



Sunday  
19 December  
Advent 4

HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET  
VOLUNTEERS ~ CONGREGATION ~ STAFF



## FROM THE RECTOR:

Hello everyone!

This Sunday is the last in this wonderful season of Advent as we reflect on Mary and her great hymn – Magnificat. And then we turn our hearts and minds to the celebration of Christmas. Although we are still far from a *normal* Christmas this year, I hope that our celebrations and our worship in the Abbey will be joyful and deeply meaningful.

On Sunday afternoon, 19 December, we have our Messy Church Christingle which is specially for children and their families. We will begin at 3pm with the making of Christingles before lighting them during a short but joyful service. This event is not ticketed and everyone is welcome. Our Carol services on Wednesday and Thursday evening and our Christmas Eve Crib Services are ticketed. If you have taken tickets and do not now intend to come, please could you return them to the Parish Office because we have a waiting list of people who would like tickets. Our Christmas services at 11pm on Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas morning are not ticketed and everyone is welcome.

I am so looking forward to seeing many of you over the next week or so. We are working hard to ensure that worshipping in the Abbey will be as safe as possible. Together, I am sure, we will enable our worship and fellowship to be joyful and truly uplifting.

Much love, David

## Looking for family fun or a space to be still?

Join us for festive fun at Hexham Abbey!  
Refreshments available after the service.

## QUIET HOUR

21 DECEMBER, 4.30PM

**Feeling under the weather, overwhelmed by the Christmas jollity, or struggling with bereavement?**

Whatever is on your mind — the Abbey is the perfect space to step back from it all and find some peace.

All are welcome to come to the Abbey to pray, light candles, or simply sit back and relish the building's beautiful peace during our **QUIET HOUR** on Tuesday, 21 December, between 4.30pm and 5.30pm. Do come along and join us for as long or as short as you like!

**Upcoming pewsheets:** Next week's pewsheet will be the last one of 2021, with the first pewsheet of 2022 planned for 7 January. You will find further information about the Abbey's opening hours and services over the Christmas period in this week's pewsheet and on the website.

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Anyone wanting to make a contribution to flowers in the Abbey over Christmas can do so by using the Gift Aid envelopes in the Abbey. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas flowers' and place it in one of the donations boxes in the Abbey. The Flower Team do a wonderful job of making the Abbey look beautiful all year round; we look forward to seeing flowers over the coming week.

## HEXHAM CHRISTMAS EVENTS—LAST FEW!

**Saturday 18 December** Musica Reservata, concert with John Green and Sergio Bucheli; 6pm;  
tickets at <https://www.queenshall.co.uk/events/musica-reservata>

**Monday 20 December** Family Nativity Trail, run by Hexham Holiday Club (free); 2–4pm (come at any time), starting from the Abbey

**For those unable to attend our Carol and Christmas Services in person, these services will be live-streamed:**

23 December, 6pm	Carol Service
24 December, 11pm	Midnight Mass
25 December, 10am	Christmas Day Eucharist
26 December, 10am	Parish Eucharist



### LIVESTREAM CHANNEL:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqzbz6FscxA33nX7kdUcGXyQ>

## COVID RESTRICTIONS REMINDER

It is now mandatory (unless exempt) to wear masks in the Abbey and the Exhibition Centre, as measures have been tightened in a bid to slow the spread of the latest variant.

The Parish Office remains closed to visitors to minimise non-essential contact. If you need to contact staff or clergy, please try to do so by phone or email. If essential, you call always ring the doorbell and staff will pop out to see you!

**Hexham Nativity Trail**  
2-5pm  
20th December

Come and discover the story of Christmas, following a trail around Hexham as a family.  
Start at Hexham Abbey from 2pm.

### SUSTAINABLE FAIR — POSTPONED

It is with great regret that the Sustainable Fair planned for this weekend has been postponed to the new year.

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL AND HEXHAM ABBEY  
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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
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## OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

Please note that the **Abbey** will close its door for a well-deserved Christmas rest after our Sunday morning Eucharist on 26 December, and will remain **closed on Monday, 27 December**. The Abbey will re-open at 10am on Tuesday, 28 December, for our usual Tuesday lunchtime Eucharist (12noon), but will close at 2pm that day. The Abbey will then be open between 10am and 4pm from Wednesday to Saturday, and until 3.15pm on Sunday (2 January).

The **Café** will close at 2.30pm on Christmas Eve, fully reopening on Tuesday 28 December.

The **Shop** will close at 2.30pm on Christmas Eve, reopening Wednesday 29 December 10.30am until 2.30pm. The Shop will return to full opening hours on Monday 3 January. Those looking for a last-minute Christmas gift, beware: **there are now only 9 on Angel Wings Jigsaw Puzzles left in stock!**

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 3.30pm on Wednesday 22 December until 9am on Tuesday 4 January 2022. Please see the back of this pewsheet for phone numbers/email addresses for contact in case of pastoral emergency.



## ABBAY FAIRS — MANY THANKS!

To all who contributed items, staffed stalls, helped set and clear, attended, purchased stuff, set the atmosphere by your singing, or supported in any way . . . it was worth it! The atmosphere in the Abbey was great, and the two events together have raised around £10,000 to support the ongoing costs of the Abbey.

### The Abbey Fairs Jam Stall

What a fantastic result from the two Abbey Fairs: £1116! The best total ever, only managed because of all the hard-working, wonderful and generous people who answered all the pleas for jams, marmalades and chutneys—and not forgetting all the kind people who donated jars. The Jam Fairies had the greatest pleasure in setting out the stall with the beautifully decorated jars, and send their warmest, warmest thanks. The result was magnificent.

*With loving thanks and best wishes for the year to come,  
The Jam Fairies*

## For your prayers

**Those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers:** Ian Darley, Sheila Katona, Ron and Jenda Harbottle

**Those who have died and those who mourn:** Julia Cresswell, Jean Mayland, Catherine Diamond, Nancy Liddle, and Ronald Penn.

**Sunday 19 December**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>Readings</b>	Micah 5.2–5a; Luke 1.39–55
		<b>Readers</b>	Vivien Drydon; Barbara Rowarth
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Christingle</b>		
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 10.33–11.10; Matthew 1.18–end
		<b>Reader</b>	Jane Pikett

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday 20 December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>Christian Meditation</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21 December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Funeral: Jean Mayland (also via livestream)</b>	
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Quiet Hour</b>	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer (said)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22 December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Tots' Praise with Christmas celebration</b>	
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Funeral: Ronald Penn</b>	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service (entry by ticket)</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service (entry by ticket)</b>	
<b>Thursday 23 December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service (entry by ticket; also via livestream)</b>	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service (entry by ticket)</b>	
<b>Friday 24 December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Crib Service (entry by ticket)</b>
		<b>3pm</b>	<b>Crib Service (entry by ticket)</b>
		<b>11pm</b>	<b>Midnight Mass (also via livestream)</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Christmas Morning Eucharist (also via livestream)</b>	

**Sunday 26 December****STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR**

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>Readings</b>	Acts 7.51–end; Matthew 10.17–end
		<b>Readers</b>	Rachael Haywood Smith; Shelagh Carter

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