



2nd May
2021

HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET
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ON ANGEL WINGS...

As part of our Cultural Recovery Fund grant, the Abbey received funding to enable us to host a reopening event. We have decided to coincide this with the town wide event of the reopening of Hexham on the 26th June. The event will be an aerial installation of origami angels placed above the Choirstalls. The angels will symbolise those whose lives have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This may involve remembering lives lost in the last year or celebrating those who have helped others. This could be an NHS professional who has stood out to you, a key worker or any individual or group who has helped in any way during difficult times.

We would love to involve members of the community in this project; local schools and groups will be contacted to make angels and write names of those they wish to remember on the wings. The angels will then be elevated in the Abbey and the installation will be available to view during Abbey opening hours.

We will need a **number of volunteers** to assist with making origami angels. The paper for these angels has been carefully chosen after much trial and error! This can be collected from the Parish Office and Cath can provide you with the YouTube link to the folding tutorial! If this is something you would like to help with, please get in touch with [Cath](#). Further updates will follow in the weeks ahead!



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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

The Abbey offers huge congratulations to Keith Dale on his appointment as Director of Music at St. Johns Grainger Street in Newcastle. Although we will miss him greatly this is a hugely deserved appointment and we wish Keith every blessing and success.

HEXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REFERENDUM MAY 6TH

The Hexham Neighbourhood Plan, approved by Hexham Town Council in January 2020, is about to enter its final phase; the town-wide referendum, delayed from April last year because of the pandemic.

The Plan emphasises Hexham's built environment and heritage, and ensures that affordable homes will be built that local people need. It also underlines how important green spaces and community resources are to local people and must remain so.

Polling will take place on the same day as Town and County Elections and all electors over the age of 18 will be entitled to vote, to support the Plan, or not. The Plan is available to view on the Northumberland County Council website www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan.

PRAYERS

Following on from last week's thoughts on prayers, here are further words by Stephen Cottrell:

A love letter from God

The whole Christian story of the birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ could be summed up as a "love letter from God".

In Jesus, God declares his love for us. What we call prayer, those stumbling, faltering words that we use to speak to God, is simply our response.

In other words, prayer can become like breathing. And it needs to be regular like eating. But it is most like loving. And it is most like loving because it is, at heart, a relationship.

This is the most basic truth about prayer. Prayer is relationship with God; it is the relationship we are made for. Like all relationships it is not easy to describe. I know what it feels like to be in love. But it is hard to define it. Put together all the most beautiful love poems in the world and they are as nothing compared with a few moments of love itself.

Being a Christian is like a love affair. In Jesus we see how God gives himself to us in love. "As the Father has loved me," says Jesus, "so I have loved you." (John 15.9)

Prayer is an act of love and a participation in the life of love. In Jesus, God declares his love for us. In prayer we come into communion with God to express our love to him.

So prayer can happen everywhere and anywhere. It's not just something that happens in a church or other special place. Neither does it depend on special times – although we probably still need those special times to nurture the relationship.



HAVE YOU HERDY...?

The shop has acquired some new stock this week in the form of the very popular Herdy products. There is a nice variety of items from bookmarks to mugs, and socks to pens. All featuring their signature colourful sheep. The mugs make wonderful gifts or a new addition to brighten up your kitchen so be sure to pop in and have a look.



FACULTY NOTICE

As part of our plans to improve lighting in the Abbey, it has been identified that there is a need to access light clusters at clerestory level that cannot be accessed safely and therefore a scheme has been developed together with Stone Technical to address this and install further eyebolts. At the same time Stone Technical will install a full fixed line system around the Bell Tower for access to all roof areas safely. None of these installations will be visible from floor level. The DAC met on Wednesday and recommended approval of the faculty application for the said installation and a Public Notice is now displayed both internally and externally at the Abbey for the notice period of 28 days. The Public Notice is attached in the email.

HYMNS

The tune and words for *Father, Lord of all creation* were written by two Anglican priests who both worked for the BBC religious broadcasting department but at different times. The famous tune 'Abbot's Leigh' was written by Cyril Taylor (1907-1992) an Oxford graduate from Wigan who worked for the BBC through the Second World War and later served as chaplain to the Royal College of Church Music, Vicar of Cerne Abbas, and Precentor at Salisbury Cathedral.

The words were written by David Stewart Cross (1928-1989) a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, who from 1968 to 1976 was a producer and broadcaster of religious programmes at Manchester; his work included a *Songs of Praise* from Blackburn Cathedral where from 1982 until his early death he served as Bishop. **His earlier posts included a spell at Hexham – but does anybody know when?**

Both the words and the music of the hymn *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want* were written by a Yorkshireman, Stuart Townend (born 1963). It is, obviously, an adaptation of Psalm 23 written by King David, who knew a lot about being a shepherd – having been one. Trust in God, ever present but unspoken in the original, is brought out by Townend in the simple but powerful refrain in the repeated tune. The tune, said Townend "popped into my head and the whole thing was written in ten minutes"!

Sunday 2nd May 2021 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am	Parish Eucharist	President	Rev'd David Glover
Preacher	Rev'd David Glover	Readers	Mavis Ostler and Linda Rowell
Readings	Acts 8.26-end and John 15.1-8	Intercessor	Shelagh Carter
11.45am	Zoom Worship	President	Frances Stride
Preacher	Frances Stride	Readers	Richard Snow and Helen Milner
Readings	Acts 8.26-end and John 15.1-8	Intercessor	Frances Stride
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	President	Rev'd Nigel Warner
Preacher	Rev'd Nigel Warner	Reader	Wendy Nott
Readings	Daniel 3.16-28 and Hebrews 11.32-12.2	Intercessor	Rachael Haywood Smith

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd May	9am	ZOOM Morning Prayer	<i>David Glover</i>
Tuesday 4th May	9am	ZOOM Morning Prayer	<i>David Glover</i>
	12pm	Holy Communion	<i>David Glover</i>
	6pm	ZOOM Worship	<i>David Glover</i>
Wednesday 5th May	9am	ZOOM Morning Prayer	<i>David Glover</i>
	9.30am	Tots' Praise	
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>Nigel Warner</i>
Thursday 6th May	9am	ZOOM Morning Prayer	<i>David Glover</i>
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>David Glover</i>
Friday 7th May	9am	ZOOM Morning Prayer	<i>David Glover</i>

Sunday 9th May 2021 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am	Parish Eucharist	President	Rev'd Elaine Ryder
Preacher	Rev'd David Glover	Readers	Jonathon Hewitt and Richard Thornton
Readings	Acts 10.44-end and John 15.9-17	Intercessor	Mavis Ostler
11.45am	Zoom Worship	President	Rev'd David Glover
Preacher	Rev'd David Glover	Readers	Barbara Rowarth
Readings	Acts 10.44-end and John 15.9-17	Intercessor	
6.30pm	Revive	President	Rev'd David Glover and Frances Stride

For your prayers

We pray for those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers: Mark Ninnim, Mary Miller, Ron Lane, Ian Darley, Jean Mayland, Moira Playle and Helen Armstrong

We pray for all those who have died and all those who mourn: Shirley Ridley, Shirley Walton, Bob Armstrong, Robert Scott, John Wells, Doreen Beniams and Ralph Mayland
