

31 March 2024

Easter Day

HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET
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Easter Activities for Children

The children and families team has had a busy time exploring Holy Week in the Abbey. On Monday, a group of home-educated children made Easter gardens, then on Tuesday, we were visited by the pupils of Hexham First School, who acted out the events of Holy Week. Huge thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time and talents to enhance the offer for families.

Cloister Club on Sunday acted the story of Holy Week and made Easter crosses to take home.

Tots' Praise learned about Jesus's death and Resurrection, and went on a procession to the Easter window in the Cloister Porch. We are very much looking forward to Easter!

Easter Trail

There will be an Easter trail for families from Saturday 30 March throughout the school holidays. All children who take part will receive a chocolate egg, which will be available at the Welcome Desk.

Thank you to everyone who has donated chocolate eggs and knitted chicks and bunnies for the Easter trail. Any last minute knitted chicks would be very welcome—we can never have too many! All of your support makes this happen, so thank you again!

Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards Easter flowers this year, with the ever increasing cost of flowers (and everything!), it has been so wonderful to have this additional support this year. Our huge thanks in advance to all the flower team for giving up time on their Easter weekend to make the Abbey look beautiful for Sunday morning!

From Simon Watts, in memory of his wife Sue to mark the 25th anniversary of her death at Eastertime.

From Irene Morrell in memory of her late husband Ken, who died at Easter-time twenty years ago. Ken was a long-time supporter of the Abbey and Abbey music.

From Priya Grieves for her beloved Abbey and Lord Jesus Christ, in memory of her dear friend Jim, and her beloved Dad, whose birthday is on 1 April.

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 and Susan Davies

Those who died and those who mourn: Thomas Sanderson, Thomas Gillanders, Mary Whitbread, and Minnie Ross

Please also pray for all the families in our parish over this Easter weekend.

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Ahead of the APCM, scheduled for 28 April 2024, we will be opening the Electoral Roll for revision. Please see the official notice attached to this email, which will also be displayed in the Abbey.

This is the annual additions and removals revision. The collation of a new electoral roll occurs every 6 years and was last conducted in 2019. In the intervening years the roll is revised.

A form for addition or removal from the electoral roll will be available in the Abbey after the Sunday Eucharist on Sunday 24 March and Sunday 31 March, or please call into the Parish Office (Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.45am).

The Revision will take place between 22 March and 5 April. All additions / removals must be received no later than 5 April. Only those on the Electoral Roll can attend the APCM, and stand for election to the PCC.

Sycamore Counselling Service

Sycamore Counselling Service in Hexham is looking to increase its team. They are a small charity offering counselling to adults, by fully qualified counsellors who are Christians. Their team all work in a voluntary capacity, and they ask for voluntary donations from their clients towards the cost of counselling. They are looking for more counsellors, help with admin, and a Counselling manager. If you would be interested in finding out more, do please call Jenny on 07939 49 30 30 or email sycamorecounsellingservice@gmail.com.

Christian Meditation

The Meditation group will take short break over Easter and will return on 8 April at 4.15pm.

Help!

I'm sure you are all aware of the beautiful Saint Wilfrid banner that resides in Wilfrid's Chapel at the East end of the North Choir Aisle. You may also know that the colour of Wilfrid's lip(stick) was a cause for alarm when it was newly installed.

The Abbey records have details of the donor: "Grace Blackett Ord presented the banner to the Abbey in 1939" but little else. I'm hoping someone out there knows the name or names of the embroiderer or needle work team that created it. If you do, let me know via the Abbey office and I can then pass on the information to the Alnwick flower team who will be presenting an arrangement in the Chapel for our flower festival later this year.

Many thanks, *Molly Kady (Hexham Abbey Conservation Advisory Group)*



Table Linen

If anyone has any use for some table linen, Owen has a few cloths and napkins looking for a new home:

11 x 90" round table cloths; 5 x 88" round table cloths; 2 x 90" square table clothes; 168 20x20cm napkins. Please email gm@hexhamabbey.org.uk if you're interested.

Just Building Bridges

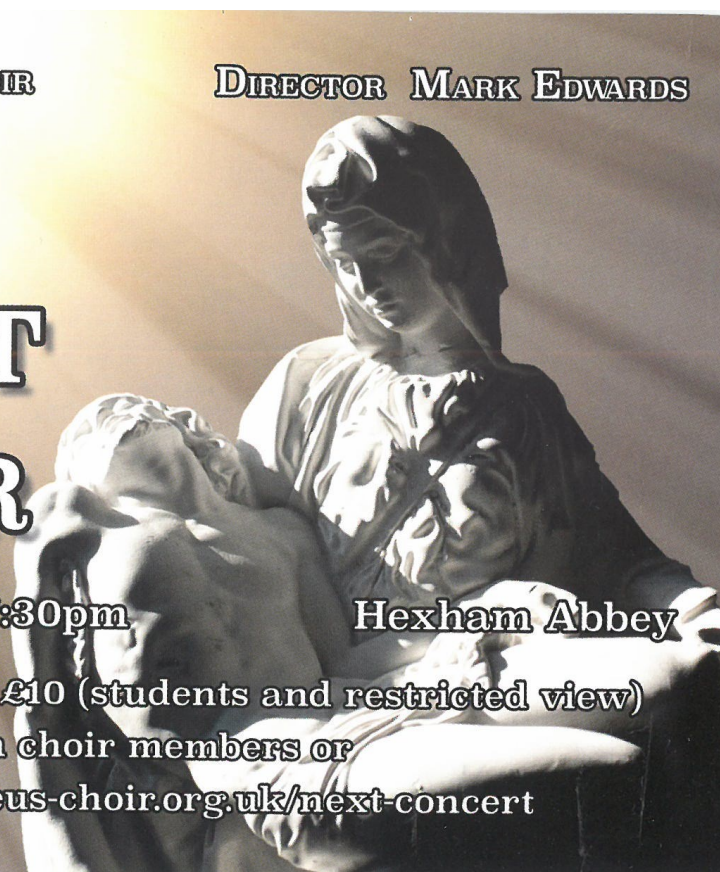
We're delighted to welcome a new exhibition of photographs and short films into the Abbey on 3 April. Titled 'Just Building Bridges', the exhibition is the fruit of a series of photography workshops at the Hatton Gallery Learning Space.

The artists are from several different countries and continents, and have a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and cultures. Some have lived in the area for many years, others were new arrivals. All of them are trying to 'build bridges' – to resettle peacefully and successfully in local communities.

The themes of the exhibition include local environmental issues of waste, litter, and noise; bigger economic issues such as the fast fashion industry; and some very topical issues of global significance are addressed, such as the conflicts in the Ukraine and the Middle East.

TAKE THIS for Easter

The Abbey TAKE THIS team has a great new issue of their magazine out for Easter, and you can get copies from the bookstalls by the Abbey doors and in the Refectory Café. If you're aged between 8 and 11 and would like to join our team to make up puzzles and games, just email the project leader chris@takethis.org.uk or the Abbey's Community Engagement Manager cath.newson@hexhamabbey.org.uk.



HEXHAM ORPHEUS CHOIR **DIRECTOR MARK EDWARDS**

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STABAT

MATER

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 31 March 2024 EASTER DAY

10am	Parish Eucharist	Readings	Acts 10.34–43; John 20.1–18
Intercessor	Deborah Beasley-Suffolk	Readers	Deborah Beasley-Suffolk; John Robinson
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Readings	Ezekiel 37.1–14; Luke 24.13–35

Tuesday 2 April 2024

12noon	Holy Communion	Readings	Acts 2.36–41; John 20.11–18
Intercessor	Raymond Dance	Reader	Raymond Dance

IN THE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Monday 1 April	9am	No Morning Prayer Today
Tuesday 2 April	9am	Morning Prayer
	12noon	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	QUIET HOUR
	6.30pm	No Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3 April	9am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Tots' Praise
Thursday 4 April	9am	Morning Prayer
Friday 5 April	9am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Funeral of Mary Whitbread

Sunday 7 April 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am	Parish Eucharist	Readings	Acts 4.32–35; John 20.19–end
Intercessor	tbc	Readers	tbc; Brian Massey
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)		

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