

**21 April 2024**

**Easter 4**

**HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET**  
**COMMUNITY ~ NEWS ~ EVENTS ~ VOLUNTEERS**

# Saying Farewell to Henry

Last Sunday, it was announced that our Assistant Curate, Henry Hope, has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Leek & Meerbrook team (with particular responsibility for the Parish of All Saints), and Curate-in-Charge at St Edward the Confessor, Cheddleton (Lichfield Diocese). Thankfully, Henry will still be with us for a few weeks, and his final Sunday will be **23 June**.

Henry would be delighted to have the opportunity to say farewell to you in person, and there will be an opportunity to do so at a **Parish Picnic** on his last Sunday in Hexham. The picnic will take place in Rachael Haywood-Smith's garden (near Whitley Chapel), from about 1pm. If you'd like a lift, or are able to offer a lift, please get in touch with Lucy.

There will also be a glass of bubbles available immediately after the service that day.

## APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 28 April at 11.30am** (following the 10am Eucharist). This is an important event in the life of the church and it would be really good to have lots of people there. Agendas, nomination forms and minutes are attached to this pew sheet mailing and are also available in the Parish Office. Do you think God might be calling you to stand for office? Please speak to one of the current office holders, or to the Rector, who will be able to discuss with you all that is involved.

## Gardeners' Question Time



We're delighted to be hosting Gardeners' Question Time this summer! Gardeners' Question Time is a long-running BBC Radio 4 programme in which amateur gardeners can put questions to a panel of experts. The show is a beloved institution, attracting 2 million listeners each week. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a budding enthusiast, GQT offers valuable insights and tips to help you cultivate your green thumb.

**As part of our 1350 celebrations, this event is being held to help raise funds for The Flower Festival at Hexham Abbey in July.**

[Book now](#) to get your ticket to what promises to be a wonderful event.

Gardeners' Question Time at Hexham Abbey on **Tuesday, 4 June, at 6pm**. Doors open at 5pm.

The ticket will include a hot drink on arrival and there will be a bar to purchase cold drinks. Pop to the Parish Office if you don't have access to the internet! Please note there are limited tickets available for this event:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey>

# Christian Aid Week, 12–18 May 2024

Last year, 26 volunteers delivered charity envelopes for Christian Aid to people's homes, raising over £1,500. They covered 60% of the homes in Hexham and Acomb; with additional volunteers we could raise even more funds this year.

If you are willing to help, please email [jjohn.mcardle@gmail.com](mailto:jjohn.mcardle@gmail.com) or text 07860 585378.

## Three Choirs' Festival

Tickets are now available for the annual joint concert with the choirs of Hexham Abbey, Carlisle Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral. This year, the Abbey has the pleasure of hosting, and you're all invited to enjoy the fruits of this collaboration. Tickets are available now: be sure not to miss this! <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey>

## *No Place of Safety:*

## Working for Reconciliation in the Holy Land

The Abbey is privileged to be hosting a dramatic reading of Johanna Alberti's play *No Place of Safety* in a few weeks' time. As a member of the Ecumenical Accompaniment programme run by the World Council of Churches, Johanna has extensive first-hand experience of the fraught situation in the Holy Land, and in her play she invites audiences to reflect on the witness of those who have been working tirelessly for reconciliation. One such voice is Robi Damelin who encourages us that 'while words alone cannot mend the wounds or bring back the lives lost, they can serve as a reminder of our collective responsibility to end this cycle of violence'.

The dramatic reading of *No Place of Safety* will take place in the Abbey on **Friday, 17 May, at 6pm**, and will be followed by a discussion with Johanna. This event is free (but ticketed!); donations are warmly encouraged: these will go towards the work of Medical Aid of Palestine and the work of the Abbey. You can book your tickets on our website:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey>

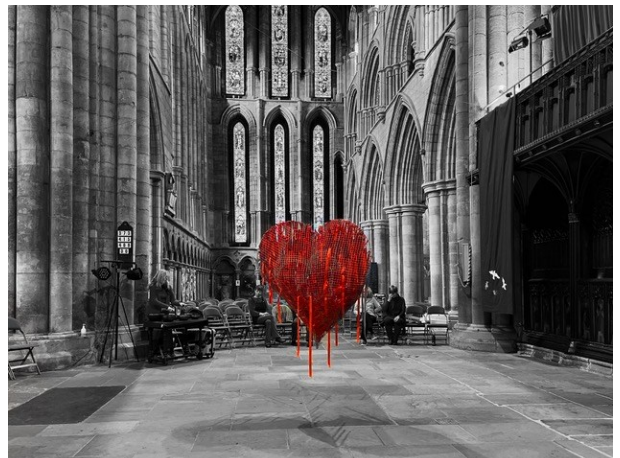
## Arrival

*Arrival* is an immersive and joyful multi-arts performance that commemorates Hexham Abbey as a centuries-old place of safety, sanctuary and peace-making, as well as its benefactor Etheldreda. Using song, masks, movement and theatre, *Arrival* takes place at the Summer Solstice, a time of maximum light. It is the culmination of the four-month long *Seeds of Hope* collaborative arts project (<https://tsf.org.uk/seed>), generating new conversations about peace and celebrating our common humanity.

Tickets: £8.00 / £6.00 (concessions) / children u16 free

Available here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hexham-abbey)

or on the door on the night.



# Save the Date

Our **Annual Plant Stall** will be on **Saturday 25 May!** Make sure you're there early to snap up the best plants! If you have any pots or plants you would like to donate, please drop them to the Parish Office.

Our **Christmas Fair** this year will be on **Saturday 14 December, starting at 9.30am.** We would love to see you all there, and even more so if you would be able to do an hour or so of volunteering. We will put out a call closer to the time but mark the date in your diaries!

## Acca Exhibition

SATURDAY 4 MAY – SUNDAY 2 JUNE

Celebrating the Anglo-Saxon heritage of our ancient church, we go in search of an early Anglo-Saxon Bishop Saint called Acca. This exhibition, organized by Abbey conservation volunteers, has been inspired by the magnificent stone-carved monumental cross attributed to Acca in circa 720–30, which is situated near the main entrance in the South Transept. Our research into the history of the Cross has led us to look for the man, Acca, and his place in the history of this place. We hope you enjoy what we have discovered so far. In addition to the exhibition, we have activities for children and adults to enjoy, including an Anglo-Saxon Trail to discover our Anglo-Saxon treasures, a fun 'Battle King' game and a meditative 'labyrinth' activity based upon the vine-scroll carvings on Acca's Cross.

## Abbey Maintenance

You will see a lot of work going on in and around the Abbey over the coming few weeks, this includes in the Shop, Priory Buildings and Café as well as the Abbey itself. Next week we will have Hodgson Sayers on site who will be repairing some cracked flags in the Abbey. Whilst this work is taking place, the main Slype entrance will be closed and **the main entrance to the Abbey will be the Cloister Porch.**

You will likely see other contractors on site as we undertake repairs to plumbing and heating, and at the beginning of May we will have some small scaffolding up as Iona Glass finish their repairs to our wonderful stained glass windows!

## Hexham Holiday Club



There is an opportunity this year for one or two new people to front the Bandstand gatherings during Hexham Holiday Club. This role involves co-leading our time at the bandstand (10–10.30am on 22–26 July), plus potentially the Opening Service (Sun 21 July) and Closing Show (Fri 26 July eve). There would be plenty of support and guidance available, both before and during HHC. Please contact Dan, Penny or Tim at [holidayclubhexham@gmail.com](mailto:holidayclubhexham@gmail.com) if you can help or would like a chat about volunteering for Holiday Club.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers:** Jenda Harbottle, Ian Darley, Ida Gouch, Philip Hobson, Joyce Porter, Sophie, Sharon Dixon, and Frances Franklin

**Those who have died and those who mourn:** Minnie Ross

**Please also pray** for all the children and staff at Hexham First School and Sele First School

**Sunday 21 April 2024** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

|                    |                         |                 |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>10am</b>        | <b>Parish Eucharist</b> | <b>Readings</b> | Acts 4.5–12; John 10.11–18    |
| <b>Intercessor</b> | Bridget Hewitt          | <b>Readers</b>  | Chris Milner; Jonathan Hewitt |
| <b>3pm</b>         | <b>Messy Church</b>     |                 |                               |
| <b>6.30pm</b>      | <b>Choral Evensong</b>  |                 |                               |

**Tuesday 23 April 2024**

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| <b>12noon</b>      | <b>Holy Communion</b> | <b>Readings</b> | 1 Maccabees 2.59–64; John 15.18–21 |
| <b>Intercessor</b> | Sue Snow              | <b>Reader</b>   | Wendy Nott                         |

**IN THE ABBEY THIS WEEK**

**Monday 22 April** 9am Morning Prayer  
4.15pm Christian Meditation

**Tuesday 23 April** 9am Morning Prayer  
12noon Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer  
7pm GiFT (*John and Rachael's group and Henry's group*)

**Wednesday 24 April** 9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Tots' Praise  
3pm GiFT (*David's group*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Thursday 25 April** 9am Morning Prayer  
1pm Phelps at Fifty: *Robert Poyser*  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Friday 26 April** 9am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 28 April 2024** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| <b>8.15am</b>      | <b>Holy Communion</b>                    | <b>Readings</b> | Acts 8.26–end; John 15.1–8 |
| <b>10am</b>        | <b>Parish Eucharist followed by APCM</b> | <b>Readings</b> | Acts 8.26–end; John 15.1–8 |
| <b>Intercessor</b> | Tony Buglass                             | <b>Readers</b>  | John Mitchell; Emma Glover |
| <b>3pm</b>         | <b>Baptism of Dion Dunlop</b>            |                 |                            |
| <b>6.30pm</b>      | <b>Refresh</b>                           |                 |                            |