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Hexham Abbey News

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## PALMS FOR 'ASHING'

If you kept hold of last year's palm cross, please could you drop it off in the Vestry. It will be used to make the ash for 'ashing' at the 9.30am and 6.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion services.



## BIBLE SOCIETY LENT LUNCH

Bible Society Hexham invites you to a Lent Lunch on Wednesday 26th February between 12.30-1.30pm at St Mary's RC Church, Hexham. Rev Jeremy Thompson of St John Lee will give a short Lent Reflection, followed by a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese. No charge but donations welcome. Sandra Innes, Hexham Bible Society.

## DEREK HARRIS MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Derek Harris will take place on Friday 28th February at 12.30pm at Hexham Abbey with refreshments afterwards in the North Transept. Derek was a regular congregation member as well as an active steward and very knowledge guide in the Abbey.

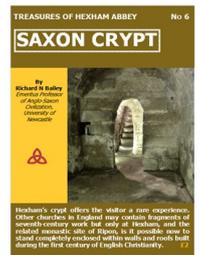
## #LIVE LENT

Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. A great resource available to buy in book form from the Church of England website. There is both an adult and a children's paper guide available. Alternatively you can sign up online to receive 40 daily reflections. [www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith](http://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith)



## THE SAXON CRYPT

A new booklet has been produced by Richard Bailey and Chris Britton and is available to buy now from the Abbey Gift Shop for £2.



## THANK YOU - ART FOR FOOD

Chris Moss from the Carol Nunan Studio wanted to say thank you to everyone who supported the recent Art for Food event. The event raised **£417.18** for the Food Bank. So thank you to everyone who went along to support it.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church on Sunday 8th March will focus on Kindness and Friendship and how we can reach out to everyone and be part of making the world a better place. Activities will include: Bridge building, making friendship bracelets, emoji biscuits and exploring the 'ripple effect'. Come and join the fun from 3pm. Everyone welcome. Please tell your friends.



## THANK YOU

I am leaving my role feeling rather overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by all in my final week at the Abbey. Thank you for the flowers, vouchers and cards of warm wishes. It has been my privilege and delight getting to know you all and shall miss seeing you in the Parish Office. Wishing the Abbey all the very best for the future. Esther.



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

## VESTRY DESK



The Vergers plus Nigel Warner have been busy sprucing up the Vestry with a fresh lick of paint and some new furniture. The old Verger's desk is now seeking a new home! It is a modest sized wooden desk (70cm deep, 125cm wide) with three drawers attached down the right hand side. Would make for a great up-cycling project! Donations in the range of £20-£30 will all help towards the running costs of the Abbey. Please see Louise for further information or pop into the Parish Office.

## WEST NORTHUMBERLAND FOOD BANK



At the moment we have endless supplies of baked beans, pasta, tea and breakfast oats but are always short of long-life milk, tinned meat, tinned veg, breakfast cereals (other than cornflakes) and laundry powder. Please donate all that you are able.

## ABBAY RECIPE BOOK 2020



Many thanks to those of you who have contributed so far. We are beginning to compile your recipes. We still need more recipes but will give an update next week to let you know what specifically we are lacking. You can give recipes to Jill Hughes by email via [jillflute50@gmail.com](mailto:jillflute50@gmail.com) or leave at the Parish Office for collection. Final offerings by the Third Sunday in Lent please! This is a fundraising project with all proceeds going to the

Abbey.

## SERVICES ROTA

The Services Rota for April, May and June has been finalised and a copy has been pinned on the noticeboard outside of the Vestry. Please note the dates that you are supporting as a Reader, Intercessor or Lay Assistant.

## CREATIVE MEMORIES PROJECT

All are welcome to come and join in creating a textile based project to remember and celebrate loved ones who have died. A range of materials, resources and ideas are available to get started on creating your own contribution to this community project. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 2pm and 3.30pm in the Etheldreda Room of the Priory Buildings.



## MOTHERING SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA, Sun 22nd May

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. Everyone welcome, come and treat your loved ones on Mothering Sunday. Tickets are available to buy now from the Abbey Gift Shop.



## 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

We are looking at Psalm 107 in a series called 'Exploring God's Mercy' by Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. New members are welcome and can 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

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

Stan Beckensall will give an illustrated talk in the Prior's Hall 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.

## SILVER SCREEN, Thurs 27th Feb, 2.30pm

'The Lady Killers' (1955). Classic Ealing comedy. A gang of eccentric thieves rent a room from a sweet old lady. Staring Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers. Coffee, tea and cake in the North Transept. All are welcome, free screening but donations to Abbey funds are most welcome.



## POETRY & FAITH LENT 2020

A warm welcome to all poetry lovers! We shall be meeting for the Lent 2020 series on each Tuesday in March (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st) for an hour of readings and thoughtful discussion around 'Care for God's Creation', starting at 1pm in the Etheldreda room. For more information please contact: Mavis Ostler on 01434 600961.

## INVITATION TO No. 28, Tues 3rd March, 10am

We would like to extend an open invitation to all church members to join us at No 28 on Tuesday 3rd March between 10am-12.30pm. No 28 at 28 Derwent Road has served the community for over ten years and is offering an opportunity to find out more about Hexham East and what No 28 offers. There will be refreshments provided by residents as part of their Hexham Eats initiative (a monthly community drop in cafe), you will be able to explore the Community Garden and Men's Shed as well as finding out more about the Job Club, the weekly Credit Union Point which offers people an alternative to doorstep lenders and the various creative, confidence building activities.



## THE FOUR SEASONS, Sat 18th July, 7.30pm

The Four Seasons, a lute concerto by Vivaldi and a concerto by Corelli. Magdalena Loth-Hill and Simone Pirri, violin soloists, Sergio Bucheli, lute soloist, with the FIGO Ensemble and John Green, harpsichord. In aid of Friends of Hexham Abbey Music.

### Lunchtime Live

February 2020  
1.00pm - 1.45pm

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 PRAYER GROUP** meet each Thursday morning at 9.30am to pray together.

Please contact Barbara Rowarth via 01434 394204 with any prayer requests that you may have.

**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 23rd February 2020** 2<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd Janet Jackson
<b>Preacher</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham	<b>Reader</b>	Barbara Rowarth
<b>Readings</b>	Exodus 24:12-end, 2 Peter 1:16-end	<b>Intercesso</b>	James Arkless
<b>Congregational Setting</b>	Thorne <i>Mass of St Thomas</i>	<b>Hymns</b>	93 79 523 30
<b>Organ</b>	Ritchie <i>variations on Ratisbon</i>		
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Said Evening Prayer with Hymns</b>	<b>Officiant</b>	Rev'd Canon Nigel Warner
<b>Readings</b>	2 Kings 2:1-12, Matthew 17:1-23	<b>Reader</b>	Raymond Dance
		<b>Hymns</b>	392(vv1,2,6) 636

**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>Philip 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 (Said Eucharist)</b> <b>Tots' Praise</b> <b>Choral Evensong (Sung Eucharist)</b>	<i>Philip Cunningham</i> <i>Philip Cunningham</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>12.30pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Thanksgiving service for Derek Harris</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 1st March 2020** SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>President</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Abbey Praise</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd Michael Jackson
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd Canon Mary Warner
<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 18:9-14		
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Officiant</b>	Canon Philip Cunningham
<b>Readings</b>	Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end, Luke 15:1-10	<b>Reader</b>	Jason Robinson-Gay

**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:***

Rita Watson, Derek Harris

**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.**