



# 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 October's newsletter. Last month was quite a sad one, hearing of the death of Keith Williams and John Carr. I had the privilege of meeting Keith on many occasions, he used to come to Newcastle College (where I previously worked) as an examiner for the Sign Language Courses and John Carr who was a dear friend of my late parents.*

*On Saturday 29th September a group of deaf went on a pilgrimage to St Andrew Blackadder Church, North Berwick. A great day was had by all. There will be more about their visit in the next issue of our newsletter. Best wishes Alma x*



Left: The pilgrim's on their visit to St Andrews Blackadder Church, North Berwick. Right: Revd Bill Rigby.

## Some October Saints

During this month the church remembers several well-known saints. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, Francis is remembered. He is well known for his love of animals and his care for poor people. Then we give thanks for two missionary Bishops who lived in the North of England. Paulinus was Bishop of York who died in 644. Wilfrid of Hexham lived until 709. The Venerable Bede, of Jarrow, included their life stories in his book, 'the History of the English Church'.

The best-known saint this month is Luke, the evangelist and writer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gospel. His life will be celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. He is remembered as a doctor who wrote the gospel story about Jesus and also the Acts of the Apostles. Many of his stories include women and show how careful he was in writing to gentile Christians. He explains how the Jews accepted other people as followers of Jesus, touched by the Holy Spirit after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. *By Revd Bill Rigby*

### **Keith Williams RIP**

It is sad to tell you that Keith Williams, for so many years Chairman of the Deaf Centre in Middlesbrough has died. Teesside Crematorium was full as deaf and hearing people from across the north as they said farewell to Keith and offered support to his family. The service was taken by Revd. Linda Shipp, Chaplain with Deaf People, and was interpreted by Tony Beckett.

Keith was born in Middlesbrough and a large part of his time and energy was spent working for deaf people in the community. As well as being Chairman of the Deaf Centre, he was a teacher of sign language and an examiner; he was a skilled advocate for deaf people. It would take too long to list all his achievements.

Keith will be remembered as a loving, kind and gentle man, with time to help anyone – and not expect anything in return. After the service everyone went to the Bluebell Inn and there were speeches about Keith and his life. Many stories and memories were shared. Our love and sympathy go to Andrew, Effie, Sandy and their families at this sad time.

**Revd Linda Shipp**

**John Carr** died early in September after a period of poor health. At his funeral service this tribute was offered.

Born in Newcastle he was the eldest of 3 children. After leaving school John was apprenticed as cabinetmaker. Later he went to work for Tyneside Safety Glass on the T.V.T.E. in Gateshead. He met Maureen there. Years later after they had both retired a chance meeting renewed their friendship. They had 12 very happy years together.

John loved animals. He bred and showed Alsatian dogs. He also bred rabbits and budgerigars but loved dogs best. He enjoyed holidays in the sun and cruises. A friendly man, he was easy to get on with and mixed deaf/hearing company never bothered him.

He supported Newcastle United, enjoyed cricket and snooker. As a young man he played football for the Deaf Association. He was Chairman of the Wallsend Deaf Club and before his illness he was regular at signed church services in Wallsend. John will be missed by all who knew him.

**Revd Bill Rigby**

### **Church Services:**

**If you would like any of the following services signed:  
Weddings Funerals  
Baptisms Confirmation  
or for more information  
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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 October**

Almighty God, you called Luke to write the gospel, to tell the Good News and to offer healing for the soul; helped by the Holy Spirit give to your church the same power of love and healing, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### **Forthcoming Event**

**Pilgrimage to Beverley Minster**

**Saturday 3rd November 2007**

**Service at 12.30 pm**

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

**Please contact your Chaplain for places available.**