



# Deaf Church North East

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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](http://www.ndm.org.uk)

*Dear friends,*

*Welcome to the newsletter for July. On Thursday 7th June we had a Visit from Northumbria Fire Brigade to do a talk on Fire Safety in the home, the talk went well & the deaf who attended found the session very useful. We also had a visit on 21st June from some students who attend Northern Counties School, (see Bill's report on back page) they came along with Christine Dewhurst so they could mix with deaf & hearing adults for social communication. In the future we plan to have more talks & visits at our coffee mornings, so please feel free to come & visit us. The coffee morning is on every Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm. in St Andrew's Church Hall. All are welcome.*



Students from Northern Counties School, Newcastle upon Tyne on a visit to the coffee morning at Andrew's Church, Newcastle.



## Forthcoming Event

**Pilgrimage to Beverley Minster**

**Saturday 3rd November 2007**

**Service at 12.30 pm**

**Packed lunch in hall, coffee and tea provided.**

In June some children from the Northern Counties School came to the Thursday coffee club at St Andrew's Church. They were accompanied by two members of staff. It was good to engage in conversation with these young people. All of the regular visitors [both hearing and sign language users] chatted and shared introductions with the youngsters.

The group were taken for a quick look around the church. Starting with the city walls they went into the main door.

Talking at the font the children related this to a recent RE lesson on baptism. The large stone cannon balls on the high window ledge puzzled them. The film 'Pirates of the Caribbean' was the easiest memorable link to large cannon. It was a shame they could not try to lift one of these large orbs. They will be very heavy.

Walking down the nave the children were interested in the 'Wailes Window'. Three young deaf children are seen lying in white while an older deaf brother begins to fingerspell the 'Our Father'. The last part of the trip was to see the special hole in the wall where lepers outside the church could see into the church to be included as part of the worship. The communion bread would be passed through this hole. Farewells were said and the children set off to continue their excursion to look at the Newcastle Quayside.

By Revd Bill Rigby



Deaf students visiting inside St. Andrew's Church with Revd. Bill Rigby

## Church Services:

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

Also posted on the website are our forthcoming events.

### A Prayer for July

Almighty God, we ask your blessing on all deaf children in schools and colleges; give their teachers, communicators and support staff the gift of patience, tolerance and the ability to say 'no' in love. We ask your care on all families where some people have hearing difficulties that they may know your love and concern for all.