

9 June 2024
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HEXHAM ABBEY PEWSHEET
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We're really excited that the Northern Saints Flower Festival is taking place over the weekend of Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July. This festival forms a major part of our 1350th celebrations.

There will be over 20 displays depicting our northern Saints, and these are being created by teams from all over the county. We hope that it will be a real celebration of our past, but also a celebration of our community life together today!

To help cover the cost of the flowers, we would love people to sponsor a display in memory of their loved ones. This gives us an opportunity to celebrate the important people in our own lives as well as our northern Saints. Sponsorship will be recognised in the flower festival brochure, and all sponsors will be invited to our exclusive preview evening on Thursday 25 July. We'd also welcome sponsorship from businesses or from individuals who wish to sponsor without remembering a loved one.

All sponsorship ultimately supports the ongoing work of the Abbey.

- Sponsorship of a Major Saint (a larger exhibit) will be £250 for individuals or £350 for businesses (*Etheldreda, Acca, Cuthbert, Aelred of Rievaulx, Bede, Aidan, Paulinus, Wilfrid, Oswald, Hilda, Columba*).
- Sponsorship of a Minor Saint (a smaller exhibit) will be £125 for individuals or £175 for businesses (*Chad, Caedmon, Cedd, Aebbe of Coldingham, Godric of Finchale, Eate of Hexham, Benedict Biscop, John of Beverley*).

If you would like to sponsor an exhibit, please follow the link below or scan the QR code to fill out the online form. Alternatively, contact Lucy Terry in the Parish Office (admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk).

<https://forms.gle/n5na56Q7xfJmsNr46>

Tickets for the flower festival are now available online and are £5 for adults and free for accompanied children and carers.

To pre-book your tickets, please visit the [Abbey website](#).



Welcoming Abi

It's not long now until we welcome Abi as our new Curate here at the Abbey. Abi moves into her new home here in Hexham on 8 June and is looking to start from scratch in terms of furnishing her house. If anyone has any items—big, small and everything in between—please could you let Lucy in the Parish Office know so I can offer them to Abi!

At the end of June (Sunday 30) Abi will be ordained deacon at Newcastle Cathedral. It would be wonderful if as many of the congregation as possible could be there to support her in this and so we are putting on a coach to travel to the Cathedral and back that day. The coach will leave the Abbey at 1.30pm and return at 5pm. Please let Lucy in the office know if you would like to book a space; we will have a better idea of cost for this when we have a firmer idea of numbers, so please do let her know at your earliest convenience!

Thank you all so much for your support in welcoming Abi to our family.

Henry Farewell

The time for Henry to move on is fast approaching. There is still time to contribute to a leaving gift if you would like to leave a donation in the Parish Office. As part of a leaving present, Henry has asked for a picture of the Abbey family. We will gather in the Crossing immediately following the service on Sunday 16 June to take the picture. We hope lots of you will be able to be there!

Henry's **leaving picnic will be on Sunday 23 June** following his leaving drinks at the Abbey. The picnic will take place at Ben and Rachael Haywood-Smith's house (Rawgreen, NE47 0HL, continue on for 200m after the satnav says stop!). There is signed parking nearby and those with limited mobility can park outside the house. Anyone needing a lift please contact Lucy in the Parish Office to organise!

Please bring a blanket/ chair/ picnic/ drinks and any garden games you'd like! Hot drinks and sparkling will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there and fingers crossed for good weather!

Hot off the press: Henry's licensing in Leek will be on Friday 12 June, please see the separate attachment to this pewsheet for details!

Under the Sun 2

**ETHELDREDA FESTIVAL, Saturday 22 June, 12 – 5pm, Hexham Abbey, Cloister Lawn
FREE (no tickets needed)**

Following on from the success of the first *Under the Sun* event back in 2020, come and celebrate 1350 years of Hexham Abbey with music, food and fun at the Etheldreda Festival.

Hexham Abbey's Cloister Lawn will be transformed into a stage hosting talented musicians who will entertain you for the afternoon. They will perform a range of music from folk to street music, barber shop to New Grass. There's something for everyone!

Bring a blanket and a picnic, or buy food from the various stalls or the Abbey Refectory Café. *Under the Sun* is a family festival and the Abbey provides the perfect setting for a celebration of its 1350 years in Hexham.

Let's hope the sun shines. See you there!

This free concert is presented by Queen's Hall Arts and Hexham Abbey and is supported by the new North East Combined Authority.

Bible Society Cake Stall

MARKET PLACE - SATURDAY 8 JUNE, 10AM

Come and treat yourself to a cake, and help share the Gospel around the world - in Ukraine, China and Open the Book here in the UK. Cake donations are welcome - bring on the day or contact Sandra Innes T: 07710 726338 E: stobgarbh@aol.com

Pianists at Hexham Hospital



Hexham Hospital welcomes volunteer pianists to play the grand piano in the foyer near the Hospital Volunteer Shop, for the benefit of patients, staff and visitors. If you could give some time, please contact Rachel Goicoechea, Operational Services Manager, in Trust Management at Hexham Hospital – or via email Rachel.Goicoechea@northumbria-healthcare.nhs.uk or call her on 07983 804417.

Ten Minute Talks

To add to the joy of the 1350th Hexham Anniversary, we are presenting three special Ten Minute Talks to be held in the Abbey Nave at **7pm on Friday 26 July**.

These are to be given by experts in their field, including the latest news about our unique Anglo-Saxon Crucifixion statue as well as views of the early church at that time.

'The Five Saints of Hexham' – Frances Stride

'The Venerable Bede and his Spat with Hexham' – Colm O' Brien

'A Present for Saint Wilfrid' – David Edwick and Richard Bailey

Do put this date in your diary now!

Lost and Found

You are invited to the opening of *Lost & Found*, this Saturday 8 June. The organiser, Jo Aris will be in the foyer of Queen's Hall from 10.30am until 1pm, inviting people to have a conversation about their favourite place, and/or make something with earth and honey. (If you are really interested in this you might like to bring a couple of teaspoons of earth from your place.)

Linda France will also be there gathering words and thoughts on the theme of *Lost & Found* for a new collective poem, as part of the *Seeds of Hope* project.

Hope you can join us, and look forward to seeing you there if you can!

Youth Church

Tots' Praise had a lovely morning with the story of how Saul became Paul.

The next Cloister Club will be 16 June, and that's also the date for Messy Church! The theme is encouragement, so come along at 3pm and be encouraged!

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, Frances Franklin, Susan Davies, Frances Dower, and Sheila Harris

Those who have died and those who mourn Keith Bramley

Please also pray for all the children and staff at Hexham Priory School and all those being homeschooled.

Sunday 9 June 2024 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.15am	Holy Communion	Readings	2 Cor. 4.13–5.1; Mark 3.20–end
10am	Parish Eucharist (St Andrew) with reader licensing of Julie Barham	Reading	Mark 3.20–end
Reader	Choristers	Intercessor	Chorister with choir
6.30pm	Revive		

Tuesday 11 June 2024

12noon	Holy Communion	Readings	Acts 11.19–end; John 15.12–17
Intercessor	Mavis Ostler	Readers	Sue Snow

IN THE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Monday 10 June	9am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Christian Meditation
Tuesday 11 June	9am	Morning Prayer
	12noon	Holy Communion
	1pm	Queen's College School Visit
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 12 June	9am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Tots' Praise
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 13 June	9am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Newcastle School for Boys School Visit
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 14 June	9am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	The Sixteen

Sunday 16 June 2024 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10am	Parish Eucharist	Readings	2 Cor. 5.6–17; Mark 4.26–34
Reader	Chris Britton; Hedley Everett	Intercessor	Judi Cornforth
3pm	Messy Church		
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Readings	Jeremiah 7.1–16; Romans 9.14–26