

LIFE IN HD

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

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 growing church bringing hope



HEXHAM DEANERY DIARY – APRIL 2018

DEANERY RIVERS PROJECT IN BANGLADESH WITH CHRISTIAN AID



With thanks to the Monday Housegroup of Hexham Abbey, who dedicated the donations for their Lent project – “Not the Sunday Lunch” to this initiative – Christian Aid have received a cheque dedicated to this project in the sum of £918.

Next planned event – walks on the Nent and Allen Rivers and Haltwhistle Burn.

Good Friday – Easter Day

From 10.30am
Greenhead St Cuthbert
Easter Garden Exhibition and
Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 1 April: Easter Day

6.30am
Haydon Old Church
Liturgy of Easter

8.00am
Whitley Chapel St Helen
Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am
Whitley Chapel St Helen
Parish Communion

10.00am
St John Lee
Parish Eucharist

**DEANERY CONFERENCE
RE-IMAGINING HEXHAM DEANERY**
A very helpful and constructive meeting has made huge strides in defining the advice we shall send to the Bishop for use when she is making new stipendiary appointments to the parishes in our Deanery. The final draft is being prepared for adoption at the 6 June Deanery Synod – D Day!

HEXHAM DEANERY SYNOD PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2018

Please note that speaker/venue availability may cause alterations!

Deanery Synod Meetings (All “Open”)

- Wednesday 6 June
 - The Gift of Years
 - Parish-Deanery-Diocese – Social media Communications
 - Re-Imagining the Deanery – Final approval
- Thursday 4 October:
 - The Resource Church – what it looks like in our Diocese, and what’s it to us?

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

PARISH APCM – DEANERY REPORT
We sent a generic summary of Deanery activity in 2017 in order to help Synod members in their report to APCMs. This is for Synod members to add to if they so wish. Contact David for a copy.

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 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

It is vital that we know numbers before the end of April so that arrangements for the walk can be made. Contact Evelyn Braid now:

- evelyn.braid@sky.com
- 01434 601705

Saturday 14 April

9.30am
Haltwhistle Methodist Hall
Holy Cross Coffee Morning

10.00am
Alston Masonic Hall
St Augustine Coffee Morning

Sunday 15 April

3.00pm
Venue – to be announced
God’s Tent Pitching

10.00am
Warden St Michael and All Angels
Parish Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am
Stagshaw St Aidan
Parish Eucharist (BCP)

11.00am
Haydon Bridge St Cuthbert
Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church

3.00pm
Lambley St Mary and St Patrick
Easter Eucharist

Wednesday 4 April

2.30pm
Haltwhistle Methodist Hall
Easter Fayre

Thursday 5 April

10.30am
Greenhead Village Hall
Over 60s Coffee Morning

Sunday 8 April

9.30am
Henshaw All Hallows
Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church

Wednesday 11 April

3.30pm
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church
Messy Church

Thursday 12 April

1.00 – 4.00pm
Haltwhistle Methodist Hall
Afternoon Tea

7.30pm
Gilsland Village Hall
Gardening Club

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!

Diocesan Synod Election Timetable

Friday 4 May
Activity Notice to members of the Deanery Synods of the election to the Diocesan Synod

Friday 25 May
Nominations to be returned to the Presiding Officer

Friday 8 June
Election papers posted

Friday 29 June
Election papers to be returned to the Presiding Officer

Saturday 20 October
First meeting of the new Diocesan Synod

SAFEGUARDING

Our Deanery Mission is to become the safest we can be. Parishes should have Safeguarding Officers a policy and an Action Plan. Here are the local courses to help us get there:

- **Wed 18 April: Hexham Abbey Safeguarding C2 PSO/Churchwardens**
- **Thurs 17 May: Hexham Abbey Safeguarding C5 Refresher Incumbents etc**
- **Thurs 5 July: Hexham Abbey Safeguarding C3 Incumbents, Readers etc**
- **Tues 10 July: Morpeth St Aidan Safer Recruitment C1 for recruiting volunteers etc**

Full programme and further details on Diocesan website

Thursday 19 April

3.30pm
Haltwhistle Methodist Hall
Messy Church

Sunday 22 April

10.00am
Haydon Bridge St Cuthbert
Celebration Service

3.00pm
Lambley St Mary and St Patrick
Evening Prayer

Wednesday 25 April

7.30pm
Greenhead St Cuthbert
APCM

Thursday 26 April

7.30pm
Knarsdale St Jude
Jazz Concert

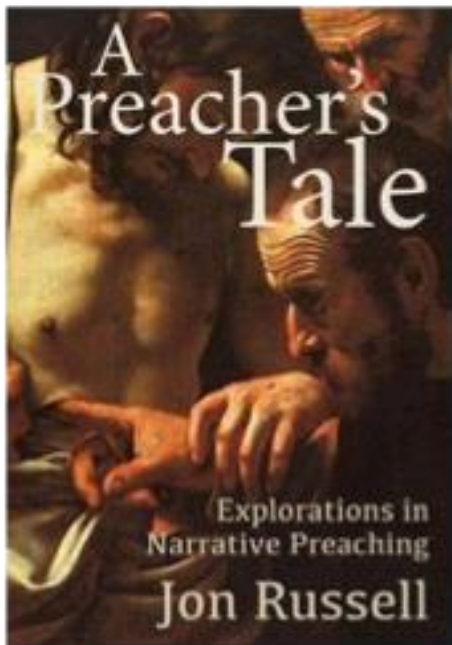
Saturday 28 April

9.30am
Haltwhistle Methodist Hall
St Cuthbert Greenhead Coffee Morning

10.00am
Knarsdale Community Hall
Coffee Stop

Sunday 29 April

10.30am
Henshaw All Hallows
Parish Eucharist with Messy Church



***A Preacher's Tale:
Explorations in
Narrative Preaching
by Jon Russell***

***Published by SCM Press, price £16.99
Available from SCM Press, Church House
Bookshop and Hexham Abbey Gift Shop***

Many clergy receive little training in the arts of preaching and it is assumed that they will learn by gaining experience. The renowned American preacher Herbert O'Driscoll suggests that congregations do not want to be given a map showing them how to get to the coast, they want to be drenched in the spray.

Narrative preaching is a means of achieving such immediacy. By dramatic story-telling, it invites listeners into the text imaginatively and enables them to experience sermons as transformative events.

A Preacher's Tale aims to provide not just a theoretical introduction, but a resource that uses sermons in the narrative style to reflect on how to prepare and construct them and how to deliver them effectively in the context of worship.

'Jon Russell draws the reader into a multiple conversation - with the biblical text which he handles with immense respect; with the noble army of preachers who each week wrestle with recalcitrant sermons; with the contemporary world as it illuminates and contradicts the life of faith and with his own playful imagination, shocking, surprising, delighting and refreshing. ...A wonderfully stimulating book.' - David Day

Consultation About
Education in the
West of Northumberland

JANUARY 2018



**Next Consultation Document
expected in early May.
Be ready to respond**