**Hexham Deanery Calendar and Prayer Diary
 – DECEMBER 2019**

*It continues to be a great joy and privilege to provide us with a simple “localised” cycle of prayer each month. You will understand that I am dependent on others providing information and prayer requests. Apologies when I have details (e.g. names of Church Wardens incorrect). Do please be in touch. Happy Christmas!
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**Sunday 1 December ADVENT 1**For our outreach to all during Advent and Christmas that many may respond and come to know Christ as Lord.

That our churches may be places of welcome and community where many may come to know the love of God revealed in Christ

**Monday 2 December**
**ST JOHN LEE, St John of Beverley**: Revd. Jeremy Thompson: Church Wardens: Barbara Davidson, Corrynne Coats

For all working on local farms; for all the candidates standing for election.

**Tuesday 3 December**
**FOURSTONES, St Aidan:** Revd. Jeremy Thompson; Reader: Pam Nobbs; Church Warden: Caro Dickinson
For all involved in local public transport; for those who use the services provided; for drivers and school children travelling daily across our deanery.

**Wednesday 4 December**

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

For all preparing for school nativity plays, carol services and other events – that children of all ages may come to Jesus

**Thursday 5 December**

**WARDEN, St Michael & All Angels:** Revd. Jeremy Thompson; Reader: Pam Nobbs; Church Wardens: Ruben Straker, Mr. BensonFor our Archbishops and Archbishops Council
Readers and Lay Ministers in our Deanery
For our sisters and brothers in all the other Church denominations serving in our area.

**Friday 6 December**
**HALTWHISTLE, Holy Cross:** Sheila Williams; Church Wardens: Stephanie WighamFor parents anxious about the cost of Christmas

**Saturday 7 December**
**GREENHEAD, St Cuthbert:** Church Wardens: Elsie Dixon, Judith Clark; Greenhead CE Primary School*.*
For all working in local shops during this period; for courtesy at the check-outs; for patience with others in queues.

For our local markets and produce stalls

**Sunday 8 December ADVENT 2**In all the busy-ness may our churches be place of stillness, peace and hope; as we come close to the General Election we pray for a renewed sense of community, for mutual flourishing, justice and peace; for shared concern for our planet and environment.

**Monday 9 December**
**ALSTON, St Augustine** : Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens: Liz Walton and Neil Willmott

For all working in pubs, cafes, restaurants; for all those still trying to decide for whom to vote; that Christian votes may be given for justice, fairness and care for the vulnerable.

**Tuesday 10 December
KIRKHAUGH, Holy Paraclete**: Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Warden: Richard Graham

For the elderly –especially those alone, those struggling on small pensions; those sad because no-one will visit at Christmas.

**Wednesday 11 December**

**KNARESDALE, St Jude:** Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens : Irene Boyles, Carol Grieves
For all members of the Mothers Union in our parishes; for a renewal of MU’s life and witness

**Thursday 12 December
LAMBLEY, St Mary & St Patrick**: Revd Mark Nash-Williams; Church Wardens: Margaret Pullin, George ForsterFor all who are voting today in the General Election

**Friday 13 December
NENTHEAD, St John** Revd Mark Nash-Williams: Church Wardens: Madeleine Harris, David Robinson.
For our new Government and Parliament

**Saturday 14 December**
**GARRIGILL, St John:** Revd Mark Nash-Williams;
For all members of “minorities” living in our deanery; for an end to all forms of racism and prejudice

**Sunday 15 December ADVENT 3**

For all who because of illness or other cause are unable to be in church this Christmas; for those receiving Holy Communion at home; for lay ministers of Communion, for the work of Anna chaplains.

**Monday 16 December**
**ALLENDALE, St Cuthbert:** Revd Jonathan Russell; Church Wardens: Shirley Brown, Sandie Wilson

For all working in local shops and supermarkets; for those on “zero-hour contracts”, for those who will have to work over Christmas

**Tuesday 17 December “O Sapientia”
WHITFIELD, Holy Trinity :** Revd Jonathan Russell; Church Wardens: John and Sarah Blackett-Ord; Whitfield CE Primary School
**Whitfield CE Primary School;**
member of the Good Shepherd multi-academy Trust
Katherine Ayre Head of School
Mrs Claire Render Executive Headteacher
Rob Blake Executive Headteacher

For all who work to keep us safe and warm during the winter months – police, fire, ambulance, water-workers, highway departments, refuse collectors – all those whom so often we forget about; especially those working in cold, wet, dangerous conditions.

Pray for wisdom for all who lead our nation during this time : “O Wisdom …. Come and teach us the way of prudence”:

**Wednesday 18 December O Adonai**

**NINEBANKS, St Mark** : Revd Jonathan Russell; Church Wardens : Marina Wallace, Dorothy Summers
For carers; for the work of social services; for good neighbours “keeping an eye” on those in need.

Pray for a renewal of hope and expectation in the life of the Church : “Come and redeem us”

**Thursday 19 December O Radix Jesse
The Deanery Synod:** Area Dean: Revd. Jeremy Thompson; Lay Chair: David Ratcliff, Deanery Development Group, Deanery Synod reps.

For all lay people who give so much time and commitment especially at this season so that we may offer worthy worship, a warm welcome and real hope.

Pray for peace here and worldwide: “Come and deliver us and delay no longer”

**Friday 20 December O Clavis David**
**WHITLEY CHAPEL, St Helen:** Revd Andrew Patterson; Church Wardens: Barbara Parker

**Whitley Chapel CE First School:**
Jenny Morgan Headteacher

Pray for all those who feel imprisoned by circumstances, ill-health, injustice etc. “Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house”

**Saturday 21 December O Oriens**
For vocations to Ordained Ministry and to the Religious Life

All clergy in our Deanery – both in post and retired

For the West Northumberland Foodbank and all who need its help; thanks for those who give generously; prayer for all who run and volunteer.

Pray for the dark places: those in our deanery, those places we see on the news, that the Christ Light may shine “Enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death”

**Sunday 22 December ADVENT 4 O Rex Gentium**
That together this Christmas we may hold out afresh the hope and promise of the Gospel of Peace to a world in often unknowing, unrecognised but desperate despair.Pray that worldwide those in power may work to protect the environment and that we may do our little bit here in our Deanery “Come and save the human race which you fashioned of clay”.

**Monday 23 December O Emmanuel**
**HEXHAM, Hexham Abbey** Church Wardens: Jane Pikett, Richard Snow, Simon Caudwell, Rachael Haywood Smith, Helen Milner; Revd Clare Robson
For all who visit the Abbey; its staff and volunteers.

For the work of Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services, especially for their work in rural communities.

That as a Church community in this place we may grow in adoration and wonder of the love of God revealed in Christ present among and with us.

**Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve**

For our choirs and church musicians; for all attending Carol services, Midnight Mass etc. ; that many may, perhaps for the first time, truly be able to listen, to respond.

**Wednesday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY**

Simply praise and adoration:

“Yea Lord we greet thee!”

**Thursday 26 December St. Stephen**

**HAYDON BRIDGE, St Cuthbert** Revd. Benjamin Carter; Church Wardens: David Thornhill, Gillian ValentineFor all who suffer for the Faith – including those in our denary who face subtle forms of opposition, mockery.

**Friday 27 December St. John, Evangelist**

**BELTINGHAM, St Cuthbert :** Revd. Benjamin Carter; Church Wardens: Anne Galbraith, Adrian Storrie:

**St. Cuthbert’s Beltingham with All Hallows Henshaw
West Tyne Church Schools Federation:** The federation consists of Greenhead and Henshaw Schools. Sarah Hutchinson, Executive Headteacher
Readers, Church Wardens, PCC members and all who are leaders of our local congregations – especially those entrusted with preaching

**Saturday 28 December The Holy Innocents**

**HENSHAW, All Hallows:** Revd. Benjamin Carter; Church Wardens: Anne Galbraith, Adrian Storrie
**Henshaw CE Primary School**; and Henshaw Nursery

For children and young people with special needs, their parents and carers.

For all young families and children linked in whatever ways to our Church communities; for Messy Church , The Tent and other ways of outreach and worship

**Sunday 29 December Christmas 1**

In the hush of this Sunday after all the busy-ness: that together we may (re)discover stillness, prayer and peace at the manger bed.

**Monday 31 December**

For GP services in our Deanery; for Hexham General Hospital; for all in hospital over Christmas.

**Tuesday 31 December**

For members of the farming community especially those struggling with anxiety and uncertainty

For all celebrating New Year tonight – especially for traditional events e.g. in Allendale

For those finding this time of year mentally very hard