



28th February  
2021

HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET  
VOLUNTEERS ~ CONGREGATION ~ STAFF

## A MESSAGE FROM DAVID

Hello everyone

It was so good to see so many people at the first of the Abbey's Lenten evenings on Tuesday. The theme of Wilderness seems to have resonated with many people's experience of this last year and especially the periods of lockdown. I was so grateful to Linda Rowell who shared her experiences and insights of lockdown as part of the evening. This enabled all of us to begin to share with others the emotions, pains, joys and challenges of the last year. Such sharing will be a huge part of the restorative and healing process we all need, as we look to the future but come to terms with all that has happened. If you would still like to join the course you would be very welcome but will need to register at [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAuc-GtrDsuGdTTJdjC0gno0eR53K9arRZG](https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=602031)

On Sunday morning, at 7.40am, I am doing another interview with BBC Radio Newcastle and they want to talk about the roadmap back to "in person" worship. The timing isn't perfect because the Standing Committee and the PCC have not yet discussed this. And it is important that this is a shared decision.

We will need to balance safety with need, and also to be in step with the spirit of the government's roadmap. We also, of course, have the added complication of working around the roof project. It is so wonderful to be getting this work done but it does affect the space available to us in the Abbey.

I will be saying on the radio that my hope would be that we could have worship in the Abbey from Palm Sunday, albeit in a limited way, and to be able to offer "live" worship in Holy Week. But we will make a proper decision about this during the week and confirm our plans next Friday.

I do hope you have a good weekend and I so look forward to seeing you at our Zoom service on Sunday at 10am.

Every blessing  
David



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

# HEXHAM HOLIDAY CLUB

## Help Needed

HHC need people to fulfil the roles below in order to deliver Holiday Club, please give prayerful consideration to how you can help and reply to [holidayclubhexham@gmail.com](mailto:holidayclubhexham@gmail.com) indicating which tasks you feel able to help with and which days you are available.

Puppet Script Writer/s

Bible Character Script Writer

Parent Pack Organiser

Daily Craft Activities organisers for ages 0-4  
5-8  
9-12+

Be a daily Bible Character

Bandstand Distributors / Welcomers

Video Puppeteers

Daily Challenge planners

Video Testimonies

Video Bible story tellers

Video daily prayers



So that you can volunteer in the safety of knowing that you are available, should you offer to help with video content, we will need that all recorded and submitted by the last week in April please.

## Sign Up is Open

The Scripture Union Portal is open and you can sign up to be on team! Click [here](#) to go to their website. Remember it's a two step process - you need to create a profile and then volunteer to help at an event - Hexham!. If you've been on team before you should be able to sign in and it will have saved some/most of your data.

# HEXHAM ABBEY EASTER TRAIL

The warmer weather has brought signs of Spring all around the Abbey grounds. The efforts of the Gardening Team last Autumn are now providing a wonderful habitat for our Easter chicks and bunnies!

If anyone would like pom-pom tails for the bunnies, please contact June Olliver - [june.olliver@yahoo.com](mailto:june.olliver@yahoo.com) who has a large number and is happy to supply them.

We are delighted to hear that two separate households OR groups of six will be permitted to meet outdoors for leisure from 29<sup>th</sup> March.

An Easter Trail is being planned for families with children of all ages, which will run over a few days in Easter week to ensure social distancing guidelines can be met. If you would be interested in helping to run this even, please contact [louise.weaver@hexhamabbey.org.uk](mailto:louise.weaver@hexhamabbey.org.uk)

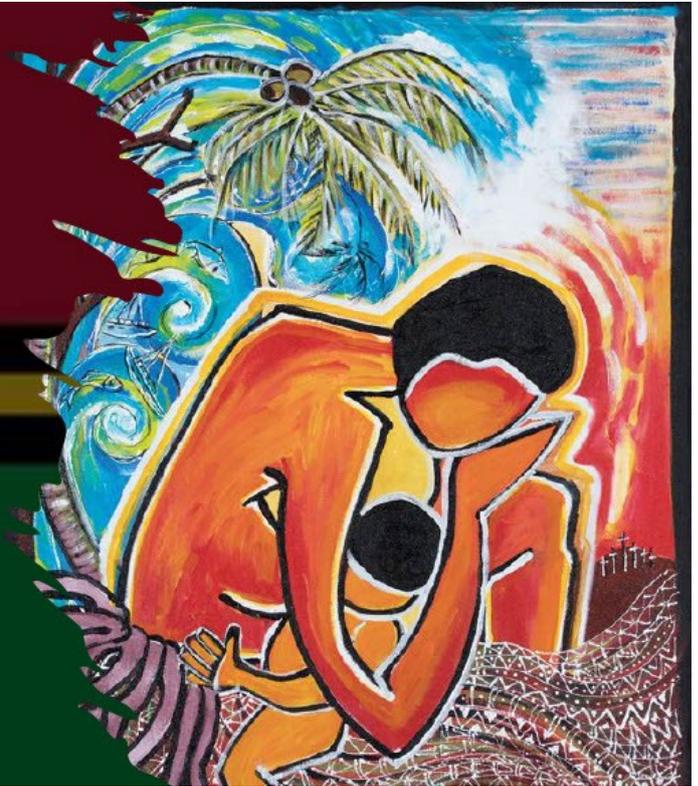


# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

7pm - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Please register to receive the zoom link

<https://allendalechurch.co.uk/event/world-day-of-prayer/>



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Allen Valleys are holding an ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 5th March 2021 and all are welcome to join the service. If you would like further information or resources about this year's theme - Vanuatu is leading with the theme of 'Building on a Strong Foundation' - please go to the World Day of Prayer website on [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

## A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to send our congratulations and very warm wishes for her 90th Birthday this weekend, to Mrs Marion Patterson, long serving and much loved member of the Abbey congregation and of the Flower Team. We hope she will enjoy many more years of participation in the activity she loves, and look forward to seeing her lovely arrangements again when we are able!



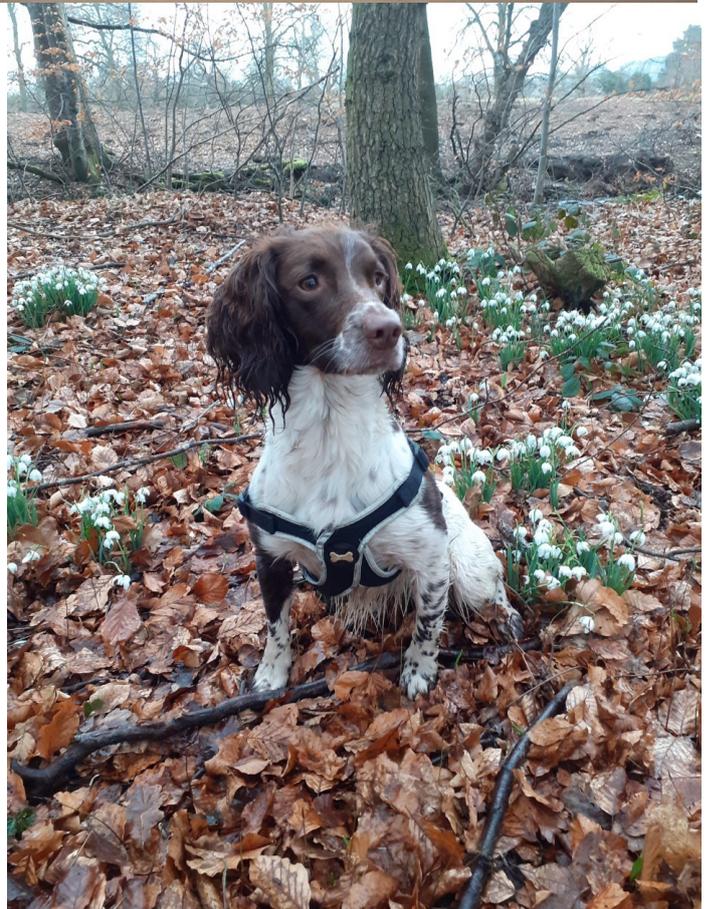
# UPDATES FROM THE ABBEY COMMUNITY...

This week, at the request of and after feedback from, members of the congregation, we take the opportunity to boast about our pets! They bring us joy and heartache and for those lucky enough to have them, love them like our family. I hope that in sharing other people's pets, you can all find a little smile for their naughty, cheery, grumpy, mischievous and lovely little faces.

Some of you may have seen the latest addition to the Abbey family around the Abbey at Christmas time, this is Kenzo. Kenzo is a 10 year old rescue dog from the RSPCA, rescued by Lead Verger, Lou and her partner in November. What a lucky boy to be starting a new life in his old age! Here he is deciding today was not the day to go for walkies...



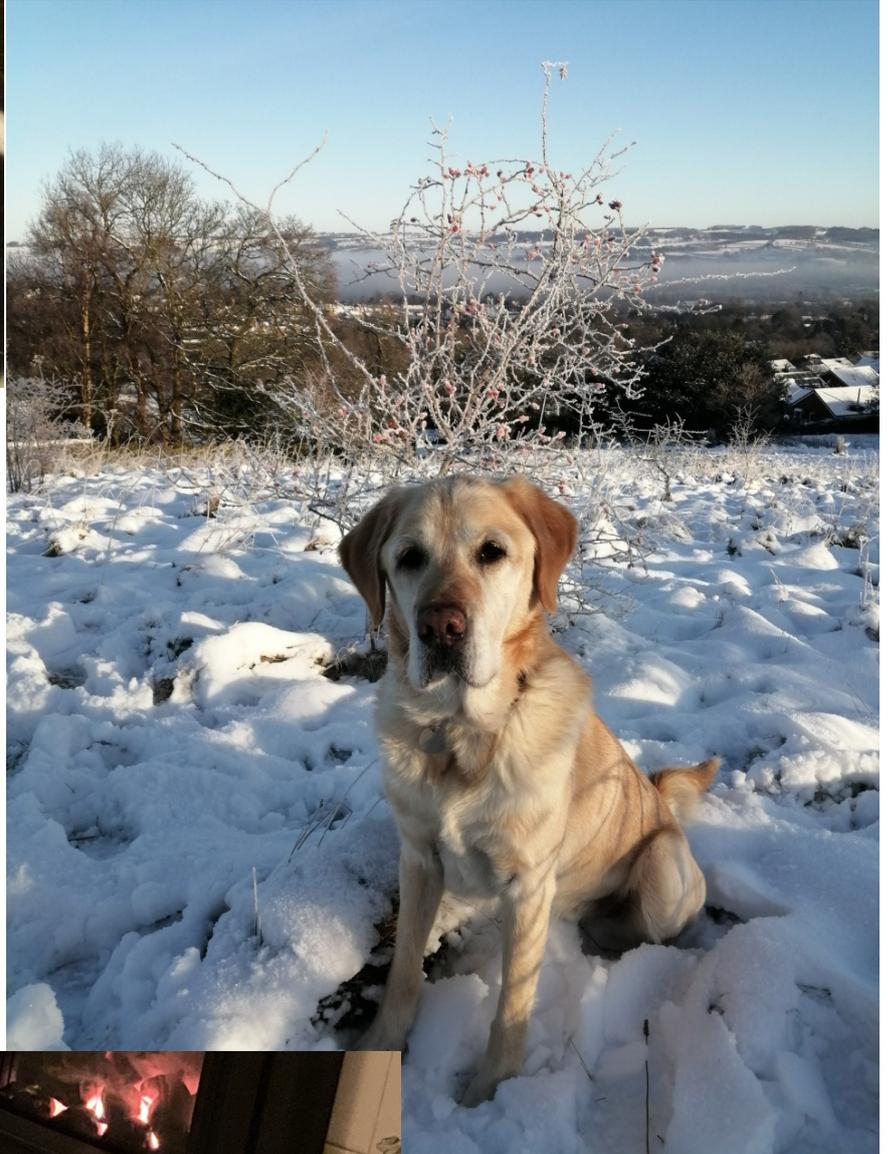
Mabel and Hattie belong to the lovely Abbey Fundraiser, Cath. Hattie is the Springer Spaniel and Mabel, the Golden Retriever.





This little one looking snug as a bug in a rug is Rosie. Rosie belongs to Office Manager, Kirsty and was adopted from another family when she was 1. She's now heading up to six years old and as you can see she's content! She'll soon be coming out of her winter slumber to spend the summer in the garden...

This lovely golden boy is Jenkin, he belongs to Ben and Jan Herdan. He is a special boy as he has served his life as a Guide Dog and came to live with Ben and Jan 8 months ago.



This snoozy cat belongs to Shelagh Carter. His name is Nelson and here he is enjoying soaking up the fire after venturing into the snow! Surely a cat's rightful place!

Master Edgar Schnapps makes his come back this week. Here is his little white face for you all.

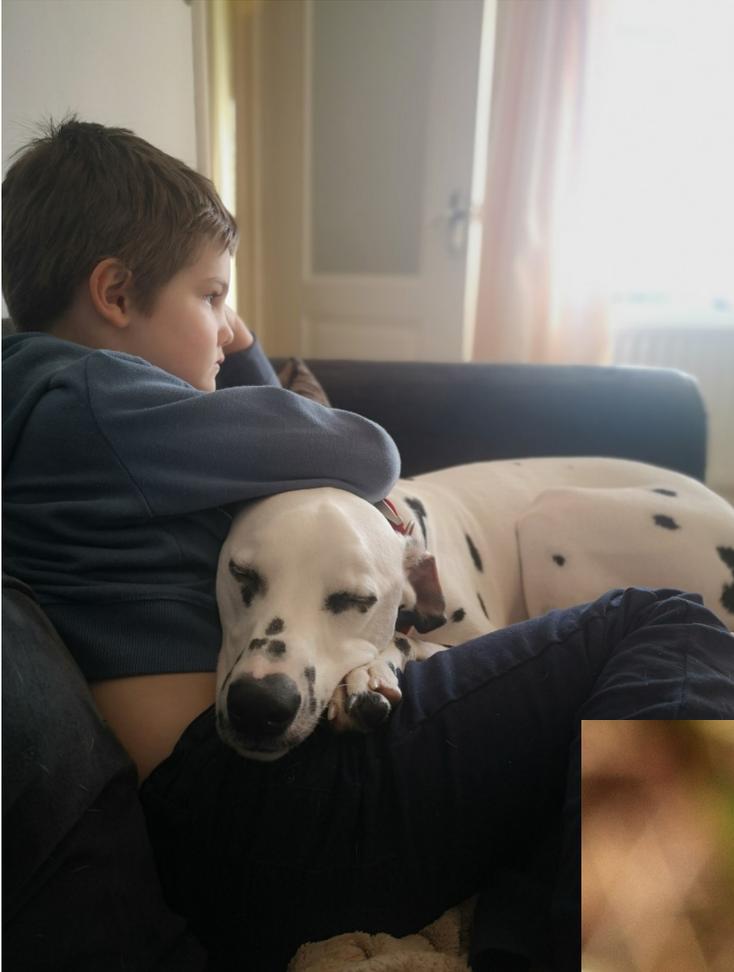
This little one here is Lottie, Carol Wilson's dog, on her favourite walk from Beadnell to Embleton.



Tuppence Britton supervises yet another lockdown jigsaw!



Next up, you will have seen featured previously is the mischievous yet loveable, Reuben the dalmatian. He is 5 years old and a much loved family pet. Fun fact: Reuben is a dog model and has worked with brands like the Co-Op and Karen Millen in the past for photoshoots, helping to earn his keep!



And not quite a pet but a joy none the less... photos provided by Janet Wormold at Wydon Water of a tufted ducks and a Robin. Much hoping the tufted ducks stick around and produce some little ducklings in the spring!



# BALAM'S DOG

The Lord, who made an ass articulate  
In Holy Writ has, in these latter days  
Inspired my dog who, noticing my state  
Observed: "You seek our Lord in many ways;  
"You meditate for hours, breathe Yoga breath,  
"Contort yourself in postures and awake  
"Your inner depths to nightmare and near-death;  
"Perform the *Dhikr*, and contemplate, and make  
"An inner Tantric sound; and go to bed  
"Exhausted and tormented in the dark.  
"You make of love such heavy work!" she said.  
"With all these arrows, do you hit the mark?"  
"Our Lord is here," she said; "do you not see?"  
"Our Lord is Love, and loving. Just like me!"

*Canon Anthony Duncan*

## **For your prayers**

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

***We pray for all those who have died and all those who mourn:*** Carol Moy, Joyce Glenwright, Gladys Greenwell, Joyce Oliver, Audrey Carey, Les O'Neil, Pam Thomas, Birtley Aris and Sheila Corfe

# ABBHEY NEWS!

## St Wilfrid's temporary make-under.

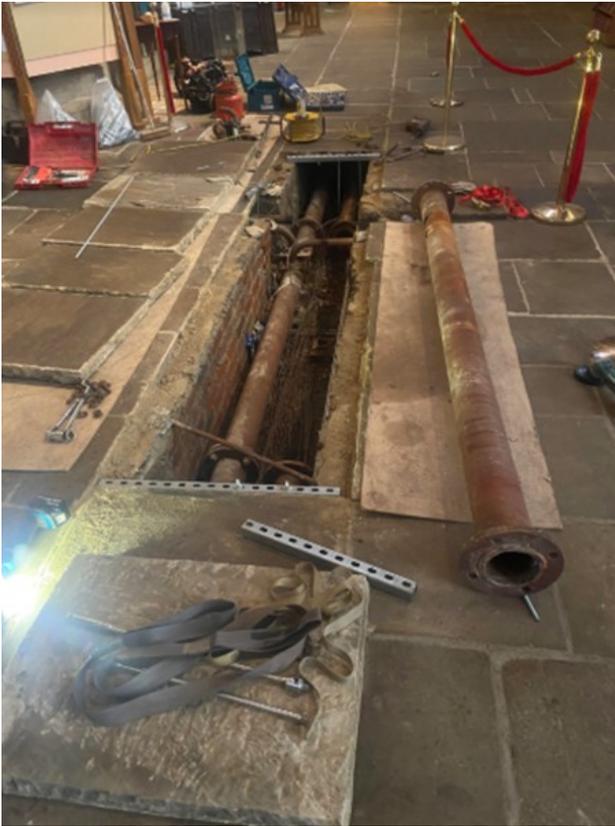
There will be some further internal scaffolding put up in the Abbey come April to finalize some finishing touches on the east end roof. The scaffolding tower will have to sit on top of the vestry roof, so the workers have been busy boarding the vestry roof so that it can take the weight – but they also made sure that everything in St. Wilfrid's has been carefully covered up so that it doesn't get damaged!



## Door frame on the move

We had to move this beautiful door frame a few pews up the North Nave this week so that the plumbers can work on radiator it usually rests in front of. I can confirm that it is ridiculously heavy and without the help of 4 study roofers I wouldn't have had a chance!





### **Jeremy has been banned from the Abbey!**

Eagle eyed Jeremy spotted what has turned out to be a big old leak in the under floor pipes this week, but as this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leak he has spotted in a short space of time he has now found himself banned from entering the Abbey, as each of his visit's risk ending up expensive! (Only joking Jeremy, we love you really).

## **MILLENNIUM BANNER**

We mentioned last week the contribution that Sheila Corfe made to the completion of this wonderful banner. The banner still hangs in the Abbey and was made with contributions from over 40 members of the Hexham Branch of the Embroiders Guild, 1998-2000 to a design of Sheilas. Thank you to Jean Hobart for the photograph.



## Sunday 28th February 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Zoom Worship</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd David Glover
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev'd Canon Dr Michael Jackson	<b>Readers</b>	Lynne Thomson and Roddy Findlay
<b>Readings</b>	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 and Mark 8.31-end	<b>Intercessor</b>	Shelagh Carter

## Wednesday 3rd March 2021

<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Zoom Worship</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd David Glover
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev'd David Glover	<b>Reader</b>	Vivien Drydon
<b>Readings</b>	Matthew 20.17-28	<b>Intercessor</b>	Janet Allison

# RESOURCES

**In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. Starting on 1 February the CofE invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love.**

This link will provide you with the resources to pray every day, not only does it provide you with a daily prayer throughout all of February, it give you themes and related saints. There is also the option to print these prayers in pdf format and also the chance to view the letter from the Archbishops.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>

**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>

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.  
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.  
Do it again, we pray.  
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,  
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.  
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
in these dark and difficult days,  
turn your face towards us,  
have mercy upon us,  
and heal our land, we pray. Amen.