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Hexham Abbey News

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MEET CATH NEWSON

Tell us a bit about yourself...

Originally from Sheffield, I have lived in Northumberland for almost thirty years, being drawn to the region to study Geography at Newcastle University. As a choir parent, I have been a member of the congregation at the Abbey for the last seven years; I am mum to Ella and Daisy who are at university and Noah who sings in the 'back row' of the Choir.



So what exactly will you be doing...

My role at the Abbey will be to raise funds through funding bids and targeted appeals. I will be working alongside the PCC, the staff teams and the fundraising committee to develop a strategy to fund the large refurbishment work that the Abbey needs, and for projects which can improve the interpretation of our unique heritage collection and our education, choral and visitor activities.

Where have you worked before that I might have heard of?

I completed a PhD in fluvial morphology, working in rivers in North-East England including sites on the West Allen, South Tyne and beyond Kielder Water. My background is in education, having worked for twenty years in small, rural church schools. During this time, I led several successful funding bids to develop educational provision and capital works programmes. A change of path took me to Vindolanda Fort & Museum, where I was responsible for fundraising via membership recruitment.

RECTOR VACANCY

The advert for the position of Rector and Lecturer of Hexham Abbey is now in the Church Times, on the Newcastle Diocese website and our own website. All enquiries for the post are through Peter Robinson, the Archdeacon. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this in person, for your feedback and to the team of people working on the Parish Profile. Please pray for all those people who are considering if this is the right role for them.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

Please return all hand knitted poppies to the Parish Office. If you are able to offer your time on Tuesday 29th October at 10am, June Olliver is looking for volunteers to help display the poppies on the park railings. Please meet in the Etheldreda Room at 10am.



EUCHARIST SERVICE SHEETS

As you will be aware, we have been using a new layout for our Eucharist Service Sheets since June and we would like your feedback. Please can you indicate your preference by answering YES or NO to the three questions below by emailing Esther via admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk or completing the slip in the Pew Sheet. Thank you from the Churchwardens.

1. Do you prefer the Eucharistic Prayer printed in full? **Yes/No**
2. Do you think it is a good idea to have the descriptions in the Service Sheets to help those who are unfamiliar with the service? **Yes/No**
3. Do you like having the music printed in the back of the Service Sheet? **Yes/No**

Should you wish to make a donation towards the Abbey you are welcome to use the contactless machine near the Welcome Desk.

NEWS

ALL SOULS SERVICE

The Service for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 6.30pm and led by our Honorary Associate Priest the Rev'd Claire Robson. Anyone wishing to have a loved one mentioned at this service please add their name to the list at the Welcome Desk.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to attend the training last Thursday.

MUSIC-WORD-PRAYER

At Minsteracres Retreat Centre from Friday 15th November (7pm) – Saturday 16th November (5pm), Paul Inwood explores ways of connecting scripture to music in the liturgy in preparation for the 'Year of the Word 2020', looking at repertoire and bringing the Psalms to life with music. Sessions open to all – particularly those with a liturgical role in their parish or community. Residential or Saturday only. For further information please visit www.minsteracres.org or email info@minsteracres.org or call 01434 673248.

LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

We are looking for volunteers to collect some volunteer leaflets and distribute them around the local area, whether it be in doctors surgeries, dentists, community centres and village halls or other clubs. If you are interested, please take the opportunity to collect some from the Office, and advise Esther where they will be dropped off to avoid duplication.



WONDERFUL FLOWERS

With thanks to Sheila Dance for the wonderful flower arrangements in the fireplaces in the Etheldreda and Wilfrid Rooms. Please do come and take a look at the flower arrangements.

LIGHT UP A LIFE 2019

Remember loved ones together this Christmas at the Light Up a Life services. To take part and dedicate a light in memory of a loved one please call Tynedale Hospice at Home on 01434 606444. The services on 7th December at 3pm take place at Prudhoe Methodist Church, Allendale Methodist Church and Haltwhistle Methodist Church. The services on 8th December at 3pm take place at Hexham St Mary's Church and Ponteland St Mary's Church. For further information visit www.tynedalehospice.com.



MONDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

Monday house group are studying the Gospel of Mark on Mondays between 2.15pm & 3.45pm at Rye Terrace, Hexham alternating with Stable Cottage, Riding Mill. Please call 07866 600904 for more information.



WEDNESDAY EVENING HOUSE GROUP

Our Elvaston Road house group is studying the book of Galatians, but we will also spend time learning more about biblical prayer and how to practise it. Anybody who is interested would be very welcome. Call Rachael on 07984 398113.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

The homegroup meet every Friday in term time, usually at one of three addresses. This term we are looking at the story of Joshua. If you'd like to join us, please phone Tony or Margi on 609074 to find out the venue. It would be good to see you!

EVENTS

SKELETONS IN THE ABBEY, 26th October, 2-4pm

The Abbey will be opening on Spook Night to show a Christian presence and share some aspects of the Christian faith and the idea of Jesus bringing light to darkness. It's an opportunity to welcome many children and families into the Abbey to do crafts and activities arranged by Hexham Holiday Club. If this sounds like something you would like to help with or would like to know more about what's involved please contact Zoe via zoe.robinson@hexhamabbey.org.uk.



PERSPECTIVES BREAKFAST, 26th October, 8.30am

Join the Perspectives Men's Breakfast on Saturday 26th October between 8.30am -9.45am at the Tea Room on the Wall (Vallum Farm on the Military Road) for breakfast and Christian conversation. Cooked breakfast costs £10 and must be booked in advance. Ian Neilly will be speaking about 'The importance of blood'. Ian is approaching retirement after working as a Consultant Haematologist in the Northumbria Trust for 23 years. For more information and booking details please visit www.perspectivescvfm.btck.co.uk. Brian Massey is also happy to be contacted about car sharing arrangements.



SILVER SCREEN, 31st October, 2.30pm

The American musical 'Calamity Jane' starring Doris Day will be shown in the North Transept.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP, 9th November, 7.30pm

An evening of Christian celebration with guest speaker Rev'd Peter Jorysz at Tynedale Function Suite, Hexham Mart. Organised by Churches Together in the Tyne Valley. Free admission.

HEXHAM ORPHEUS CHOIR, 16th November, 7.30pm

Hexham Orpheus Choir will perform The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace on 16th November at 7.30pm in the Abbey. Tickets cost £16 (Transept) or £8 (Nave) and students half price and are available to buy either from Cogito Books or www.hexhamorpheus.brownpapertickets.com.

ANTIPHON CONCERT, 23rd November, 7.30pm

Tickets are available to buy from Cogito Books for the Antiphon Concert on 23rd November in Hexham Abbey, costing £15. A concert by candlelight entitled Rachmaninov, Movements from the All-Night Vigil. For further information visit www.antiphonchoir.co.uk.

FESTIVAL OF FLAME, 29th November

The Abbey will be launching an ambitious new festival concept on Friday 29th November to coincide with the town Christmas lights switch on. The inaugural one-day event will begin with the traditional Compline Service and feature a fire garden, illuminated pear tree and have a candlelit Abbey filled with music. Thank you to all the volunteers who have offered their help so far, we shall be in touch with you soon. We are seeking more volunteers to support the event. If you are interested, please contact Jez Light via events@hexhamabbey.org.uk.

LUNCHTIME LIVE, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November

The Abbey will see the return of a series of free lunchtime concerts in November. John Green plays the harpsichord on 5th Nov, Hexham Male Voice Choir perform on 12th Nov, Alison Rudd plays the organ on the 19th Nov and Charlie's Choir sing on 26th Nov. No ticket needed, just come, sit and enjoy the series in your lunch break between 1pm and 1.45pm.

Free admission with retiring collection.

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 Office.

Sunday 20th October SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.30am | Holy Communion | President | Rev'd Claire Robson |
| 10.00am | Parish Eucharist | President | Canon Michael Jackson |
| Preacher | Rev'd Claire Robson | Readings | 2 Timothy 3:14-4, Luke 18:1-8 |
| Hymns | 555, 251, 289, 584 | Reader | Lynne Thomson |
| Motet | Mozart: <i>Laudate Dominum</i> | Intercessor | Barbara Rowarth |
| Sanctus & Agnus Dei | Mozart: <i>Coronation Mass</i> | Organ | Mendelssohn: <i>Fugue in C Minor</i> |
| 6.30pm | Choral Evensong | Officiant | Canon Frank Dexter |
| Readings | Nehemiah 8:9-end, John 16:1-11 | Reader | Keith Lombard |
| Hymns | 585, 135 | Organ | Elgar: <i>Sonata I/i</i> |
| Responses | Atkinson (SATB) | Canticles | Howells: <i>Gloucester Service</i> |
| Anthem | Duruflé: <i>Ubi Caritas</i> | Psalm | 149 |

Abbey Services this week

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| Monday | 9.00am 5.00pm 5.40pm | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Christian Meditation | |
| Tuesday | 9.00am 12.00pm 5.00pm | Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer | <i>Michael Jackson</i> |
| Wednesday | 9.00am 9.30am 10.15am 6.30pm | Morning Prayer Holy Communion Tots' Praise Choral Evensong | <i>Mary Warner</i> <i>Nigel Warner</i> |
| Thursday | 9.00am 9.30am 6.30pm | Morning Prayer Prayer Group Choral Evensong | <i>Phillip Cunningham</i> |
| Friday | 9.00am 5.00pm | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | |

Sunday 27th October LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.30am | Holy Communion | President | Canon Frank Dexter |
| 10.00am | Parish Eucharist | Preacher | Canon Frank Dexter |
| President | Rev'd Janet Jackson | Reader | Chris Britton |
| Intercessor | Judi Cornforth | Readings | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18, Luke 18: 9-14 |
| 6.30pm | Said Evening Prayer with Hymns | Officiant | Canon Philip Cunningham |
| Readings | Ecclesiastes 11,12, 2 Timothy 2:1-7 | Reader | Hedley Everett |

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

Edna O'Neil, Christopher Brown, Gordon Rowell, Doreen Beniams, Jill Eltringham, Ralph Mayland, Annie Halliday.

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

Andrew Tate.

Parish Office: 01434 602031 or admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk. **Opening hours:** 9am - 3pm.
In the case of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev'd Jeremy Thompson, Area Dean on 600268.