



# 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 August's newsletter. We have had some glorious sunshine in July and here's hoping that the weather continues for the rest of the summer holidays. It is so sad that Reverend Bill Rigby will be leaving us this month, hopefully he will keep in touch regularly to let us know how things are going for him. He will be a big miss for many of us, but we wish him well and every success for the future. If anyone has any information that they would like put into the newsletter please let me know. Thanks Alma x*

## AUGUST

August is a month when the Church remembers two great northern saints. On 5<sup>th</sup> August we recall Oswald, king of Northumbria. Before he became king he was forced to flee to Scotland. There he became a Christian, taught by St Columba. He claimed the crown and became king in 634. He is famous for the battle of Heavensfield, near St John Lee at Hexham. A large cross was erected and he ordered his soldiers to pray. Soon he sent to Iona for missionaries to come and teach the people. He wanted them all to know about Jesus and become Christians.

That was how Aidan was sent to Northumbria. He could not speak the local language so King Oswald acted as interpreter. Soon Aidan gathered a small group of colleagues. Oswald gave them Holy Island to start a monastery. Aidan became Bishop of Lindisfarne in 635. He taught the monks there and travelled on the mainland to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Aidan is remembered on 31<sup>st</sup> August. He was a kind and generous man. He worked many miracles. His life story was told by the Historian, Bede of Jarrow. Aidan died in 651 after he had established the Christian faith and built many churches.

On September 6<sup>th</sup> there is a Pilgrimage to Holy Island. The meeting place there will be at the carved wooden statue of Aidan. I hope and pray that this will be a special day when deaf people can meet together, relax in that special place and join with friends for worship in the parish church at 4pm.  
*By Reverend Bill Rigby*



**Wydale Hall      Retreat**

**9th July 2008**

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*Northumbria Deaf Church Service Dates for August*

**August**, Stockton Parish, Stockton. **No Service**

**Sunday 10th August**, 3.00pm, St Andrews's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne

**August**, Sunderland Minster, Sunderland. **No Service**

**August**, St Francis of Assissi, Ingleby Barwick. **No Service**

St Luke's Church, Wallsend. **(No service's until further notice)**

**Sunday 24th August**, St Andrew's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne. **No Service**

**August**, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington. **No Service**

**Wydale retreat July 9<sup>th</sup> 2008**

This year at Wydale we decided to explore the parts of the Holy Communion service, starting with a welcome, Confession, looking at different versions of the Bible, prayers for the Church and the world, ourselves, the sick and those who had died, we thought about what the Holy Communion service means to us, and finished with thanksgiving prayer.

The day began with a welcome cup of tea, and then we were asked to pick a stone to remind us of our worries or problems, and to pray that we could leave these behind with God at the end of the day.

Then we had a corner for confession with paper and pen, for us to write down what we were sorry for, and then these were put in the shredder to show that all our sins are forgiven and forgotten.

There was a table for the Word of God, full of different kinds of Bibles, many with pictures telling the stories of Jesus. From there we moved to the prayer corner, with newspapers, news from the internet, prayer cards and candles.

The table was set up for Holy Communion and we were asked to think about what it meant for Jesus to die for us and to remember him each time we take Communion. This was followed by a thanksgiving corner and a table for us to put our stone in a basket at the feet of a cross.

We stopped for a lovely buffet lunch at 1pm and then spent some free time chatting and in the beautiful garden before having a Communion service to finish the day.

***Rev. Linda Shipp, Minister among Deaf People York Diocese.***



**More photos from  
Wydale Hall July  
2008**

**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.**

**Prayer for August**

Lord God, inspire us with the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Help us to turn other people to see the light of Jesus;  
help us to be like Oswald and Aidan, who lived by faith in your Son, who gave to the poor, spoke of their love for You and Your love for all people.  
They spread the Good News of the Cross and of the Resurrection of Jesus, Christ our Lord.  
Help us to be like them and live in the light of Your Love. Amen