

17th January
2021

HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends

I was so encouraged last Sunday morning when so many logged onto the Zoom service. It had been such a painful decision not to continue with live worship because I know how important and precious it is to come together for worship and fellowship. But seeing you all on Zoom, and having that sense of connectedness which Zoom enables, was a real boost and I hope others found that too. I look forward to seeing many of you again on Sunday at 10am.

Over this next week I am planning to put together a project for how we might do some bible study and fellowship via Zoom, particularly as Lent approaches. I am thinking about picking up biblical themes around "wilderness" which seem to speak powerfully into our present time. In the scriptures, wilderness experiences are incredibly challenging but also moments of great revelation and renewal. For many of us this present time feels like a wilderness and perhaps alongside the really tough experiences we're going through we might also discern the voice of God speaking to us and leading us to new pastures.

I hope you have a good weekend and please remember that if you need any support or would just value a conversation, I would be delighted to hear from you and you can contact me on 07886289311.

Every blessing

David

PASTORAL CARE

We all handle being at home, placed under restrictions and having our movements restricted differently. For some, we know this helps you to feel safe and being at home makes you feel as such, for others we know this can be isolating and lonely. Please remember we have a Pastoral Care Group who are more than happy to reach out to those in need at any time, but particularly now. If you feel you or someone you know would benefit from a phone call, a chat, some shopping, a Zoom call or any other form of support, please let us know. You can reach out to Lucy in the office on admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk or David on rector@hexhamabbey.org.uk.

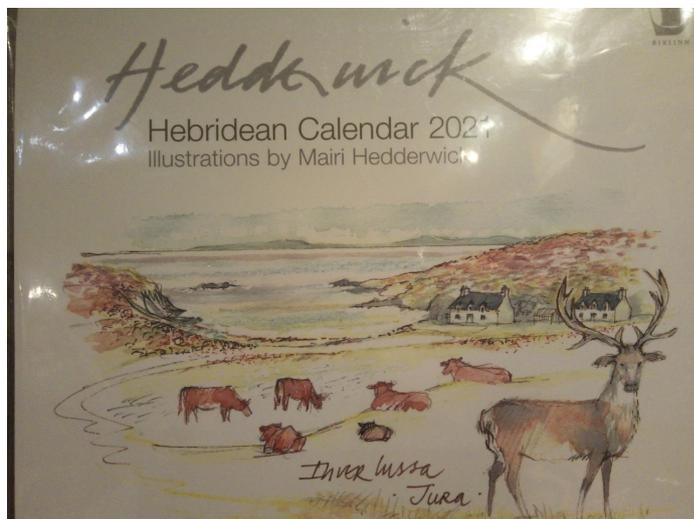


Parish Office: 01434 602031 or admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk.

In the case of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev'd David Glover on 07886 289311.

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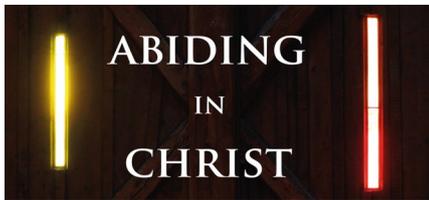
The shop sadly missed out on the opportunity to tempt you all with a January sale bargain! As such, we have some lovely 2021 diaries and calendars up for grabs. They are usually some of our best sellers! If you'd like to get your hands on one, we are just asking for a contribution of your choosing, at a minimum of £1 per item. Please let Owen know if you would like one and arrange collection by emailing him on gm@hexhamabbey.org.uk. Here are some images of what we have



For your prayers

We pray for those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers: Mary Miller, Ron Lane

We pray for all those who have died and all those who mourn: Doris Kellie, James Armstrong, Gordon Hughes Winston Bell, Olwyn Kirkby, Jennifer Marenk and Betty Kennedy, Colin Dallison



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Although there is no ecumenical service planned due to Covid restrictions the daily prayer meetings are still taking place at 12.30pm, Monday 18th - Friday 22nd January via Zoom.

The link to each meeting is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81137339216?pwd=MFUyL0FRdzBUaWFIVkIPYVRBWVBZUT09>

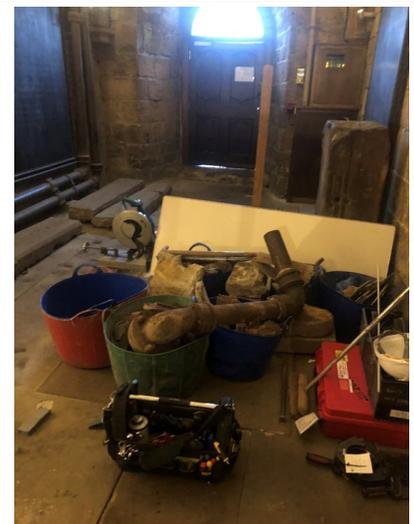
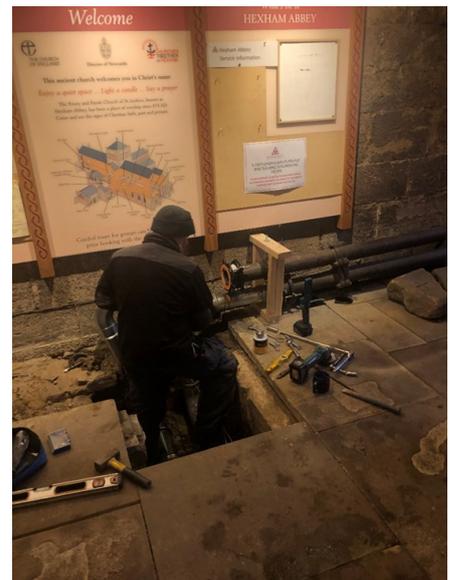
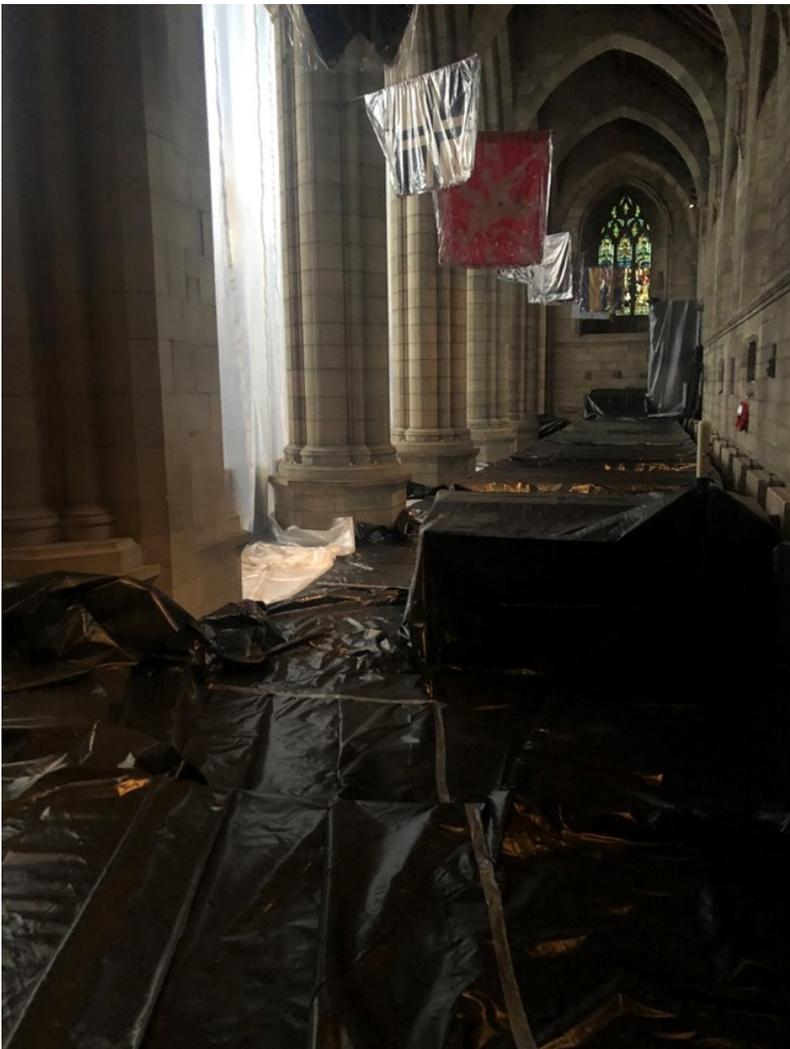
Meeting ID: 811 3733 9216 Passcode: 499120

Each meeting will be led by one of our church leaders or representatives and will be using resources prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland which can be downloaded from [here](#) if you wish.

ABBEY UPDATES!

Lead Verger, Lou continues to update us on how things are looking inside the Abbey:

Works are well and truly underway! Anything at risk inside the abbey has now been covered up and packed away until April. It's been a chilly one within the Abbey this week as a major pipe in the slype has been getting some TLC and a few new parts to ensure that we're all toasty warm when we can all meet again. I've found the stillness and silence of the Abbey to be reflective over these last few days – to be thankful for the good news of the vaccine and to be hopeful of things to come.





HEXHAM HOLIDAY CLUB JANUARY 2021 UPDATE

A short message from the team at HHC:

Warm greetings to you all!

We embark into 2021 with much uncertainty, but with a faithful God, who walks as closely with us as we let Him. He is our rock, our shield, our hope.

This year's 'Wastewatchers' theme speaks of partnering with almighty God to see transformation in our own lives and in creation. Thank you God!

Please pray for the following:

- We desperately need a Treasurer.
- Engaging with families in the coming months.
- Summer plans.
- New Team Leader to take over from Tim.

We love to hear from you - holidayclubhexham@gmail.com

Have you visited the new website yet? Hexham Holiday Club - Homehexhamholidayclub.org.uk

In Fun, Friendship & Faith,
Alison and Tim



COLIN DALLISON

We are sad to inform you that Colin Dallison has passed away this week. Hugh Dixon writes of him:

"Colin passed away this week accompanied by his daughters in the Freeman Hospital. Some may not know that Colin celebrated (as far as circumstances allowed) his 90th Birthday on 2nd May last year. Not long before that he had presented to the Abbey his extensive records relating to the Abbey and Hexham town in general. Amongst many other things Colin was a founding member of the Conservation Advisory Group and, despite increasing difficulty in getting about, remained most interested in its activities. Colin's daughter, Jenny, wishes to pass on thanks to those who knew Colin for his friendship over the years."

If anyone would like to contact Jenny directly, they can contact the Parish Office where we can pass your details on.

Sunday 17th January 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.00am	Zoom Worship	President	Rev'd David Glover
Preacher	Rev'd Canon Michael Jackson	Readers	John Robinson and Bridget Hewitt
Readings	1 Samuel 3.1-20, John 1.43 - end	Intercessor	Bridget Hewitt

Wednesday 20th January

7.00pm	Zoom Worship	President	Rev'd David Glover
Preacher	Rev'd David Glover	Readers	William Tyson
Readings	Mark 2.23 - end	Intercessor	Raymond Dance

RESOURCES

The Church of England online has a space where you can light a virtual candle and make space to pray. Follow this link and it will take you through the steps: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

Time to Pray is a free app, available from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. It provides everything you need to pray through the day, taking into account day of week and seasons of the church's year. Time to pray is also now a podcast, where you can listen along for 10 minutes or so. Everything you need will be on the app or follow this link for more information: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Reflection for Daily Prayer app provides reflections based on the Lectionary readings from leading Anglican writers, ministers and theologians. It is £12.99 and available from your App Store.

**Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,
understood people's fear and pain
before they spoke of them,
we pray for those in hospital;
surround the frightened with your tenderness;
give strength to those in pain;
hold the weak in your arms of love,
and give hope and patience
to those who are recovering;
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**