

Breaking News! The St James Heating system is up and running!

We're delighted to share that the new heating system at St James' is now fully operational, and the early signs are very encouraging. After a long journey from planning and fundraising to installation and commissioning, it is wonderful to see the project successfully completed.

This achievement would not have been possible without the support of so many people. Sincere thanks go to the PCC, congregation, and local community for their generosity, encouragement, and fundraising efforts. We are also extremely grateful to the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust for their grant support, which helped make this vital project possible.

A special thank you must go to Philip Angier, Churchwarden and Treasurer, who has overseen the project from inception to completion. His commitment, persistence, and countless hours of work have been instrumental in bringing this complex and important scheme to a successful conclusion.

St James is looking forward to welcoming everyone to a warmer, church.

Whilst we are still enjoying our Harvest celebrations, with Choral Evensong and Harvest Tea at St Lawrence this Sunday at 3.00 pm, it's also that time of year when we begin thinking about another important annual appeal.

Once again, we are inviting you to support the Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree programme, which helps children with a parent in prison receive a Christmas present and a personal message from their parent. For many families, this simple gift is a powerful reminder that they are loved, remembered, and not forgotten at Christmas.

Please take a moment to read the details below as to how to support this worthwhile initiative at HMP Northumberland.

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Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Programme:



It's that time again when we want to mention that if you would like to give a Christmas present to a child of a serving prisoner, this can be done through Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree programme. We support our local prison HMP Northumberland.

Under the wings of the chaplaincy the dad can write a personal card to his child, which will go with the present which has been selected, knowing what the child likes, and this will be wrapped and posted. It is a time consuming and sensitive operation for the Chaplaincy and so we would like to get on with this. Of course, some prisoners are not allowed contact with their child, so a lot of admin involved for the team.

If you would like to contribute, we suggest £15 as a guide, but any amount would be gratefully received, to cover the gift, the wrapping and the postage.

Please give money or a cheque, payable to Prison Fellowship, to Jo Jackson and Rev Gabby Llewelyn will get the ball rolling.

For any other information contact:

Rev Gabby Llewelyn gllewelyn60@gmail.com or 07817731036

Messy Church Update - Sadly, we are cancelling the November session of Messy Church, but we will be back in December to see you all then.

Deanery Updates: From Simon White

Save the date: An invitation to churches interested in learning more about the Pilgrimage Places initiative across the Diocese of Newcastle. Hexham Abbey, Thursday, 22 October 2026, 10am-1pm.

You may be on an existing pilgrimage route or walking trail; you may want to develop your own trails; or you may just want to find fresh ways to welcome visitors and local people. The morning at Hexham will give you the chance to hear

about the Pilgrim Places resources, and reflect with lay and ordained colleagues around how different churches in a variety of contexts are developing their visitor welcome. Booking details to follow.



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