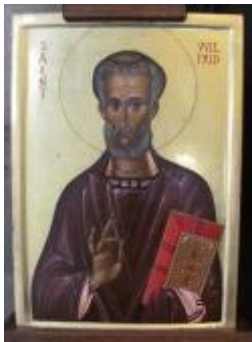


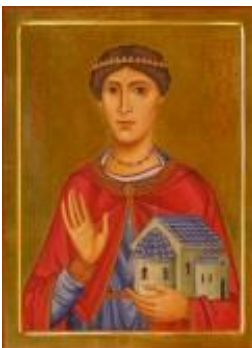
St Andrew
- Growing in Breadth and Numbers

*God of Mission,
 who alone brings growth to your Church;
 send your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning,
 wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
 Help our church to grow in numbers,
 in spiritual commitment to you,
 and in service to our local community,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. (LYCiG Prayer)*



St Wilfrid
- Growing in Faith and Learning

*Almighty God,
 who inspired Saint Wilfrid
 to establish a religious community on this site
 and to persevere after truth:
 help us to know your presence among us now
 and guide us as we seek to follow the way of Christ.*



St Etheldreda
- Growing in Prayer and Generosity

*Gracious God,
 who inspired Saint Etheldreda to great generosity,
 enabling the flourishing
 of worship and learning on this site:
 help us likewise to be generous,
 and to grow in understanding
 and in devotion to Christ.*



HEXHAM ABBEY

Praying Together

Prayer is the lifeblood of the church and our gift to the wider community.

Praying means deliberately seeking out a connection with God, taking time and making space in our lives to open our lives to God who is the power of love. So not trying to persuade God to do this or that but primarily opening ourselves to God's persuasion, to be part of God's loving of the world and its people.

"Intercession is a way of loving people." (John Pritchard)

Please don't feel restricted or overwhelmed by this Prayer Diary but simply use what is helpful to you for your prayers. Pray as you can and not as you can't!

A Morning Prayer

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
 be our starting point and our haven,
 and accompany us in this day's journey.
 Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation
 and to see the work you set before us today.
 Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Evening Prayer

Gracious God,
 you have brought us through this day
 to a time of reflection and rest.
 Into your hands we commend ourselves, our loved ones
 and all those we have prayed for.
 Stay with us, and when we take our rest
 renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
People I want to pray for: family, friends, neighbours ...	for you to fill in	for you to fill in	for you to fill in	for you to fill in	for you to fill in	for you to fill in	for you to fill in
The life of the church	our Bishops and the life of the Diocese and Deanery; all who minister in various ways at the Abbey	the work of mission agencies such as Christian Aid and USPG with the Tea Plantation Project we support	Churches Together: in Hexham and nationally	all our staff and volunteers	our outreach and witness to those with little experience of faith	children and young people, and those housebound	all our services and meetings throughout the week, that commitment and numbers may grow
The life of the wider community	those with responsibilities of leadership locally, nationally and internationally	charities, esp.: for you to fill in	the educational, cultural and sports life of Hexham	the Foodbank and all those who are struggling with poverty	the health service	places of conflict around the world: for peace, for refugees, for those trapped	the environment
And I also want to pray for ...							

For up-to-date matters, services, events and people to pray for, please use the newsheet!

May 2018: Please pray for Christian Aid Week (May 13-20), for collectors and those visited.

June 2018: Please pray for a successful Stewardship Campaign (June 10 - 24).

July 2018: Please pray for the Churches Together Holiday Club (July 23-27) in Hexham.

August 2018: Please pray for our welcome to visitors and for our 'Roman Day' on 27th August.

September 2018: Please pray for the Bishops in Mission (Sep 6-9), for long-term fruits of the mission.

October 2018: Please pray for the Holy Land Pilgrimage (Oct 2-11).

November 2018: Please pray for the events surrounding the centenary of the Armistice.

December 2018: Please pray for our outreach to the many who are drawn to the Abbey for services and events this Advent/Christmas.

Thank you to all those who made suggestions for this Prayer Diary - and keep them coming for the next revised edition!