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Hexham Abbey News

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## ABBEY SPRING CLEAN

With many thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers who offered their time to Spring Clean the Abbey last Monday morning. Louise organised a schedule for the team and all set to work dusting, hoovering, polishing and cleaning. The Abbey looked so neat, tidy and smelled so fresh. Perhaps you would like to be involved in the next deep clean (with free cake!).



## ABBEY RECIPE BOOK

Thanks to those of you who have contributed so far, but it could be a slim volume which would be a great shame! Let's stir up a New Year spirit and let Jill Hughes have your favourite recipes for the 2020 Abbey Recipe Book. You can give recipes to her in person after the 10am service or e-mail them via [jillflute50@gmail.com](mailto:jillflute50@gmail.com) or leave at the Parish Office for collection. Without your input the project just won't be as good! Final offerings by the Third Sunday in Lent please! All proceeds are going to the Abbey.



## GOODBYE ESTHER

After a very happy time as our Parish Administrator, Esther is moving on to pastures new at PDL in Hexham, leaving us on 14th February. It's been a very difficult decision for Esther to make, leaving the Abbey, but gives her the opportunity to use her degree and HR experience. If you would like to show your appreciation and make a donation to a leaving present, please call in and see Kirsty in the Office by 7th February. The Parish Administrator vacancy is now advertised on our website with a deadline for applications by Friday 31st January and interviews being held on 10th February. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be, please visit [www.hexhamabbey.org.uk/work-us](http://www.hexhamabbey.org.uk/work-us).



## MOTHERING SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Come and enjoy a sumptuous Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea in the lovely surroundings of the Great Hall with live Palm Court style music. Tea will be served between 3pm - 4.30pm and tickets are priced at £12 for adults and £6 for young people of school age. Go on, treat your loved ones on this special day. Tickets will be available from the Gift Shop from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February.



Should you wish to make a donation towards the Abbey you are welcome to use the contactless machine near the Welcome Desk or scan the QR code (to the left) with your mobile phone. We kindly suggest a donation of £3.

# NEWS

## HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

The service on Tuesday 28th January at 7pm reflects the belief that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness. We provide the space for quiet reflection in the peace of the Abbey led by clergy and laity.



## TEN MINUTE TALKS

All are welcome to come to the last in the series of Ten Minute Talks in the Abbey on 1st February between 3.30pm and 4.45pm. Come and hear Michael Sadgrove; The Augustinian Canons; Hugh Dixon: Mr. Taylor; Richard Bailey: Hexham's Portable Chalice – an Early Mediaeval Rarity.

## CANDLEMAS SERVICES

At 10am on Sunday 2nd February at Abbey Praise there will be a Candlemas candlelit procession in the Nave with Canon Philip Cunningham. A Fairtrade Stall will follow the 10am service. Also at 6.30pm a Candlemas Choral Service will take place with Antiphon Choir. All are welcome to join the services.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church on Sunday 9th February will be focussing on how God's words – his peace, his love and his encouragement can make a difference in our lives. Activities will include: a word hunt, making a parachute, completing an obstacle course and making a dove of peace. Come and join the fun from 3pm with the Messy Church Team.



## TAKING GROUND - WORSHIP NIGHT

Led by Taking Ground Music, a community of singers, musicians and creatives with a vision to see people spiritually awakened to worship God. Come along to worship on Saturday 8th February at 7.30pm at Hexham Community Church. Free entry.



## ART FOR THE FOOD BANK

On Sunday 26th January from 11am-3pm, Carol Nunan will be holding a Studio Clearance Sale in aid of West Northumberland Food Bank. There will be all manner of great bargains, including framed and unframed original prints, framed and unframed reproduction prints, jewellery, end of line greetings cards, slight seconds from the range of glass coasters, plus all sorts of artistic miscellany! Please come along, have a chat and a cup of tea, see how Carol makes her prints, and help her raise funds for this fantastic, volunteer-run service. 30% of all sales will go to the Food Bank. Carol's studio is at The Courtyard, Ochrelands, Hexham, NE46 1SB.



## MONDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

Monday house group meet 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

This term we are looking at Psalm 107 in a series called 'Exploring God's Mercy' by Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. As always new members are welcome and should contact Rachael Haywood-Smith on 07984 398113.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

If you would like to join us, please phone Tony on 609074 or Linda on 07718 721774.

# EVENTS



## SILVER SCREEN, Thurs 30th Jan, 2.30pm

'Some Like it Hot' (1959), classic Billy Wilder comedy. Two musicians on the run join an all-girl band. Starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe. All are welcome to come to the free screening (with cake & refreshments), make it a date!

## ROMEO AND JULIET WITH TAPAS, Fri 14th & Sat 15th Feb

Ponteland Repertory Society present promenade performances of Shakespeare's classic love story in the Abbey on 14th Feb at 7pm & 15th Feb at 12pm, 3pm & 7.30pm. Shows last for approx. 1 hour and tickets at £12 for adults and £6 for under-16s are available from [www.pontelandrep.co.uk](http://www.pontelandrep.co.uk). We will be offering a romantic sharing supper on the Friday evening following the performance in the Abbey. The 5-course tapas menu is £25 per couple (£30 per couple including a 75cl bottle of wine or £35 per couple including a 75cl bottle of prosecco). Groups, individuals and couples are very welcome. Tables may be booked from 6pm onwards by calling 602031 or emailing [admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk](mailto:admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk).



## EARLY MUSIC IN HEXHAM, Sat 15th Feb, 7.30pm

Musica Transalpina: from Rome to the Baltic, is the first concert in this series. Hear a range of the earliest violin sonatas and how the style of music spread across the Alps. In aid of the conservation of the Abbey's Medieval Panel Paintings. Taking place in the Great Hall with tickets available from the Abbey Gift Shop for £15.

## PLACES OF POWER & BEAUTY, Mon 24th Feb, 7.30pm

Stan Beckensall will give an illustrated talk in the Prior's Hall on Monday 24th February entitled 'Northumberland: Some Places of Power and Beauty' and is in aid of the local charity Ella's Hope. Tickets cost £5 each and will be available at Cogito Bookshop, Hexham.

### Lunchtime Live

February 2020  
1.00pm - 1.45pm

Tuesday 4th February	Nina Winstanley, Flute with the Mode Trio
Tuesday 11th February	The Rock Choir
Tuesday 18th February	William Campbell, Organ
Tuesday 25th February	John Green & Michael Haynes, 2 Harpsichords

**Come along and enjoy some short, varied and inspiring performances on Tuesday lunchtimes this February. Free entrance with retiring collection.**

**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.

**Sunday 26th January 2020** 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd Claire Robson
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	Bishop Christine Hardman
<b>President</b>	Bishop Christine Hardman	<b>Readers</b>	Shelagh Carter
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	<b>Hymns</b>	144, 740, 324, 493
<b>Setting</b>	Vierne: <i>Messe Solennelle</i>	<b>Motet</b>	Bairstow: <i>Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>
<b>Organ</b>	Bossi: <i>Entrée Pontificale</i>	<b>Intercessor</b>	Bridget Hewitt
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Officiant</b>	Rev'd Nigel Warner
<b>Readings</b>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 1 Peter 1:3-12	<b>Reader</b>	Richard Snow
<b>Responses</b>	Smith	<b>Hymns</b>	157(ii), 88
<b>Canticles</b>	Blair in B minor	<b>Psalm</b>	33:12-21
<b>Anthem</b>	Goodall: <i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i>	<b>Organ</b>	Vierne: <i>Carillon de Westminster</i>

**Abbey Services this week**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>5.40pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> <b>Christian Meditation</b>	
<b>Tuesday</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>Phillip Cunningham</i>
<b>Wednesday</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>Mary Warner</i>  <i>Michael Jackson</i>
<b>Thursday</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>Philip Cunningham</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	

**Sunday 2nd February 2020** PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE/CANDLEMAS

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President</b>	Canon Frank Dexter
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Abbey Praise (Candlemas candlelit procession)</b>	<b>President</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>President</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham
<b>Readings</b>	Exodus 13:1-16, Romans 12:1-5	<b>Preacher</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Candlemas Choral Service (Antiphon Choir)</b>	<b>Officiant</b>	Rev'd Claire Robson
<b>Readings</b>	Haggai 2:1-9, John 2:18-22	<b>Reader</b>	Jonathan Hewitt

**For your prayers**

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

Edna O'Neil, Doreen Beniams, Ralph Mayland, Steve Wilkinson.

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

Dr Iain Mungall, Stanley North, David Viscount Montgomery CMG CBE, Helen Gent.

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