

# LIFE IN HD

... communicating our own message  
and the vision of the Diocese  
with all in Hexham Deanery

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## HEXHAM DEANERY DIARY – MARCH 2018

### EVERY WEEK AT HEXHAM ABBEY

#### Every Sunday in March

11.45-1.00pm

Not The Sunday Lunch  
Deanery Bangladesh Initiative

#### Every Monday

5.45pm

Christian Meditation

#### Every Wednesday

10.15am

Tots' Praise

#### Friday 2 March

1.30pm

Hexham Abbey  
Women's World Day of Prayer Service (maybe  
called off if weather is bad)

#### Friday 2 March - Sunday 11 March

Hexham Abbey

Display of School's Fairtrade Art Work

#### Sunday 4 March

11.00am

Haydon Bridge St Cuthbert  
Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church

3.00pm

Kirkhaugh Holy Paraclete  
BCP Evensong

#### Tuesday 6 March

7.00pm

Henshaw CE Primary School

Open Deanery Synod

For All – especially School Governors

#### Thursday 8 March

2.00-4.00pm

Hexham Abbey  
The Big Brew for Fairtrade Fortnight

7.00 for 7.30pm

Alston Town Hall  
Showing of the film "The Shack"  
(part of the 'Moving Mountains' initiative)

#### Saturday 10 March

10.00am-12noon

Haydon Bridge Community Centre  
Mothers Union Coffee morning

### HEXHAM DEANERY SYNOD PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2018

Please note that speaker/venue  
availability may cause alterations!

#### Deanery Synod Meetings (All "Open")

- **Tuesday 6 March**
  - Responding to the NCC Consultation on schools
  - Deanery Vision
  - Henshaw CE School
  - 1900-2100
- **Wednesday 6 June**
  - The Gift of Years
- **Thursday 4 October:**
  - The Resource Church – what it looks like in our Diocese, and what's it to us?

#### Deanery Conference – aimed at Churchwardens, Incumbents, Deanery Synod members and parish officers – but open to all!

- **Saturday 17 March**
- **New Times: 0930-1230**
- **Venue: TBD**
- **Preparing our Deanery vision to present to Bishop Christine**

#### Deanery Pilgrimage

- **Nenthead - Alston: 15 June**
- **Alston – Lambley: 16 June**

#### Deanery Worship

- **Deanery Evensong:**
  - Hexham Abbey
  - Special Deanery Service
  - Sunday 27 May
  - 1830
- **Deanery Worship**
  - Lambley Church
  - Saturday 16 June
  - 1700

3.00pm

Lambley VH then St Mary & St Patrick Church  
All Age Celebration of St Patrick with activities  
and refreshments  
All welcome

3.00pm

TBA  
God's Tent

#### Sunday 25 March

9.30am

St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Egg painting in school  
Palm Sunday Procession (with real pony, we  
hope!)

9.45

Hexham Abbey  
Prayers and Blessing of the Palms at the  
Bandstand (CTiH)  
10.00am  
Parish Eucharist

10.00am

Henshaw All Hallows  
Celebration Service

11.00am

St Jude Knaresdale  
United Palm Sunday celebration  
followed by lunch at the Kirkstyle Inn

Tuesday 27 March

12.00

Hexham Abbey  
Holy Communion with address

9.00pm

Hexham Abbey  
Compline (sung)

#### Wednesday 28 March

12.00

Hexham Abbey  
Holy Communion with address

9.00pm

Hexham Abbey  
Compline (sung)

#### Maundy Thursday 29 March

9.30am

Hexham Abbey  
Holy Communion with address

10.00am  
Alston Masonic Hall  
Coffee Morning, with speakers from 'Moving Mountains'

### **Mothering Sunday 11 March**

9.30am  
St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Parish Communion  
Young people will taking leading roles and forming a ring round St Helen's to give it a BIG HUG

9.30am  
Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church

3.00pm  
Hexham Abbey  
Messy Church

### **Wednesday 14 March**

3.30pm  
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church  
Messy Church

### **Saturday 17 March**

**9.30am-12.30pm**  
**DEANERY CONFERENCE**  
**RE-IMAGINING THE DEANERY**  
**FINAL STAGE**

**Venue: To be Notified**

**Participants: Open to All but aimed at Churchwardens, Deanery Synod members, PCC Secretaries and Treasurers and Deanery Chapter**

10.00am  
Hexham Abbey  
Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

### **Sunday 18 March**

9.30am  
St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Parish Communion

### **DEANERY RIVERS PROJECT IN BANGLADESH WITH CHRISTIAN AID**



**Our Deanery – following the course of the South Tyne – is identifying this year with sisters and brothers in Bangladesh whose country is also so prone to flooding. Here, we can understand a little of this challenge.**

**Through the year we will be praying, thinking and acting to support this project – the Deanery Pilgrimage in June will feature some river study with Tyne Rivers Trust.**



## **DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS**

**This year our Deanery elects new representatives to go to Diocesan Synod, the assembly which leads the Diocese, in the same way that the PCC leads the parish. In addition to 4 clergy members (elected by the clergy) there are FIVE Lay representatives, elected by the Laity. Diocesan Synod meets four times per year and is at the heart of Diocesan decision making. Would you like to think about being one of our representatives? Speak to David Ratcliff or Jeremy Thompson if you are interested . . . and willing!**

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE DEANERY PILGRIMAGE (15/16 JUNE) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IF STAYING OVERNIGHT IN ALSTON**

### **PARISH APCM – DEANERY REPORT**

We are sending a generic summary of Deanery activity in 2017 in order to help Synod members in their report to APCMs. This will be circulated soon and is for Synod members to add to if they so wish.

7.30pm  
Hexham Abbey  
Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by the watch till 10pm

### **Good Friday 30 March**

10.00am  
St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Making an Easter Garden  
Games at the Vicarage

10.30am  
Ecumenical Walk of Witness  
Meet at Hexham M&S car park

10.30am  
Outside Church and on the old Bridge  
Haydon Bridge Act of Witness

2.00pm  
St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Liturgy of Good Friday

2.00pm  
Hexham Abbey  
The Last Hour  
*(reflections in word and music)*

### **Holy Saturday 31 March**

10.30am  
Henshaw All Hallows  
Messy Church

8.00pm  
St John, Nenthead  
Easter Vigil with Renewal of Baptism Vows and First Eucharist of Easter

9.00pm  
Hexham Abbey  
Vigil and Compline  
*(watching and waiting in word and music)*

### **Easter Sunday 1 April**

6.00am  
Ecumenical Sunrise Service – on the Sele

8.00am  
St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

9.30am  
St Helen's Whitley Chapel  
Parish Communion

6.30pm  
Hexham Abbey  
Festal Choral Evensong

### **DEANERY PILGRIMAGE STAGE 2 – JUNE 2018**



**NENTHEAD – GARRIGILL – ALSTON  
OVERNIGHT STAY - ALSTON: 15 JUNE**

**ALSTON – LAMBLEY  
DEANERY WORSHIP AT LAMBLEY:  
16 JUNE**

**Both days' walking led by**

### FOR LENT

First, however, the annual Lent initiative – **NOT THE SUNDAY LUNCH** – will support the initiative. Everyone in the Deanery is invited to join together at the Priory Buildings at Hexham, Abbey for a simple lunch – soup, bread, traybake, tea and coffee – and plenty of conversation. No charge, but a collection taken for this Christian Aid project.

You would be welcome to come to the lunch – any Sunday between 18 February and 25 March, 1145-1300 each Sunday – or if you'd like to help make or serve

Deanery people, and in conjunction with Tyne Rivers Trust.

No charge – except for overnight accommodation (not "compulsory"!) in Alston. Pilgrimage concludes with worship in Lambley – all the Deanery invited

Please let us know if you are hoping to come – final commitment not necessary at this stage. But please let us know early if you intend to come:

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### Consultation About Education in the West of Northumberland

JANUARY 2018



This consultation affects our schools – across West Northumberland, but particularly across our Deanery – First Schools, Primary Schools, Middle Schools and High or Secondary Schools. As a Deanery we want to support the many governors in all types of schools who have a background and connection to our churches. For this reason, and with the intention of considering a joint submission to the Consultation – any time up to July 2018 – we have given over the first Synod meeting of the year to consider the subject. All are welcome, but we hope particularly to attract church-going governors of all types of school, irrespective of age or church affiliation. The meeting is at **1900 on Tuesday 6 March at Henshaw Primary School NE47 7EP**. Please come to have your voice heard.