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PALMS FOR 'ASHING'

This week it'll be Ash Wednesday and Lent is upon us.

If you kept hold of last year's palm cross, please could you drop it off at the vestry before Wednesday 6th March. It will be used to make the ash for 'ashing' at the 9.30am (Said) and 6.30pm (Choral) Ash Wednesday Communion services.

TAKE PRIDE IN HEXHAM

Initiated by Hexham Community Partnership, the campaign aims to encourage residents, traders and community groups to get involved in taking pride in the Town. The 'Spring Clean-up 2019' will take place on Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April. Derek Hughes is organising an Abbey Team to tidy up the Abbey Flags & Grounds & Cowgarth area. He is looking for volunteers asap so that the Team arrangements can be set up in advance.

If you can spare an hour or two or more during the Spring Clean-up period, please contact Derek on: 07948 767941 or 01434 601417 or derek.hughes@mypostoffice.co.uk



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS



As you enter/leave the Abbey TODAY you will be given a copy of Christian Aid's Lent booklet "Count your blessings 2019". Its easy to use, challenging, something really to think about every day through Lent, a basis for reflection, prayer and care for others.

CELEBRATING FAIR TRADE

We are in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight. To mark this, some teachers and pupils from Hexham's first schools are coming together in the Abbey for a short celebration of Fair Trade, led by Toni with contributions from each school. We would like to invite you to join us if you are free this Tuesday 5th March at 13.30 - 14.15. It would be a great help if you could let Toni know if you are coming in advance, so we have enough chairs set out in the North Transept. Call or email: 01434 611 905 / education@hexhamabbey.org.uk



THE CONSONE QUARTET

Friday 29th March, 7.30pm *The Great Hall*

Award winning period instrument string quartet in a concert of music by Boccherini, Mendelssohn and Beethoven. Tickets £15 (including refreshments) going on sale very soon! This is a fundraising concert; all proceeds will go towards the Hexham Abbey Roof Appeal.



NEWS

ARE YOU ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL???

It's the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote in elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted! By this means, the continuing validity of the roll is maintained. We are beginning to prepare for a brand new roll this Spring for our APCM on 28th April. Please look out for the **WHITE Electoral Roll forms**.

HOLD THE DATE!

Steph Bingham and Rachael Haywood Smith are in the process of establishing a new social committee! More news to follow, but in the meantime there will be a shared supper and quiz night in the Great Hall on June 7th - put it in your diary and start pepping up your general knowledge!

'YOUR CALL' – LENT GROUP

Your Call is a spiritual journey to make in Lent, exploring how we respond to Jesus' call to follow him by reflecting on the Bible passages from the readings for the Sundays in Lent. In addition to the House Groups, some or all of whom will be using the material as well, there is a further Lent Group on offer on 5 Thursday evenings, 7.30pm, beginning on 7th March, led by Mary Warner, Carol Wilson and – some of the time – Dagmar. Venue: Etheldreda Room. Material will also be on hand on Sundays for those who cannot make it to any group but would like to make Lent special! And on the 11th April there will be a plenary in Wilfrid Room – What does Jesus' passion really mean for us.

MONDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

Are studying the Bible Society module: 'The Word of God' until the week before Lent. They meet at one of two homes on a Monday afternoon and they're an open and welcoming group! They'll be using 'Your Call' during Lent. Call David on 01434 608882 for more details.

WEDNESDAY EVENING HOUSE GROUP

Are studying Acts this term before following 'You Call' for Lent. New members always very welcome! Call Rachael on 07984 398113 for more info.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

During Lent we shall be following the "Your Call" journey. We will give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for this course, starting on 8th March. Call Elizabeth on 601142.



CHORAL EVENSONG

What does it mean to you? The international Choral Evensong survey 2019 is now open. Go to <https://kathrynkingresearch.wordpress.com/take-the-choral-evensong-survey/> and read more about it there.

SUPPORT THE VERGERS' TEAM

We are looking for an Assistant Verger for the following three slots: for the first, the fourth and any fifth Sunday in the month, 2pm–7.45pm. Honorarium. Please get in touch with Dagmar (rector@hexhamabbey.org.uk) if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS Tues 5th March, 7pm

This service reflects the belief that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness. In this service, particular people, places and situations may be named - not as problems to be solved but as a focus for God's love, not to change God but to change the world, to change us. When or how healing will happen we do not know but entrust to God.

NOT THE SUNDAY LUNCH 10th March, after 10am service

Come along after the 10am Sunday service for a simple soup and bread lunch followed by a cuppa and a slice of something nice!



MESSY CHURCH Sunday 10th March, 3pm

Join the team for fun, faith and friends. Followed by a light afternoon tea in the North Transept.

CARNTYNE HOLY COMMUNION 8th March, 11.15am

The congregation at Carntyne would welcome new members. They meet for Holy Communion at 11.15am on the second Friday of each month.

POETRY & FAITH Tuesday 12th March, 12.50pm

The Lenten meetings of the Poetry and Faith group will be held on Tuesdays in Etheldreda, beginning on 12th March, 12.50- 2 pm. Details from Mavis Ostler (01434 600961 or mavisostler@gmail.com)

IS ANYONE LISTENING? Saturday 16th March, 10-12noon

Churches Together in Hexham invite you to join a few minutes' peace and quiet in Trinity Church Hall, a chance to sit and reflect upon the turbulent period our country and the wider world is currently going through: a calm, safe space where listening can take precedence over speaking, where, when thoughts find expression in words spoken from the heart, they can be listened to and considered without being instantly challenged, contradicted or shouted down.

ILLUSTRATED TALK Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm

A talk in Prior's Hall: 'British Prehistoric Rock Art' by Dr Stan Beckensall. Tickets £5 from Cogito's Bookshop, Hexham. All profits will go to the West Northumberland Foodbank and Tynedale Hospice at Home.

SILVER SCREEN Thursday 28th March, 2.30pm

This month's classic is Pride and Prejudice (1940!) - a delight with Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier!



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Commencing 12th May 2019

Thanks to Philip with Margi, Sheila, Derek and Chris for leading this year's campaign!

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: THE PASTORAL VISITING GROUP is always happy to hear from a church member, perhaps :
: housebound, who would like a visit. Please contact Margaret Meade via the Parish Office. :
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Sunday 3rd March SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.30am	Holy Communion	President & Preacher	Frank Dexter
10.00am	Abbey Praise	Led by	Janet Jackson & Mary Warner
Anthem	Bryan <i>Litany to the God of love</i>	Organ	Rinck <i>Präludium</i>
12.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	President & Preacher	Philip Cunningham
		Readings	Exodus 34: 29-end; Luke 9:28-36
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Readings	Exodus 3:1-6; John 12:27-36a
Officiant	Nigel Warner	Reader	William Tyson
Canticles	Murrill <i>in E</i>	Responses	Holmes
Anthem	Ireland <i>Greater Love</i>	Psalm	99
Organ	Franck <i>Élégie</i>	Hymns	392 (vv1,3,4) 636

Abbey Services for the week beginning Monday 4th March 2019

Monday 4th March	9.00am 5.00pm 5.40pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Christian Meditation	
Tuesday 5th March	9.00am 12.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Service of Wholeness & Healing	<i>Nigel Warner</i> <i>Mary Warner & Janet Jackson</i>
Ash Wednesday 6th March	9.00am 9.30am 10.15am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion with 'Ashing' Tots' Praise Choral Communion with 'Ashing'	<i>Claire Robson</i> <i>Chris Simmons</i>
Thursday 7th March	9.00am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Choral Evensong	<i>Frank Dexter</i>
Friday 8th March	9.00am 5.00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	
Saturday 9th March	9.00am 5.00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	



Sunday 10th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30am	Holy Communion	President & Preacher	Dagmar Winter
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Readings	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13
President	Claire Robson	Reader	Jill Dexter
Preacher	Dagmar Winter	Intercessor	tbc
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Readings	Jonah 3; Luke 18:9-14
Officiant	Philip Cunningham	Reader	David Ratcliff

For Your Prayers

We pray for those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers:

Edna O'Neil, Doreen Beniams, Christopher Brown, Ann Dodgson, June Olliver, Gordon Rowell.

We pray for those who have died and all those who mourn:

Romona Watt, Anne Newton, Harold Applegarth, Robert Alan Mayhew, Patricia Mayhew.

Contact the Parish Office: 01434 602031 or admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk

Opening Hours: 10am - 1pm