Edna O'Neil, Sheila Jackson, Yvonne Roberts, Doreen Beniams, Peter Barclay, Christopher Brown.

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

Barbara Percival, Doreen Wood, Alan Currie, David Raffel.

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# Afternoon Tea in the Great Hall

**SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER,  
2.00—4.30PM**



## **Our sumptuous menu features**

Homemade scones, freshly baked and served  
with strawberry conserve and fresh cream

A selection of our generously filled  
sandwiches :

*Home-cooked Ham and Piccalilli - Free Range  
Egg and Cress- Smoked Salmon and Cream  
Cheese - Mature Lockerbie Cheddar &  
Farmhouse Chutney*

Lemon Posset or Chocolate Mousse

A mouth-watering selection of The  
Refectory's  
signature cakes, tray bakes and special  
desserts

Tea and coffee - other drinks available !

**£12.95 per person...**

or add in a glass of  
prosecco for

**£16.00 per person**

**To book email  
jane@hexhamabbey.org.uk**

**or call 01434 611904**