



# 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 May's newsletter. Summer is here, I think! Reverend Bill Rigby has written a passage below where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. On the back page are some reminder dates for forthcoming church services and an event which is taking place on the 14th June. Enjoy the weather. Best wishes Alma x



## Pentecost



'This is the day that the Lord has made'. These are words of a song that is sung in praise to God. It is a reminder that every day has been made by God. Each day when we wake up and get on with life is another day shared with our gracious God. He has made us, the world, made everything around us. We respond in prayer and praise. We give thanks for all God's kindness and goodness.

In May we usually remember and sing, 'This is the day that the Spirit came.' It was an amazing event. Jesus' closest friends were all together in a room in Jerusalem. They had locked the doors. Why? They were afraid of the Jews, the religious leaders who had led Jesus to the Cross and death. Jesus had risen from the dead. The tomb was empty. Jesus appeared to them and told them to wait. He had promised that 'the Comforter' would come. So, they waited in the locked room.

Then it happened. The excitement was fantastic. It felt like a rushing, mighty wind, right there in the room. When the friends looked at each other it was as if they were all 'lit up'. There seemed to be flames of fire dancing around their heads. Here was that promised gift, 'the comforter'. The Holy Spirit came to them. They were full of an eager expectation. The men rushed outside and began to tell the story to everyone they met. Strangers in the streets were pilgrims from many different places and spoke different languages. That did not matter. Jesus' friends spoke to each one in a language they could understand.

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to each of us as we need special gifts to do God's work. The Holy Spirit prompts us to be in the right place to respond to people's needs. The Holy Spirit opens our minds to see what God wants us to do. The Holy Spirit gives us strength to do just that in Jesus' name. Jesus calls us and the Holy Spirit helps us respond.  
*By Reverend Bill Rigby*



## St. John Lee, Hexham

Exploring faith through art

14<sup>th</sup> June, 2008



Come along and do some art, and enjoy a chat and company. There will be a variety of things to do, like painting, making cards, and finishing with a service in the church. Bring some sandwiches for lunch, tea and coffee provided. (see your chaplain for details)

### Forthcoming Event

**Wednesday 9th July - Quiet Day, Wydale Hall**  
(*The Lords Supper*)

(Anyone interested please see your Chaplain for more details and to book places on the bus)

#### Northumbria Deaf Church Service Dates

**Sunday 18th May**, 3.00pm, Sunderland Minster, Sunderland.

**Sunday 18th May**, 3.00pm, St Francis of Assissi, Ingleby Barwick.

**Monday 19th May**, 12.15pm, St Luke's Church, Wallsend.

**Sunday 25th May**, 3.00pm, St Andrew's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne

**Sunday 25th May**, 3.00pm, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.

**Sunday 1st June**, 3.00pm, Stockton Parish, Stockton.

**Sunday 8th June**, 3.00pm, St Andrews's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne

St Margaret's Church, Durham.

**(no service this month)**



### Church Services:

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

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**[www.ndm.org.uk](http://www.ndm.org.uk) Website**

**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 the Holy Spirit

Lord God, you have taught us that if we do anything and at the same time do not show love, it is worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour upon us the perfect gift of your Love; This love is like your peace and part of all good things. Grant us this gift for the sake of Jesus your Son. Amen.