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HEXHAM ABBEY NEWS

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Welcome to this week's pew sheet, which includes the wonderful news that the Abbey choirs are back (albeit outside only) this Sunday. Covid-19 restrictions decree that they still cannot sing in church, but they will gather in the Cloister after the 10am Eucharist on Sunday August 16th and 23rd. They have been rehearsing together weekly via Zoom, and occasionally together in gardens in the last four months, and their re-emergence outside after Sunday's morning service is great news. They are looking forward to singing for the Abbey congregation and the wider community, so please, whether you are a regular in church or not, come along and enjoy the beauty of their voices 11am-11.30am (approx.) on Sunday.

The Abbey, Refectory Café, Big Story exhibition and Abbey Shop are open seven days a week and, while they are buzzing with activity, we are able to provide the proper social distancing protocols to keep everyone safe.

For those who are still unable to leave home, we continue to worship via Zoom on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and keep in touch via this newsletter. Please do keep in touch via this newsletter, by phone, letter and social media.

And if you wish to receive Zoom logins and the pew sheet via email, do please let us know by emailing: admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk

WE ARE OPEN!

THE REFECTORY

Open 10am-4pm, eat in and take away. Socially distanced seating inside and outside. Afternoon tea in the Great Hall every Monday (booking required)

THE ABBEY SHOP

Open 11am-3pm seven days a week

THE BIG STORY EXHIBITION

Open 9am-4pm daily

THE ABBEY

Open 9am-4pm every day for prayer, worship and to visitors (the crypt remains closed)

• Morning prayer

In the Abbey: 9am Mon-Sat

• Sunday worship

In the Abbey: Eucharist 10am

Zoom: Morning Worship 11.45am

• Wednesday worship

In the Abbey: Eucharist 12noon

Zoom: Evensong 7.30pm

CONTACT

If you would like a friend at the Abbey to phone you, or if you know someone who would appreciate a regular phone call from an Abbey friend, please send contact details* via email to: admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk

**please obtain permission if you are emailing on behalf of someone else*

**For pastoral needs, please contact Rev'd David Glover
tel 07886 289 311, email rector@hexhamabbey.org.uk**

DONATIONS

The Abbey is dependent upon the generosity of congregants and visitors for funding and is suffering a huge drop in charitable donations due to lockdown. If you can help by offering a small donation, please do so via the QR code left, or here:

<https://www.hexhamabbey.org.uk/donate> Thank you!

FROM THE RECTOR



Hello everyone,

One of the things I have been so impressed by in our Abbey community over the last few weeks is how resilient, imaginative and hard working so many people have been in trying to keep Abbey life alive and kicking, despite these difficult times.

The café and shop staff have been brilliant in the way they have reopened, welcomed visitors and offered hospitality in new and creative ways. Our choirs have been sensational in the way they have put together hymns and anthems, despite singing remotely, and this has given a huge richness to our Zoom worship. The Stewards have shown a wonderful welcome to visitors and a real fortitude in coping with all the new demands. Our staff and Churchwardens have been amazing in the way they have worked to manage risk whilst enabling church life to resume again, albeit in a more limited way. People have been kept amused and informed by our amazing pew sheet. So many have shown concern for the vulnerable and kept in touch by phone. A great team has been gardening to keep the grounds looking lovely... I could go on and on! Such effort and commitment is the sign of a vibrant and committed community. I really do want to thank everybody for everything that you are doing, and also to encourage us to take heart from this deep desire to keep our community life alive and colourful. It is a sign of how much we value each other and treasure the things God has given to us.

A further example of our resilience and determination to keep things alive is that for the next three Sundays our choirs will be back in action – singing together, not remotely!

Unfortunately, they still can't sing in church, but they will be singing outside in the Cloister as we leave the 10am service on Sunday. This Sunday, it will be the boys and men. Please remember to socially distance, but do stay to listen to them if you can. And please forgive the odd wrong note – they haven't had a chance to practise together, but they will still be wonderful!

I very much look forward to seeing many of you at 10am on Sunday or on Zoom at 11.45am.

With every blessing, David



Coollest kids in town: Members of the Abbey choirs on tour in Majorca last October

We are recruiting choir members, particularly school-age boys and girls who will enjoy singing and socialising every week and the opportunity to go abroad on tour. No previous experience of singing or church required, fun and friendship guaranteed! **Enquire via email to: directorofmusic@hexhamabbey.org.uk**

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KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Please observe social distancing protocols and wear a face covering when visiting or worshipping in the Abbey. Thank you for using the hand sanitiser at the entrance (Market Place) and exit (Cloister).

If you are attending worship on Sunday 10am and Wednesday 12noon, please follow these protocols

- Worshippers are now advised to wear a face covering when they come to church.
- Please enter the Abbey from the Market Place entrance and use the hand sanitiser available.
- Please give your name and telephone number to a sidesperson when requested. We need to keep a record for 21 days of everyone who has been at the service in case there is a need to track and trace.
- If possible, print the order of service and bring it with you, or download it to your smartphone or tablet to use during the service. The order of service will be attached to the email sent out every Friday afternoon with the pew sheet. If this is not possible for you, a 'quarantined' booklet will be available.
- The sidespeople will direct you to a socially distanced seat in the Nave or the North Transept, ensuring that everyone is spaced out safely. Households can, of course, sit together.
- Communion will be by wafer only. Please hold out and cup your hands so that the wafer can be lightly dropped into them. The sidespeople will guide everyone during communion. The celebrant will wear a visor when distributing communion. Please feel free not to partake in communion if you prefer.

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THE WEEK IN PICTURES

The Abbey community continues to send news and updates for this newsletter, whilst some take tentative steps into the outside world again, and others remain shielded at home. Please send your thoughts, reflections, poems and photos to: admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk

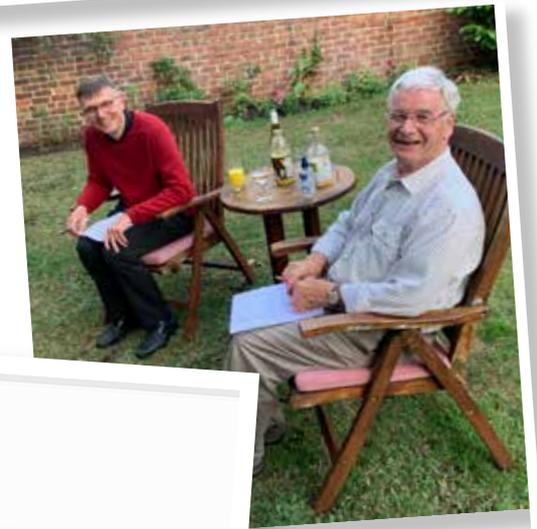


Westholme House Group:
Socially distanced get-togethers



Kirsty Wills: Face masks, £4.99 in the Abbey Shop!

Jane Pikett:
David and Richard take a relaxed approach to Standing Committee!



Sarah Loveland Photography on Facebook - do you know what this is?



And... our apologies to Janet Wormold for labelling her photo (left) last week Yellow Gentian. This is in fact Yellow Loosestrife - similar, but not the same (or is it? errr?)

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UNDER THE SUN

Outdoor festival heads to the Cloister

With the generous support of Hexham Town Council, we're very pleased to announce that a free nine-hour festival of live music and theatre will be staged in the grounds of the Abbey at the end of the month.

The day will kick off at noon on August 29th with a presentation of the love poetry of Shakespeare by Elysium Theatre. From 1pm a host of acts take to the stage on the Cloister Lawn, led by the brilliant Hex Pistols and their cheeky brand of popular tunes sung a cappella.

Singers and bands will perform short sets of original music into the evening and there's something for everyone - folk, pop, bluegrass and more.

Abbey Events Manager Jez Light, who has now bounced back to work part-time following a lengthy furlough, says: "We've been overwhelmed by how much positivity there has been from the artistic community towards the idea of getting back out on stage to perform to the people of Hexham. There have been no egos, plenty of great ideas and a real sense of community from everyone involved, both on stage and behind the scenes. I think this will be a very special day." All are welcome at this free family event. Do bring your own chairs and enjoy the bar and on-site barbecue, or bring your own picnic.

Please note, the event won't be ticketed, so you may have to wait for a spot during busy periods.

Every precaution will be taken regarding Covid-19 and social distancing and huge thanks go to our friends at Core Music, Queen's Hall and Hexham Community Partnership for their support and advice.

Date: Saturday August 29th • Time: 12 noon-9pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Would you like to volunteer at this event? We require:

Socially distanced stewards and front of house team members to pass on information, offer hand sanitiser, and show groups to spaces on the lawn.

Covid-19 Champions: To ensure people are sitting far enough away from each other!

Groupies(!): To look after the acts and make sure they are where they need to be.

To volunteer, email Jez Light: events@hexhamabbey.org.uk

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UNDER THE SUN
SAT 29
AUGUST

LIVE ON STAGE
In Order of Appearance:
12noon: Elysium Theatre presents
Shakespeare and Love
...then from 1.00pm: Live Music from
The Hex Pistols
Calum Tordoff
EnCore
Ian K Brown
Chris Kelly
The Cherry Pickers
Lauren Simms
Five Men No Dog
Elle Sunderland
Pete Ward & Friends
Sam Shields
The Cherry Pickers

A FREE CELEBRATION OF MUSIC, THEATRE & SUNSHINE ON THE CLOISTER LAWN OF HEXHAM ABBEY

- 12-9PM • FREE ENTRY • BAR & BBQ OR BRING A PICNIC
- MINI CROQUET ON THE LAWN • ICE CREAMS • POPCORN
- GROUPS OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE • BRING YOUR OWN SEATING

See www.hexhamabbey.org.uk for more details. Spaces are unreserved and un-ticketed. Organised by Hexham Abbey with funding and support from Hexham Town Council, Hexham Community Partnership, Core Music and Queen's Hall.

ARCHDEACON APPOINTED



Bishop Christine announced this week that the Rev'd Prebendary Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves will be the next Archdeacon of Lindisfarne. Catherine, 52, is currently vicar at St Barnabas and St Peter's in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and Prebendary of Wells Cathedral, and takes over from the Venerable Peter Robinson, who earlier this year moved to become Dean of Derby. The appointment comes at an exciting time for the Diocese of Newcastle as it continues with its vision of inspiring growth in worshipping communities across Northumberland, which are struggling with the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

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A REFLECTION ON OUR NEW REALITY



Bridget Hewitt writes...

In the Abbey a couple of Sundays ago, I was sitting in the North Transept, looking up at the Night Stair. Memories flooded in, and with them a sense of loss, sadness, grief. That longing - that I guess comes to us all in one or other way from time to time - that we wake up from this 'bad dream' and find ourselves back in the familiar 'normal-as-it-was'.

But of course it is not a bad dream – it is reality. It is life as it is now. And it is not that I necessarily want to, or think we should, go back to the old normal. '*Behold I am doing a new thing*': God's eternal words to us, surely. Something new will I am sure arise. But that doesn't take away the sadness at what is lost.

We were saying the Lord's Prayer. '*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.*' The words sprang out at me. Who, I asked myself, has sinned against us?

Who has driven us to this strange state of massive change?

There could perhaps be all sorts of answers to that question, but the thought that came to me, powerfully, was IT IS US THAT HAS SINNED AGAINST US. We have created this state of affairs by our way of life. We are all part of the interconnected world, and we are all part of the lifestyles and expectations that, particularly as citizens of the better-off parts of the world, we have come to expect as our birth right. We are part of the 21st Century wasteful, selfish, all-expectations-met way of life that had come to seem so normal.

Yes, some of us were aware that something was amiss. But we still expected to be able to be part of the edifice that, together, we had created. Perhaps at times we felt we were indeed on a moving staircase that we were unable to get off... and yet, we were certainly part of it.

And so: '*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.*'

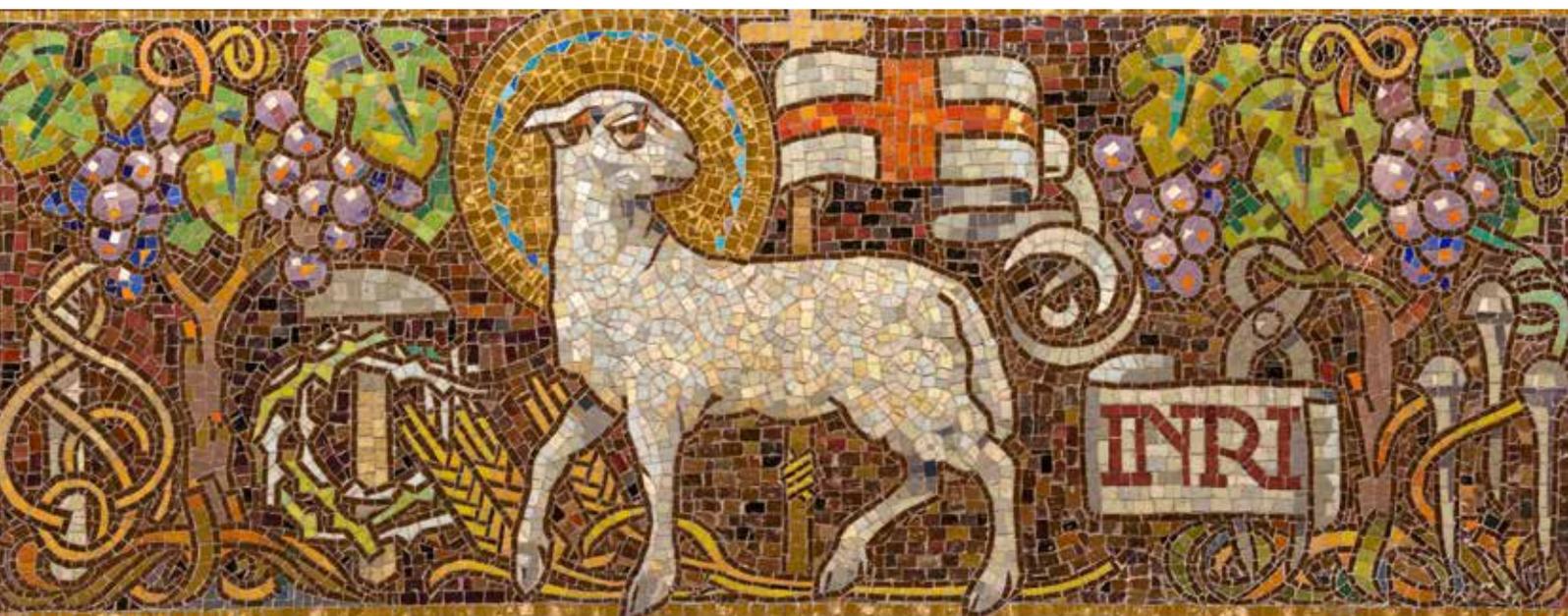
It seems to me that perhaps there is indeed something about finding ways to forgive ourselves for our part in the ways of life that are unsustainable for our planet.

And then – suddenly there we were saying the next words: *Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...* etc. Who is this 'lamb of God'? I asked myself.

The sacrificed lamb, in Jewish tradition... Carried over into Christian understanding as Jesus, the crucified saviour... Sacrificial love: THAT, it came to me, is the only way.

Sacrificial love is the only way to take on that forgiveness of sin that will bring us to life.

What does that mean for us now? What does that mean for me, now? As we move into the future, what is sacrificial love? I don't have answers!



Mosaic depicting the Lamb of God at The Basilica of St Peter and St Paul, Prague

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SMALL STEPS

Rev'd Canon Mary Warner writes...

Not long before lockdown restrictions were beginning to be lifted, someone sent me a link to a reflective prayer on "Living life to the full in lockdown" from Jesuit Spirituality.

It was helpful, and working through the meditation one thing I noted as a blessing of lockdown was seeing what happens to the environment when large parts of the human world stop. Then I noted the desire to live in such a way as to reduce my negative impact on the environment. Now is the time to begin to try and live out that wish.

In last Sunday's sermon, I spoke about how the Gospel was encouraging us all to take small steps in response to the pandemic and the things it is teaching us about us and the world. I wondered if we might find a way to talk together about our ideas for a step to help. It is hard when we cannot gather after worship for a coffee and chat, but I would be happy to try and set up a virtual group or another means of meeting depending on numbers.

If you are interested and do not already have my email address or phone number, please email Lucy Terry at

admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk

and she will pass your details to me.

I look forward to hearing from you!



THE PLANT STALL RETURNS!



A reminder...

The Abbey plant stall returns to the Cloister on Saturday August 22nd, 9am–1.30pm. If you have plants to donate towards the stall, or plants ready for autumn division that you can readily bring forward, your support would be greatly appreciated. Plants can be

dropped off with Sheila Dance, tel 607 335 or Fiona Finnon, tel 601 347 (please don't leave donations in the Abbey) and plant collection can be arranged with Lesley Middleton tel 602 018. We have plenty of plant pots, thank you! **Cash only on the day.**

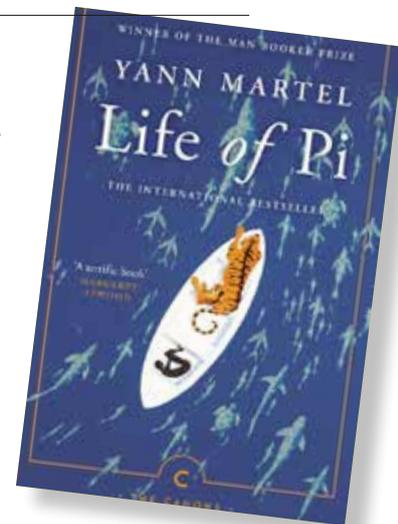
BOOK STALL CALL

Abbey Fundraising Manager Cath Newson writes...

Reflecting on Mary Warner's sermon last Sunday, I began to ponder ways in which I had survived the Covid storm and been sustained during lockdown. With all the additional free time, I returned to reading for pleasure. One book I re-read

that seemed particular relevant was Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*, which describes the journey of a Pi Patel, a multi-faith believer. Following a shipwreck in the Pacific Ocean, the book describes Pi's struggles during an epic 227-day journey in the company of a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. His beliefs and faith sustain him throughout the journey; caring for the tiger gives his life purpose and meaning. Just as he is about to give up hope, he succumbs to the will of God, when his raft drifts ashore and he is finally rescued.

Abbey volunteers are planning to hold a second hand book stall later this year. We would welcome donations of good quality new or used books, both fiction and non-fiction, for all ages. Thanks to Mary Illingworth, Judi Singleton and Paul and Dot Glendinning for their donations. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Centre. Thank you!



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THE HATTER'S PLAGUE

More illuminating insights into the rich and varied history of Hexham from our own

Dr Mimi Wimsey...

The expression *Mad as a Hatter* has an historical basis. In the past, hat makers used a compound containing mercury, which is not good for the brain, and exposure to it made hatters go totally George the Third.

In 1806, when the people of Hexham suffered an outbreak of verbal tics, mercury was found in the water supply. Suspicion fell on Bernard George Hopper of Hopper's Toppers in Priestpottle, who had disposed of waste materials in the reservoir. He confessed, but claimed that he was under the influence of the full moon and was a werewolf at the time of the offence.

The Methodists, who drank tea and coffee rather than alcohol, were worst affected. Reverend Ezekiel Merrytrouser began abbreviating everything he said, beginning a sermon with: "*Beloved bros and sissies, today's reading asks us to consid – who is my neigh? Is it the woman who looks after your cat when you're on hols, or the chap who chats over the fen? Or is it, as in the story of the Good Sam, the strange bleeding in the gut?*" As a result, the sermon lasted only 45 minutes and the congregation demanded a refund.

The following week, local preacher Bertie Clark introduced himself as *Clartie Berk* and preached on the story of *Roses and the Mossing of the Said Ree*. "*Moses was rot always night,*" he said. "*Like Moses, we all have our mailings and our ferrets. What are your mailings and your ferrets?*" He also referred to the organist, Mrs Beverley Lumb, as *Mrs Leverley Bum*. She never recovered.

Worse was to come. From simple tips of the slung, the residents of Hexham started talking absolute badgers. Chaos followed. Fresher Fred the Greengrocer advertised parsnips at

Suspect: Was Bernard George Hopper, respected hatmaker and occasional werewolf, the source of the infamous Hatter's Plague?

four for half a pound of tuppenny rice and mangelwurzels for a song of sixpence. The Mayor was asked to do something. He said that he would lend a setter to the Duke of Northlumberband, but as he addressed it to *His Percyship the Dupe*, it was not well received. The situation was only rescued when Fentimans flushed out the water supply with rose lemonade and the population was left with nothing worse than hiccups.

But has the water supply ever been completely uncontaminated? Local Methodist Rev Tony Pony doesn't think so. "There must still be some traces of it," he said. "Now and again my wife and I are having a normal conversifiddle, then we start talking a load of nasturtiums."

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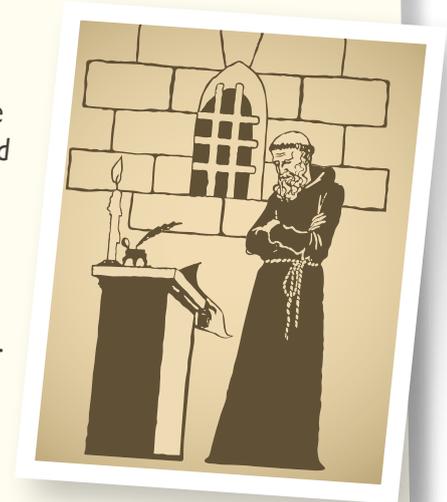
FROM THE TOTS' PRAISE TEAM: ST. WILFRID

Wilfrid was a bright Northumbrian boy with rich parents. He loved learning, so he went to the Island of Lindisfarne to study and become a monk. Some of the monks loved the quietness of Lindisfarne, where they had simple wooden churches and little huts to live in.

But Wilfrid wanted more; he looked out at the sea and wished he could travel across it. Another monk was planning a journey to meet Christians in France and Italy. He needed a companion to go with him - somebody clever and ready for adventure. Wilfrid was delighted to be chosen. They went to France then Rome, and Wilfrid was amazed at what he saw there. "The churches are huge beautiful buildings, made of stone!" he said. "They're painted white with pictures on the walls, and sometimes there's another little church called a crypt downstairs. There's always something special down there, the bones of a saint or something like that in a gold box, and people come from all over Europe just to be there! And if you're a priest they think you're really important."

Wilfrid was invited to stay in France, but he decided at last to go home to Northumberland. King Oswald had died and his brother Oswy was king. Oswy wanted Wilfrid to be the bishop and organise the Northumbrian church. Wilfrid liked organising people. He also had to advise the king. Wilfrid liked giving advice and Oswy didn't like taking it, but they just about managed to work together. All the time, Wilfrid hoped that one day he would get the chance to build a church as beautiful as the ones in Rome and France. "My church will be the best in England, and there will be monks living there and singing lovely music to God," he thought. "There will be a crypt, and people will come from all over the country to visit it."

"You're always going on about your church," said Oswy. "We have other things to think about. My son Ecgrith is 14 and we need to get him married. We need a Christian princess for him. Where can we find one?"



Next week, we'll find out what happened!

Did Wilfrid get his church? Did they find a princess for Prince Ecgrith?



QUIZ!

After reading the story, can you remember...

A. Where Wilfrid lived?

.....

B. Which countries he visited?

.....

C. What Wilfrid wanted to build?

.....

* The answers are underneath (don't peek!)

WORD SCRAMBLE!

Use the story to unscramble these words...

flidwir

woys

gethcrif

creafn



* The answers are at the bottom of the page (don't peek!)



Answers: Wilfrid Oswy Ecgrith France

Answers: A Lindisfarne • B France and Italy • C A church



**ST WILFRID WAS A MONK ON LINDISFARNE...
YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN MONK USING:**

- The inside of a kitchen roll
- A paper bag • White paper • Glue stick
- A black felt tip • Black wool



Tots' Prayer

May the love of Jesus
hold us.
May the love of Jesus
keep us.
May the love of Jesus
guide us.
May the love of Jesus
protect us.
Until we meet again!



LET'S SING!

Sing this to 'Doo da, doo da day'

*Wilfrid went to Lindisfarne, Lindisfarne,
Lindisfarne.*

*Wilfrid went to Lindisfarne, long,
long ago...*

*There he learned to be a monk, to be a
monk, to be a monk.*

*There he learned to be a monk, long,
long ago...*

*Wilfrid sailed to France and Rome,
France and Rome, France and Rome.
Wilfrid sailed to France and Rome, long,
long ago...*

*That made him want to build a church, a
special church, a special church.*

*That made him want to build a church,
long, long ago...*



**See you again next
week! With much
love from Judi,
Margi and Lynne.
God loves and cares
for us all! xxx**

FROM THE CLERGY

This pew sheet carries reflections from our clergy every week, while the Church of England's free phonenumber at 0800 844 844 offers daily hymns, prayers and reflections.

If you, or someone you know, would welcome prayers from the Abbey community and clergy, please let us know via email (*ensuring, if you are making a request for someone else that you have their permission*) at: admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk



**Our prayers are with all who are ill and those who fear for them,
for those who have died and those who grieve.**

**This week, we pray particularly for: David Robertson, Winston Bell, Sheila Knopf,
and Rev'd Canon Philip Cunningham, whose ministry continues despite illness.**

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible reading

Isaiah 56. 1. 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.



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The Gospel

St. Matthew 15.21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,
'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'
But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying,
'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'
He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'
But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'
He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'
She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'
Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'
And her daughter was healed instantly.

PSALM 90

God's Eternity and Human Frailty A Prayer of Moses, the man of God

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us back to dust, and say,
"Turn back, you mortals."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in
the night.

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is
due you.

12 So teach us to count our days that we may
gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your
steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be
glad all our days.

15 Make us glad as many days as you have
afflicted us, and as many years as we have
seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon
us, and prosper for us the work of our hands -
O prosper the work of our hands!

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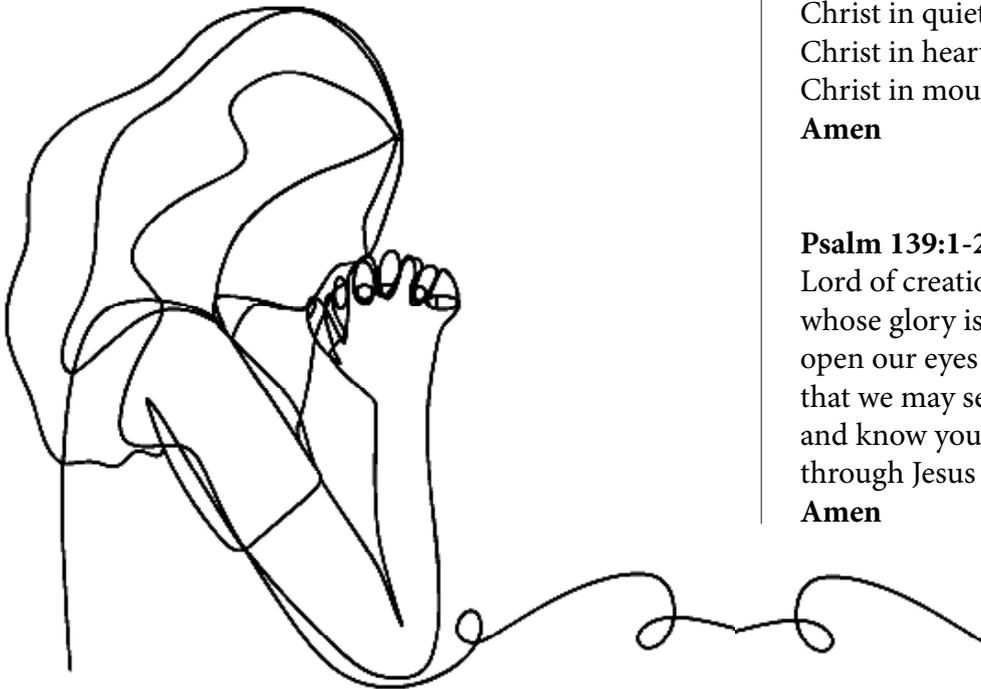
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PRAYERS

The Collect, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen

Psalm 139:1-2

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR THE BEREAVED

With the number of people allowed to attend funerals still restricted, the Church of England website provides a short reflection which you may wish to use at home on the day of a funeral you cannot attend. To access the reflection, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/rw4pfvo>

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38-39



Light a candle to remember someone You can light a virtual candle online as a means to pray for the deceased and those who grieve here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycjvujth>

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WORSHIP AT HOME

Join the Church of England for its weekly online service, streamed each Sunday at 9am, and click here for a list of resources: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Archbishops Justin and Stephen encourage all of us to tune into TV and radio worship, including:

- Daily Service, 9.45am Mon-Fri, BBC Radio 4 Longwave
- Sunday Worship, 8.10am Sunday, BBC Radio 4
- Choral evensong, BBC Radio 3 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tp7r>

For details of streamed services from Newcastle Cathedral go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybb995tm>



Word Live from Scripture Union offers a daily Bible passage and associated reflections. It's also linked to a Facebook page where you can discuss your thoughts about reading, and you can sign up for a daily email. <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive>



Pray as you Go offers a short (10-12 min) daily audio act of prayer and worship, available online or as a tablet and smartphone app. It includes music and pictures to help you pray and reflect on a Bible passage. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>



The official website of the **Anglican Communion** offers a range of resources for worship at home, including the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/>



Diocese of Newcastle Family Worship on YouTube every Sunday provides materials for families wishing to worship from home. Click here to access these lovely stories: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61ttucJfsJo>



Faith in Kids is packed with resources, including Bible readings, prayers, and children's experiences in faith. There's masses here to do at home, including daily live family Bible devotions. Find it here: <https://faithinkids.org>



The Kitchen Table Project is a movement of parents, carers and churches sharing ideas to inspire lasting faith in children. In addition to its website resources, it has a YouTube channel and you can sign up for a monthly email newsletter. <https://kitchentable.org.uk/>

HEXHAM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

This unique collaboration of local organisations co-ordinates assistance for vulnerable people in Hexham.

Want to help? Call 01434 609 575 or email admin@hexhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

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