



# 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,*

*A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to January's newsletter, another year over and here's to a prosperous new one. In this issue I have enclosed some photographs that were taken in 2007 from visits to other Churches in Hexham, Ingleby Barwick, North Berwick and Beverley Minster. There are also a couple of photographs of the visit to St Andrew's Church by some of the students from Northern Counties School. I hope this year brings many more enjoyable visits and I will keep you posted in future newsletters as to what events are planned for this year. Keep a watch out and let us know if there is anything you fancy! Best wishes Alma*

## Epiphany

This special celebration on January 6th each year introduces the Epiphany Season. It lasts until Candlemas on 2nd February. What makes Epiphany so special? Well, it is all about the three wise men, the kings, the magi who were searching for the new born king. They did not find what they had expected but were pleased to see the child, Jesus, and worshipped him. The Magi offered special gifts to Jesus.

January 6th is the date when the Church remembers the visit of the Magi, the wise men, to the infant Jesus. In the Bible this can be found in chapter 2 of Matthew's gospel. This is worth reading for yourself and thinking about. It is a different account of the birth of Jesus than is found in the gospel of Luke.

There are many traditions about gifts at Christmas. The three kings brought gifts with special meaning. There was gold, 'for a king'; frankincense, to show a close and prayerful link with God; and myrrh, used to anoint or rub on a body at the time of death. These gifts remind us that Jesus is the Son of God who was to die for our sins.

We offer gifts to family and friends at Christmas time. Each of us thinks carefully what to buy and give to people we really care about. This is a reminder of how God loves us so much that He gave his son, Jesus, to be the Saviour of the world. The name Jesus means 'the one who saves people from sin'. Jesus is the greatest gift we can offer to one another.

This becomes more clear as we explore some of Jesus work through his teaching, healing, preaching and prayer.

*By Revd Bill Rigby*





Pilgrimage to North Berwick



Visit to St. John Lee, Hexham



Pilgrimage to Beverley Minster



Trip to Ingleby Barwick



Students from Northern Counties Schools visit to St. Andrews Church, Newcastle



## Church Services:

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

Our Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of your Son; thank you for your gift of love in our lives, for the love we receive from family and friends; and the love we can offer to all around us. Help us to show Your love in our everyday lives to the glory of your name. Amen.