



7th March  
2021

**HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET**  
**VOLUNTEERS ~ CONGREGATION ~ STAFF**



**HEXHAM ABBEY**  
HERITAGE • WORSHIP • COMMUNITY

**EASTER**

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA**



Family Easter Egg trail in the Abbey grounds

**Monday 29th March to Sunday 4th April** (excluding Good Friday),

**11am – 2pm Monday to Thursday & Saturday**

**12-2pm Easter Sunday**

Collect your trail in the Cloister

Porch. All welcome!



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

# ANIMATING HEXHAM

Animating Hexham is an exciting new project that will see Hexham town centre animated by artists and local families, inspired by the town's heritage.

Funded by Historic England, **Animating Hexham** aims to discover stories and evoke memories of the town's high streets and buildings, using these to inspire animations and conversations about Hexham's heritage. This pilot project will project the animations across the main shopping streets in the autumn, helping to define why Hexham's heritage is important to the community and what value the town centre will have in the future.



## Free online workshops

Animator and filmmaker Sheryl Jenkins will work with families and households to create a series of animations to be showcased online and projected in Hexham town centre. Budding animators of all ages can sign up for a series of free weekly online workshops with Sheryl from 19 April - 28 May to develop their animation skills. There will also be sessions with a sound artist and a writer to learn about adapting stories, storyboarding and using sound.

## Open call for artists

Six professional artists will be commissioned to create animations based on stories and memories about the High Street collected by Northumberland Archives and Hexham Libraries. The deadline to apply is 15 March, and animations will be projected onto shopfronts and landmarks in Hexham town centre from September 2021.

For more information visit: [Animating Hexham | Queen's Hall Arts Centre](#)

# A PLEA FOR CHICKS AND BUNNIES

Thank you to all volunteers who have brought their knitted animals to the Abbey. In order to help us plan our Easter event, please drop any chicks, bunnies or donations of chocolate eggs to The Parish Office. You are welcome to [email Cath](#) to arrange a time to be there as we are still working partly from home.



# UPDATES FROM THE ABBEY COMMUNITY...

A short message from Rev'd Canon Frank Dexter:

THANK YOU Thank you to all those who sent cards, expressions of goodwill and assurance of prayers during my recent stay in hospital. The kindness of so many people is greatly appreciated and has helped on the road to recovery. Frank Dexter

Shelagh Carter sends an image of the first thrush of Spring!

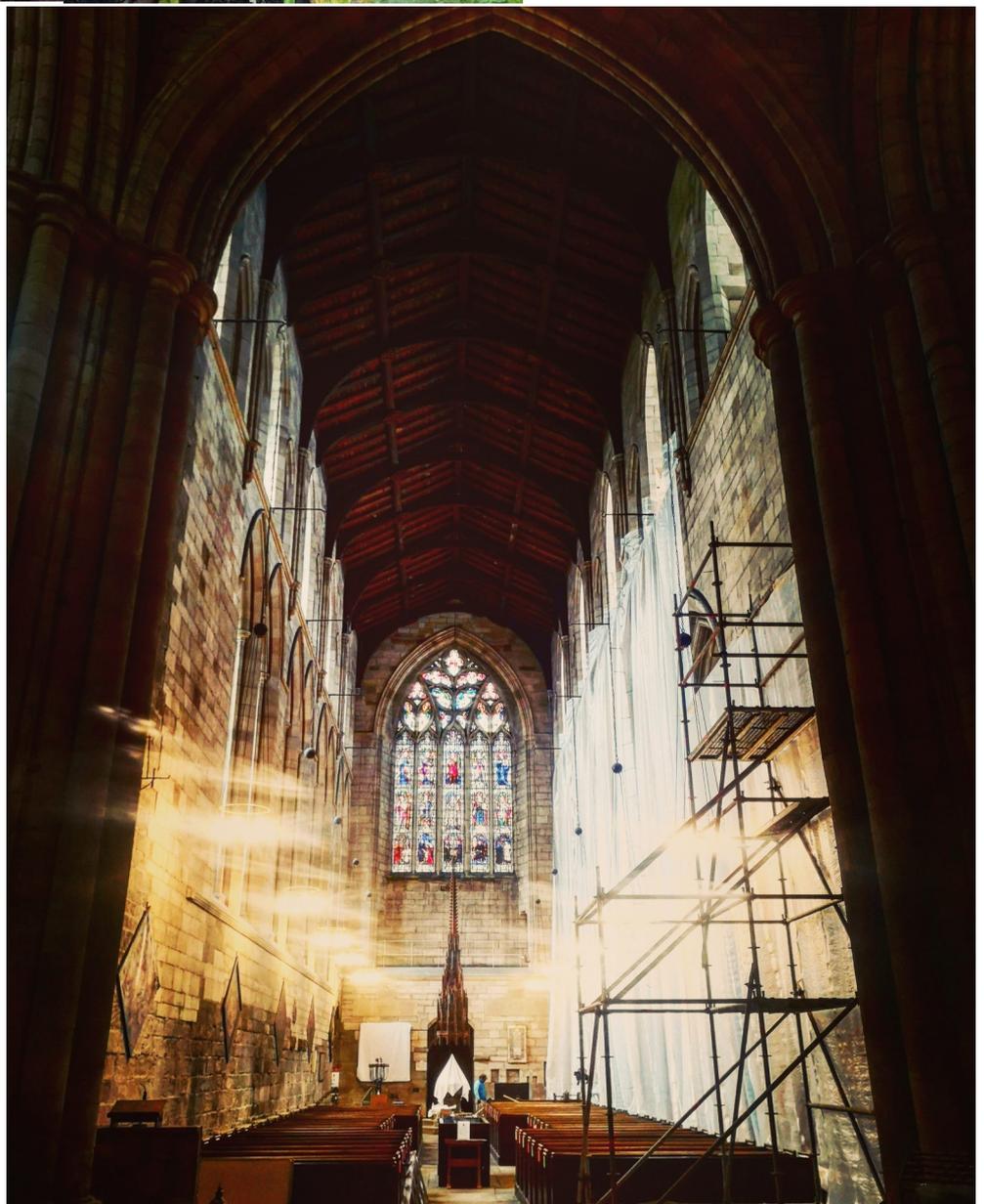


And Linda Rowell found these Irises in the Abbey refectory garden. Such lovely markings!

Lovely Lowry Potts, gardening volunteer at the Abbey has provided us some insight into the aforementioned Irises in the Abbey grounds at the moment. There are 2 different kinds currently surrounding the Abbey, these little purple ones outside the Parish Office door which are no longer sleeping and the 'Katherine Hodgkin' Irises lighting up the Refectory Garden!



I snapped this picture whilst I was in the Abbey on Tuesday morning and thought I would share it with you all. It is rather deceiving to look at as I feel the blurred lights on the left and the glow of the plastic sheeting give it a really ethereal feel and yet there was so much bustle going on at the time. However, even covered in plastic sheeting, flagstones up and scaffolding in situ, the Abbey still has the ability to stun.



# HYMNS

Hymns and their writers do not often get the recognition they deserve – or the understanding.

**'Dear Lord and Father of mankind /Forgive our foolish ways'** sung at last Sunday's Morning Service, is a surprising example. Sung to the tune 'Repton' (which has its own story) it retains its popularity after 150 years. Yet it was not written as a hymn but as the last six verses of a 17-verse poem warning against the use the Indian intoxicant Soma. The author was John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) a Massachusetts Quaker, a poor farmer who educated himself to become a newspaper editor, a poet influenced by Burns and anti-slavery spokesman. Caught between violent Abolitionists and northern conservatives, he suffered for his beliefs yet made a great impact with his 'still small voice of calm' – and along the way gave us one of our most lovable hymns. And what was the very good second hymn?

## For your prayers

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

**We pray for all those who have died and all those who mourn:** Les O'Neil, Pam Thomas, Birtley Aris, Sheila Corfe and Vera Elliott



## DISCOVER YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT'S DESTINATION

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATES

The 'Follow Your Box' look up tool is now live on the Operation Christmas Child website. You can follow the link at the bottom here and type in your bar code which would have been provided to you if you donated with your shoebox online and it will tell you the country your shoebox arrived in! Please keep us updated and share with us via [email](#) where your shoebox went, we'd love to know!

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/discovering-the-destination-of-your-shoebox-gift/>

## SAFEGUARDING

A big thank you to those staff and volunteers who recently participated in the Safeguarding Leadership training sessions via Zoom. The pre course preparation paid off with some very thoughtful discussions and great team work helping to shape the Abbey's response to safeguarding issues. More training will be available throughout the year, please [contact Fiona Finnon](#) for details if you are interested.

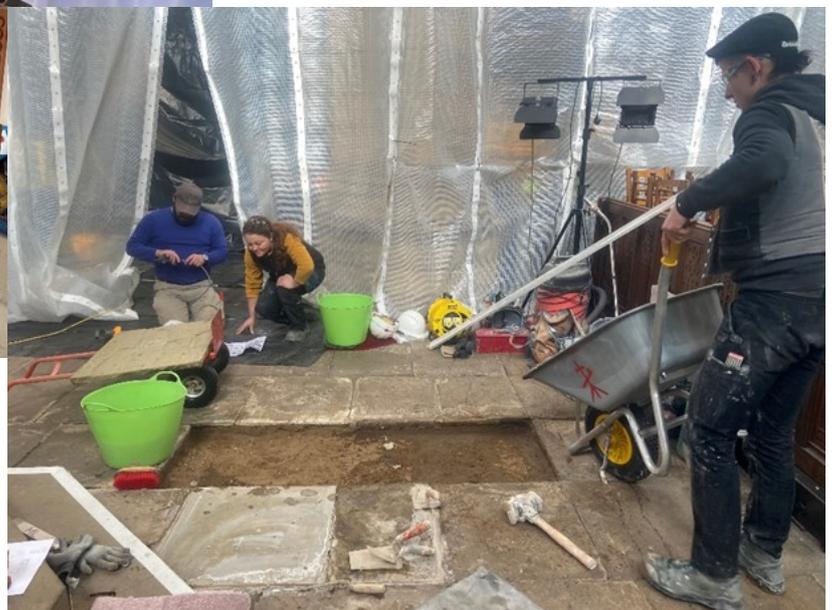


## HEXHAM COMMUNITY GROCERY

Community Grocery Hexham opened on Monday and is there to bridge the gap between food banks and supermarkets by supporting local residents who have been feeling the financial impact of Covid-19 with their weekly food shop. If you know anyone who would benefit from this, their memberships cost £5 for the year and then it's £3 for each shop after that where you can select up to 20 items across the grocery twice a week. You are also able to gift a membership or pay for a shop for someone anonymously online. Sign up can be done in person. Run in partnership with The Message charity and Hexham Community Church, The Eden Lounge is located at 1 Wanless Lane. To find out more visit [communitygrocery.org.uk](http://communitygrocery.org.uk)

# ABBHEY NEWS!

It's been a busy week in the Abbey this week! Between the plumbers, scaffolders, and roofers, we also had a team of stone masons in to repair the stones around the Font. As you can see from the pictures, they have done a fantastic job!

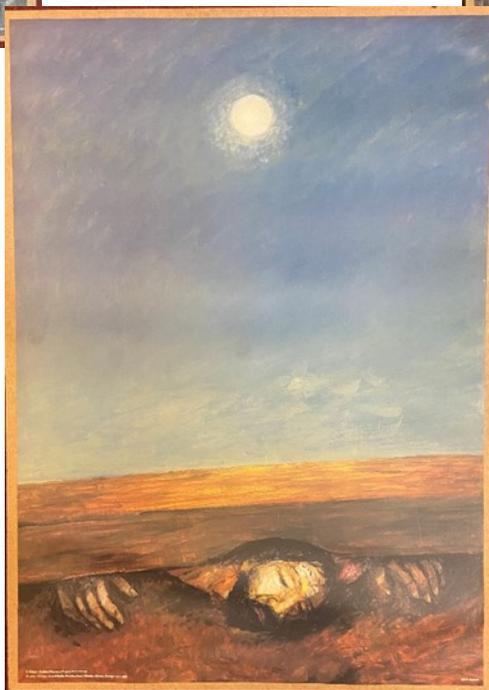
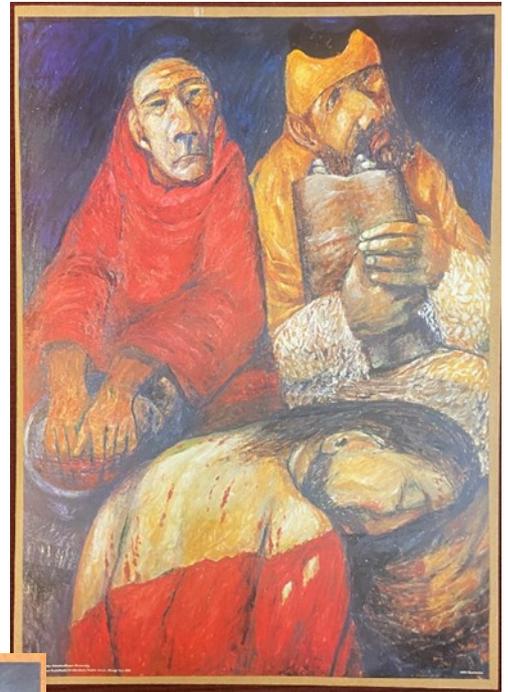


# WINDOW ART EXHIBITION

Whilst furniture was moved around in the Vestry this week to allow for scaffolding to be erected, we happened upon a stunning series of prints displaying interpretations of Good Friday. We felt these prints were incredibly powerful and deeply moving and felt sad at how long they may have been hidden away. The artist is named Fr Sieger Koder, a priest-painter from Germany. We have decided to incorporate them into our Easter Egg Trail that is happening over Holy Week, displaying them in the Cloister Porch windows. There are 10 of these prints, with three of them pictured below to give you an idea of what they look like.

As we have such beautiful windows in the Cloister Porch, we would also love for people to join in with Anthony Gormley's most recent project, the '**Window Art Exhibition**', and send us your artwork to be displayed in the windows. We would love the art to be centred in some way around Easter, whether it is to do with the Easter story, or the Easter Bunny!

To read more about Anthony Gormley's exhibition, you can visit the BBC news website using this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-55831841>.



## Sunday 7th March 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Zoom Worship</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd David Glover
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev'd David Glover	<b>Readers</b>	Judi Cornforth and Carolyn Goodwin
<b>Readings</b>	1 Corinthians 1.18-25 and John 2.13-22	<b>Intercessor</b>	William Tyson

## Wednesday 10th 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>	Barbara Rowarth
<b>Reading</b>	Matthew 5.17-19	<b>Intercessor</b>	Sue Snow

## Sunday 14th March 2021 MOTHERING SUNDAY

<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Zoom Worship</b>	<b>President</b>	Rev'd David Glover
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev'd Janet Jackson	<b>Reader</b>	Lindsay Graham and Bridget Hewitt
<b>Readings</b>	Colossians 3.12-17 and John 19.25b-27	<b>Intercessor</b>	Shelagh Carter

## LENT AND HOLY WEEK RESOURCES

#LiveLent can provide you with six reflections each week. Each reflection will include a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer. Additionally, each week will have a unifying theme and an action to be taken during the week.

The daily reflections are available through a booklet [available to buy from Church House Publishing](#), as well as a free app, emails, smart speakers, audio and through the Church of England's social media accounts. Sign up to emails and find out more [here](#).

Recorded in 2019 by the Archbishop and Archdeacon of Canterbury, with prayers led by Rev Isabelle Hamley, a [series of five podcasts](#) are now available that will take people on the Holy Week journey by exploring and reflecting on five of the biblical Stations of the Cross.

**We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.**

**We are not people who protect our own safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.**

**We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.**

**We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs**

**For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us. Amen**