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Service Times: all 3 p.m.

York Diocese

1st Sunday

St. Denys' Church
Walmgate, York

3rd Sunday

St. Francis' Church
Barwick Way
Ingleby Barwick

Last Tuesday

Hull and East Riding
Deaf Institute

Durham Diocese

1st Sunday

Stockton Parish
Church,
High Street, Stockton

3rd Sunday

Sunderland Minster

4th Sunday

Holy Trinity Church,
Woodland Road,
Darlington

Newcastle Diocese

2nd & 4th Sundays

St. Andrew's Church

Newcastle

Mondays –

check website

St. Luke's Church

(at 12.15 pm)

Frank Street
Wallsend

All services are followed
by refreshments.

See dates on website

www.ndm.org.uk

Dear friends,

Happy New Year to you all.

This is my first attempt to create the Deaf Church North East Newsletter and living up to Linda's standards will prove to be difficult. Contained within the newsletter are photographs from St. Andrews Deaf Coffee morning Christmas party. The party was a chance for numerous deaf people to get together and spend many memorable moments with friends at Christmas time.

Best wishes Alma.



(Above) St. Andrews Christmas Party Raffle Draw.

(Left) Stephen Barnett and Gwen Lawrence catching up on the gossip.

Epiphany

In Europe Christmas celebrations take place in December. We have Christmas day as 25th December. There are many different traditions as gifts are offered and received. On January 6th the Church remembers the visit of the magi, the wise men, to the infant Jesus. The Bible tells us that they travelled a long way to bring special gifts to the New King, Jesus. They followed a star to find the baby in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. They kneel to worship and adore Jesus as they make their offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The story reminds us that God sent his Son, Jesus, as the Saviour of all people. These magi, the wise men were not Jews but they wanted to see this new king. Jesus was born in poverty, among poor people. He was not rich and famous. God's message of love was for all people who wanted to do what was right.

In Eastern Europe and parts of the Middle East Christians celebrate Christmas on 6th January. It is when they offer presents and have church celebrations and family parties. All of us share the love of God and seek to bring joy and peace into the world. In and through our celebrations we want to be able to tell the story of Jesus birth, baptism and his life as a child growing up in a strange and difficult world. Christmas and Epiphany are times when we can tell other people of what the birth of Jesus means and why we offer presents.

Epiphany means letting other people know of what God has given us in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

The Better Hour

A Bicentenary Service in Commemoration of William Wilberforce and the 200th Anniversary of the passing of the Slave Trade Abolition Bill

Sun 25 Feb 2007

2.00pm York Minster

with The Archbishop of York, The Rt Hon William Hague MP, Riding Lights Theatre Company-Trans-Global Drummers, Pocklington School Choir

This service will be signed – if you would like to attend please see your Chaplain for seats – transport will be organised



Coffee and mince pies after the Deaf Christmas service on 28 December 2006 with Revd. Bill Rigby



(Above)
The Christmas Tree in St. Andrews Church, Newcastle upon Tyne

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne

Aidan was born in Ireland but came to be a monk on Iona, in Scotland. Oswald, king of Northumbria asked for help to spread the Christian gospel in his realm. Aidan was made Bishop in 635 and lived on Holy Island. He taught the people in a gentle and kindly way. He used gifts to the church to free slaves. He was gentle and thoughtful creating a school and monastery.

The King helped Aidan with his work, acting as translator until Aidan learned the local language. Aidan visited the people taking with him monks and using psalms and prayers to help them on their journeys. He wanted to leave a strong Christian community to continue to teach the faith after his death. He died on 31 August 651 and is especially remembered on that day. (St Aidan pictured on the right)



Candlemas

Candlemas takes place on 2nd February each year or on a Sunday near that date. We remember the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus and two old people blessed Jesus. There was the old man, Simeon, who was waiting to see his Saviour, the Christ, the Messiah, before he died. Anna was always in the Temple praying. She was a widow aged 84. She gave prayers of thanks to God and told everyone she met about this remarkable child, Jesus.

In a special service on this day everyone carries a lit candle. We remember the prayer of Simeon when he said,

“Lord, now let your servant go in peace.

All you have promised has happened.

With my own eyes I have seen what you made ready for all peoples.

He is a Light that will bring Good News to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.”

This story can be found in Luke’s gospel chapter 2 from verse 25 to 40.



Brian Pattison.

I am sad to announce the death of Brian Pattison who was a great friend to the deaf people of Stockton and Thornaby community. We will always remember him as a good friend; we enjoyed our holidays with him. Brian lived in Darlington. We extend our sympathy to his wife Renee, and to all his family and friends. His funeral took place at Darlington Crematorium on 30th November with his family and many friends present.

God bless him, from Stockton Deaf Club.

Church Services:

If you would like any of the following services signed:
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A Prayer for January

Lord Jesus, be my light.

In these dark days let me see You in others,
let them see You in me.

Let Your light on our hands communicate your Love.
Let your light in our hearts help us trust in you.

Let your light in the world help us see the way to go.

Guard us with your light.

Let me see Your face,
the glory of God the Father
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Website

Have a look at the newly organised and updated website.
See all the photos on the website.