

12 May 2024

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HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET
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Hexham Abbey Flower Festival: Sponsorship Opportunity

On the last weekend of July (25–28 July), the Abbey will be hosting a Flower Festival as part of our 1350th anniversary celebrations. The theme will be The Northern Saints, and flower groups from churches and clubs from around the county will be reflecting the lives of our great saints in imaginative and creative flower exhibits and arrangements. We hope that it will be a joyful weekend and that a great number of people will visit the Abbey to see the festival.

The Abbey would be delighted if individuals or businesses were able to sponsor these wonderful arrangements. Are you able to support us?

If you're interested in sponsoring one of our displays, please pick up one of our sponsorship leaflets from the Abbey for further details, or speak to Lucy in the Parish Office.



Plant Sale

The annual plant sale will take place on the **Cloister Lawn on Saturday 25 May from 9am.**

Donations of annuals, perennials, shrubs, herbs, vegetables and house plants can be brought to the Parish Office on Friday 24 May, after lunch, ready for pricing.

If collection is required, you can contact Lesley (602018) or Sheila (607335). The Annual Plant Sale is a fundraising event for Hexham Abbey PCC.

The Poetry of Stan Beckensall

FRIDAY 10 MAY, 7PM, HEXHAM ABBEY

We are delighted to host a reading of some of Stan Beckensall's most-loved poems, chosen from his four published books. These will be read by some of his dear friends here at the Abbey, and the evening will be free to attend, with any donations welcome for Hexham Abbey PCC. There will be an interval and a bar available on the evening and we hope lots of you will join in for a lovely evening. No need to book, just come along!

Update on Abbey Windows

The Wailes window above the flower corner was re-instated by Iona Glass this week. The second Wailes window in the South Choir Aisle will be removed on 21 May, taken to the workshop for flattening out, re-leading where required, and protecting with EPG. We hope that this work will be completed early August. We are very grateful that this work is being funded through grants from Northumbria Historic Churches Trust and Hexham Abbey Restoration Trust.

No Place of Safety:

Working for Reconciliation in the Holy Land

The Abbey is privileged to be hosting a dramatic reading of Johanna Alberti's play *No Place of Safety* in a few weeks' time. As a member of the Ecumenical Accompaniment programme run by the World Council of Churches, Johanna has extensive first-hand experience of the fraught situation in the Holy Land, and in her play she invites audiences to reflect on the witness of those who have been working tirelessly for reconciliation. One such voice is Robi Damelin who encourages us that 'while words alone cannot mend the wounds or bring back the lives lost, they can serve as a reminder of our collective responsibility to end this cycle of violence'.

The dramatic reading of *No Place of Safety* will take place in the Abbey on **Friday, 17 May, at 6pm**, and will be followed by a discussion with Johanna. This event is free (but ticketed!); donations are warmly encouraged: these will go towards the work of Medical Aid of Palestine and the work of the Abbey. You can book your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey>

Flowers in Memory of...

This week's flowers are donated by Chris Thorpe in memory of her brother whose birthday would have been 14 May.

Website Trouble

Some of you will have noticed that our website is currently inaccessible. We are working hard to get this fixed, but it is proving to be rather more complicated than we thought. We much hope to get the website back up and running again for you by next week!

The Muppet Movie

SATURDAY 18 MAY, 3PM, CHOIR STALLS

Join us for the next screening in our series of Muppet films in the Choir Stalls. This time, we will be showing the very first Muppet Movie (1979), with Kermit and his friends setting out on an adventure to Hollywood. As always, there will be popcorn and ice-cream galore, and muppets of any age (old and young!) are very welcome!



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers: Jenda Harbottle, Ian Darley, Ida Gouch, Philip Hobson, Joyce Porter, Sophie, Sharon Dixon, Frances Franklin, and Susan Davies

Those who have died and those who mourn: Ken Lee

Please also pray for all the children and staff at Hexham Priory School and all being home-schooled.

Please also pray for Mary Carson and her family as they prepare for her baptism this weekend.

CONTACT US

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Youth Church

We had a very busy Cloister Club this week, with a baptism! We learned a bit about Jesus ascending to heaven too.

At Tots' Praise, we took another look at Feeding the Five Thousand with an amazing story-bag from the Religious Resources Centre (ask one of the Youth Church Team for more information on these!). We also learned about Jesus going up into the clouds.

Acca Exhibition SATURDAY 4 MAY – SUNDAY 2 JUNE

Celebrating the Anglo-Saxon heritage of our ancient church, we go in search of an early Anglo-Saxon Bishop Saint called Acca. This exhibition, organized by Abbey conservation volunteers, has been inspired by the magnificent stone-carved monumental cross attributed to Acca in circa 720–30, which is situated near the main entrance in the South Transept. Our research into the history of the Cross has led us to look for the man, Acca, and his place in the history of this place. We hope you enjoy what we have discovered so far. In addition to the exhibition, we have activities for children and adults to enjoy, including an Anglo-Saxon Trail to discover our Anglo-Saxon treasures, a fun 'Battle King' game, and a meditative 'labyrinth' activity based upon the vine-scroll carvings on Acca's Cross.

Silver Screen for Dementia Action Week

THURSDAY 16 MAY, 1.30PM, PRIORS' HALL

Our Silver Screen Team will be hosting a one-off special screening of *Singin' in the Rain* for Dementia Action Week. This Dementia Friendly event will be held in The Priors' Hall, with refreshments and information on dementia available from 1.30pm, for a 2pm film start time. Everyone is welcome to come along!

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DIRECTOR MARK EDWARDS

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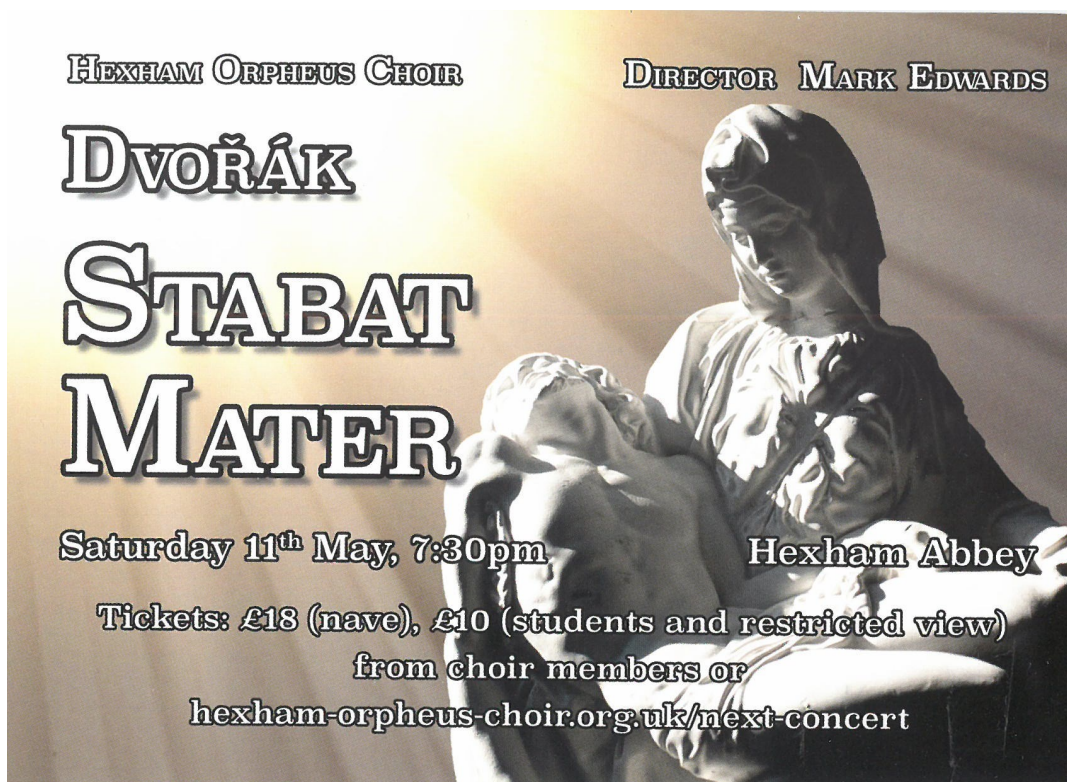
Saturday 11th May, 7:30pm

Hexham Abbey

Tickets: £18 (nave), £10 (students and restricted view)

from choir members or

hexham-orpheus-choir.org.uk/next-concert



Sunday 12 May 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.15am	Holy Communion	Readings	Acts 1.15–17, 21–end; John 17.6–19
10am	Parish Eucharist (<i>St Andrew</i>)	Readings	John 17.6–11
Intercessor	Chorister	Reader	Chorister
12.30pm	Baptism of Mary Carson		
6.30pm	Revive		

Tuesday 14 May 2024 ST MATTHIAS

12noon	Holy Communion	Readings	Acts 1.15–end; John 15.9–17
Intercessor	Rachael Haywood Smith	Reader	Rachael Haywood Smith

IN THE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Monday 13 May	9am	Morning Prayer
	4.45pm	Christian Meditation
Tuesday 14 May	9am	Morning Prayer
	12noon	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 15 May	9am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Tots' Praise
	3pm	GiFT (David's Group)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 16 May	9am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 17 May	9am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Funeral Service: Ken Lee
	6pm	No Place of Safety (<i>free tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey</i>)
Saturday 18 May	3pm	The Muppet Movie

Sunday 19 May 2024 PENTECOST

10am	Parish Eucharist (<i>St Wilfrid</i>)	Readings	Acts 2.1–21; John 15.26–27; 16.4b–15
Intercessor	Stephen Brown	Readers	Maureen Chapman; James Arkless
12.30pm	Baptism of Zion Kennedy		
3pm	Messy Church		
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Readings	Ezekiel 36.22–28; Acts 2.22–38