

LIFE IN HD

Archbishop Justin has urged us all to pray especially for our country as we reach 29th March and so move forward in whatever way occurs. Can I suggest we continue to use this prayer daily?

**God of reconciling hope,
as you guided your people in the past
guide us through the turmoil of the present
time
and bring us to that place of flourishing
where our unity can be restored,
the common good served
and all shall be made well.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

*I really would love to have some feedback!!!!
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... 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 – MARCH 2019

BIG NEWS

Which church in the picture?

Safeguarding Courses:

The first is a C1 Refresher course taking place in Hexham Abbey's Priory Buildings on **Tuesday 26 March** from 1.30 to 3.30 when tea and coffee will be served from 1pm.

The second is a C1 for those who have not undertaken any safeguarding training before. It is taking place on Thursday 10 October in the Priory Buildings from 6.00 to 8.30pm. Again we will be serving tea and coffee from 5.30.

You have to book direct with the Diocese – check the diocesan website for the training calendar with all the information necessary. However it would be helpful if those who book on either course could email admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk so that they have an idea of numbers for refreshments.

The Deanery Pilgrimage continues after the great time we had in Alston parish last June. This year we are planning another two-day pilgrimage which will complete the first circumnavigation of the deanery churches. We are yet to finalise the route, but overall we are planning Greenhead to Warden over the two days, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June. The walk will call at each church where there will be linked exhibitions of a Christian Aid project we are looking to support. This project works with displaced persons who are refugees in their own country, for example in Kenya, Nigeria and Iraq.

We hope that all parishes will have pilgrims who join in – it truly was great last year, walking and talking with friends and new friends. One of the highspots was the middle evening we spent in Alston, and we are hoping to do similarly in Haydon Bridge, possibly at The Sill. In order to make this happen we will need to have a fairly clear idea of numbers. Staying over is as optional; as joining the pilgrimage itself, but it does add another dimension to the event.

If you would like to know more please contact David on 01434 608882 or by email r.david.ratcliff@gmail.com. We will need to make bookings at The Sill very quickly, especially if we have a large number. **Please spread the word! The need to book is getting nearer every day.**

Hexhamshire Garden Trail 2019

It's the start of a new year and we have just started planning the garden trail in aid of St Helens for this year. The date is 23 June, a little later than previously, but with any luck we will be blessed with good weather. Fifteen generous owners have once again agreed to open their gardens for the day.

Some you may have visited before others will be completely new. As before each garden will show what can be done with their own particular plot given soil, altitude and time. Each garden has its own particular challenges to overcome, be that pests, predators or pernicious weeds and all visitors will both enjoy the garden that they see and learn from the challenges faced.

As usual there will be plant and cake stalls so gardeners please bear the trail in mind when you are tidying up your garden, dividing plants or as I did last week find a shrub that has layered itself. We would welcome any contributions to these stalls.

Any organisation is always looking for new blood and this year we would be very grateful if someone who is familiar with social media could join the team to help spread the word.

For more information or to offer your services as a garden opener or helper please contact Jenny Stirling on 01434 600509 (there is an answer phone) or jenny@queensleth.com

Following the recent **Gift of Years** network day at the Church of the Nativity, Chapel House, a local "find-out-about-it" session will be held for all interested at Hexham Community Church on Tuesday 12 March, 1400-1600 This is an event not to be missed for those who want to grow a ministry with older people or who are already part of the ministry and would like to share experience. Please pass this invitation to those in your parish you feel would be interested in The Gift of Years ministry.

Regular Events

Every Sunday

9.30am
Haltwhistle Holy Cross
Sung Eucharist

10.15am
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Bell Ringing

10.15am
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Choir and Music Practice

11.00am
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Holy Communion

11.00am
Greenhead St Cuthbert
Sung Eucharist

Every Monday

10.30am (Not Bank Holidays)
Haltwhistle Holy Cross
Prayers Together

2.30pm
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Prayer Group

5.40pm
Hexham Abbey
Christian Meditation

Every Tuesday

11.00am-noon
The Old Booking Hall, Haltwhistle
Chair Yoga
£5
Phone 07773 163833

12.00
Hexham Abbey
Holy Communion

1.30pm
Samuel Kings School, Alston
Let's Cook

2.30-4.30pm
St. Cuthbert's Allendale
Friendship Group (Hall)

Every Wednesday

9.30am
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Holy Communion

9.30am
Hexham Abbey
Holy Communion

10.15am
Hexham Abbey
Tots' Praise

3.00p.m.
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Hand Bell Group
Arrison Close

6.30pm (term time)
Hexham Abbey
Choral Evensong

Thursday 7 March Perpetua and Felicity

Pray for all who suffer for the faith: those in places where they face imprisonment or death; those , perhaps here at home who face mockery and ridicule.

ALLEDALE, St Cuthbert : Revd Jonathan Russell; Church Wardens : Jane Simmonds, Sandie Wilson

9.15am
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Stations of the Cross

10.00am
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Holy Communion

2.30pm
6 Ropehaugh, Allenheads
Lent Group

Friday 8 March

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy

Mindful of Kennedy's work at St. Martin-in – the Fields pray for all churches that seek to reach out to serve the vulnerable, the impoverished.

ALSTON, St Augustine : Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens: Elizabeth Walton, Peter Smith

Saturday 9 March

BELTINGHAM, St Cuthbert : Revd. Benjamin Carter; Church Wardens : Anne Galbraith, Adrian Storie: Henshaw CE Primary School
For all who are enjoying a weekend off work - and for those who have to work that others may enjoy

Sunday 10 March LENT 1

Pray of all communicants – those who are faithful; those who are lapsed; that we all may be daily thankful for the Bread of Life given in word and Sacrament.
FOURSTONES, St Aidan: Revd. Jeremy Thompson; Reader: Pam Nobbs; Church Warden: Caro Dickinson
For our Archbishops and Archbishops Council

11.00 am
Haydon Bridge St Cuthbert
Eucharist with Storybook Church

11.30am-1.00pm
Hexham Abbey Priory Buildings
Not the Sunday Lunch
Collection for Christian Aid

Monday 11 March

GARRIGILL, St John: Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens: Alison Clapp

7.30pm
Allendale Rectory
Lent Group

Tuesday 12 March

GREENHEAD, St Cuthbert: Church Wardens : Elsie Dixon, Judith Clark; Greenhead CE Primary School

2.00pm
Barl End, Allendale
Lent Group

Wednesday 20 March St. Cuthbert

Pray that, like Cuthbert, we may this Lent grow in ever deeper, perhaps silent, prayer that enriches the whole life of the church.
NENTHEAD, St John: Revd Mark Nash-Williams: Church Wardens: Madeleine Harris, David Robinson

11.30am-1.00pm
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Frugal Lunch

6.30pm
Fourstones, St Aidan
Stations of the Cross followed by Compline

Thursday 21 March Thomas Cranmer

Give thanks for the life, witness and holiness of Cranmer and for his legacy to us in the Book of Common Prayer.

NEWBROUGH, St Peter: Revd. Jeremy Thompson ; Reader: Pam Nobbs; Church Warden: Caro Dickinson ; Newbrough CE Primary School

2.30pm
6 Ropehaugh, Allenheads
Lent Group

Deanery Synod – First of the Year: 7.15pm

St John Lee Parish Hall
Newcastle Resource Church
With Bishop Mark
Open Synod – all welcome

Friday 22 March

NINEBANKS, St Mark: Revd Jonathan Russell; Church Wardens: Marina Wallace, Dorothy Summers

Saturday 23 March

ST JOHN LEE, St John of Beverley: Revd. Jeremy Thompson: Church Wardens: Pam Nobbs, Sybil Gill, Cath Belcher

Sunday 24 LENT 3

Pray for all who are bringing children to Baptism; for all preparing for Confirmation; for those who are still asking questions

WARDEN, St Michael & All Angels: Revd. Jeremy Thompson; Reader: Pam Nobbs; Church Wardens: Ruben Straker, Mr. Benson

10.00am
Henshaw All Hallows
Community Service

Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
APCM

11.30am-1.00pm
Hexham Abbey Priory Buildings
Not the Sunday Lunch
Collection for Christian Aid

Monday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION

Pray that we like Mary may be ready to heed the angel's tap on our shoulder and to respond with a joyful, if fearful, "Yes"

7.30-9.00pm
St. Cuthbert's ,Allendale
Tower Bell Practice

Every Thursday

10.00am
Haltwhistle Holy Cross
Holy Communion

6.30pm (term time)
Hexham Abbey
Choral Evensong

Every Friday

10.30am-12.30pm
Cairns Hall, Knarsdale
Brain Body Workout
£7 per session
07981 101651

Last Saturday in month

10.00-11.30am
St. Cuthbert's Allendale
Coffee Morning (Hall)

Friday 1 March

St. David

St. David drew together a praying community as the base for evangelism and outreach. As we draw near to Lent pray that all our congregations may use Lent to grow in the discipline (discipleship) of the Church: in prayer, praise, service and witness. Pray for our Bishops Christine and Mark in their ministry within the Diocese and wider church.

Saturday 2 March

St. Chad

Trained by Aidan on Lindisfarne Chad was a man of deep prayer and humility. Pray that we too may grow in prayer, courtesy and gentleness that others may be drawn to Christ.

The Deanery Synod: Area Dean: Revd. Jeremy Thompson; Lay Chair: David Ratcliff, Deanery Development Group, Deanery Synod reps.

Sunday 3 March

Sunday next before Lent

Pray that as we keep a good Lent so we as a community may reflect Christ's light, glory and hope in a world that often seems dark to many
All clergy in our Deanery – both in post and retired;

9.30am
Henshaw All Hallows
Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church

Monday 4 March

Readers and Lay Ministers in our Deanery

2.15pm
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Mothers' Union

7.30pm
The Rectory, Allendale
Screening of Lent film:
The Long Road to Heaven

Tuesday 5 March

Church Wardens and PCC members

2.00pm
Barl End, Allendale
Lent Group

Wednesday 13 March

Ember Day

Pray that all members of our congregations may grow in confident faith and devotion so as to invite others to church events – and even, perhaps, to worship!

HALTWHISTLE, Holy Cross: Sheila Williams; Church Wardens Mary Alderson, Stephanie Wigham

11.30am-1.00pm
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Frugal Lunch

3.30 pm
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church
Messy Church

6.30pm
Fourstones, St Aidan
Stations of the Cross followed by Compline

Thursday 14 March

HAYDON BRIDGE, St Cuthbert Revd. Benjamin Carter; Church Wardens: David Thornhill, Gillian Valentine

9.15am
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Stations of the Cross

10.00am
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Holy Communion

2.30pm
6 Ropehaugh, Allenheads
Lent Group

Friday 15 March

Ember Day

Pray for all who are preparing for ordained ministry, for the colleges/courses they attend, for the work and ministry of the Lindisfarne Course.

HENSHAW, All Hallows: Revd. Benjamin Carter; Church Wardens: Anne Galbraith, Adrian Storie; Henshaw CE Primary School

Saturday 16 Ember Day

Pray for vocations to lay and ordained ministries; for Revd. Claire Robson in her work as DDO

HEXHAM, Hexham Abbey Revd. Canon Dagmar Winter; Church Wardens: Steph Bingham, Richard Snow, Simon Caudwell, Rachael Haywood Smith

9.30am
Haltwhistle Methodists
Coffee Morning

7.00pm
St John Lee
Concert with Jubilate (a choir under the directorship of Warren Smith)
"As Long as I Have Music"
Entrance is £10 inc. refreshments.
All proceeds evenly split between Tynedale Hospice at Home and St John Lee.

7.30pm
Allendale Rectory
Lent Group

Tuesday 26 March

For our sisters and brothers in all the other Church denominations serving in our area.

WHITLEY CHAPEL, St Helen: Revd Andrew Patterson; Church Wardens: Barbara Parker, Jennifer Stirling; Whitley Chapel CE First School

2.00pm
Barl End, Allendale
Lent Group

7.30pm
The Elk's Head
Whitfield APCM
Followed by PCC

Wednesday 27 March

WHITFIELD, Holy Trinity: Revd Jonathan Russell; Church Warden: John Blackett-Ord; Whitfield CE Primary School

11.30am-1.00pm
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Frugal Lunch

6.30pm
Fourstones, St Aidan
Stations of the Cross followed by Compline

Thursday 28 March

Pray for our church schools: Greenhead CE Primary School; Henshaw CE Primary School; Newbrough CE Primary School; Whitfield CE Primary School; Whitley Chapel CE First School

9.15am
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Stations of the Cross

10.00am
Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Holy Communion

2.30pm
6 Ropehaugh, Allenheads
Lent Group

7.30pm
Allendale Village Hall
Concert: Sound of Cello – Ilse de Ziah
Tickets £8 (£20 family)
Tickets 07854 982721

Friday 29 March

As we approach mid-Lent pray that we may all of us be given a fresh encouragement to make the most of Lent and Holy Week

5.00pm
Forum Cinema, Hexham
Showing of Icelandic film "Rams"
Part of Nordic Voices programme

Saturday 30 March

Pray for all those who while rarely appearing in church for worship do much to support its ministry – the "buttsesses"!

11.00am
Henshaw All Hallows
Messy Church

Ash Wednesday 6 March

Pray that through this Lent we all may draw nearer to the Cross.

10.00am

Henshaw All Hallows
Eucharist with Ashing

10.00am

St John Lee
Holy Communion with the imposition of Ashes

11.30am-1.00pm

Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Frugal Lunch
Christian Aid during Lent

7.00pm

St Aidan Fourstones
Holy Communion with the imposition of Ashes

7.30 pm

Haydon Bridge St Cuthbert
Eucharist with Ashing

7.30pm

Allendale, St Cuthbert
Holy Communion with the imposition of Ashes

Sunday 17 March**LENT 2**

Pray for all the various house groups, courses etc. taking place around our Deanery during Lent

KIRKHAUGH, Holy Paraclete: Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Warden : Richard Graham

11.30am-1.00pm

Hexham Abbey Priory Buildings
Not the Sunday Lunch
Collection for Christian Aid

3.00pm

God's Tent
pitching t.b.a.

Monday 18 March

KNARESDALE, St Jude: Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens : Irene Boyles, Carol Grieves

7.30pm

Allendale Church Hall
APCM, followed by PCC

7.30pm

Allendale Rectory
Lent Group

Tuesday 19 March**St. Joseph**

Pray for all who have been entrusted with a vocation to fatherhood.

LAMBLEY, St Mary & St Patrick : Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens : Margaret Pullin, George Forster

2.00pm

Barl End, Allendale
Lent Group

Sunday 31 March**LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY**

N.B. clocks go forward !!!

Give thanks for mums (and grans and dads ...) Pray for all the various Mother's Day events in our churches; pray that somehow the origin of this Festival may not altogether be lost in a welter of commercialism, expensive flowers and chocolate.

9.30 am

Haltwhistle, Holy Cross
Sung Eucharist

10.00am

St. John Lee
Family Service

11.00am

Allendale, St Cuthbert
Mothering Sunday Service

11.30am-1.00pm

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