

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION:

A Jubilee Day in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle



With guest speakers, welcome from Bishop Stephen, a choice of seminars to reawaken and empower you for mission, praise and worship led by Set A Fire, and a marketplace with Catholic organisations and groups.

**FREE entry - please register
Bring a packed lunch
Refreshments provided
Ample car parking**

Saturday 27th September 2025

10 AM – 3 PM

Cardinal Hume Catholic School

Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.

For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316.

For more information or to book, please visit <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25>



**“To be a baptised Christian is to have a vocation
to build the Kingdom of God here and now.
The focus must be mission.”**

Bishop Stephen Wright

Hope and Mercy From Behind Bars: The Vital Role of Prison Chaplaincy

Prison chaplains play a vital role in the lives of incarcerated individuals, offering spiritual support, guidance, and a sense of hope in challenging circumstances. Their work is marked by profound joys, such as witnessing personal transformations, fostering a sense of community, and providing comfort during times of despair. However, they also face significant struggles, including navigating the complexities of the prison environment, addressing the diverse needs of inmates, and coping with the emotional toll of their ministry. Join one of our prison chaplains as they delve into the unique experiences of prison chaplaincy, highlighting the impactful and often unseen work they do to bring hope, mercy and accompaniment to those behind bars.

Jubilee of Hope: A Journey of Mercy and Dignity for All

Our Jubilee Speaker, Azad, is from Syria and has worked for international NGOs in Iraq. He has been living in the UK since 2019 and joined the Justice and Peace Refugee Project in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle since 2021. The project exemplifies compassion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to human dignity. Under Azad's guidance, the project supports between 400 and 500 asylum seekers each month, offering not only essential items like food, clothing, and household goods, but also a sense of community and hope. Join Azad to hear about his journey, the project and how it is having a positive impact for refugees living in our area.

JUBILEE SEMINARS / FORUMS

Welcoming the Spirit: Exploring CHARIS and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Join us to learn about deepening our spiritual lives through the grace of the Holy Spirit. We'll explore the mission and activities of CHARIS, which aims to promote the baptism in the Holy Spirit, foster unity among Christians, and encourage service to the poor. During the workshop, we'll discuss the history and impact of CHARIS, share personal testimonies, and provide practical guidance on how to engage with this vibrant movement. Join us to discover how CHARIS can inspire and transform your faith journey.

Seminar Speakers: Fr Shaun O'Neill and John Wheeler, DHN CDSC

Empowered to Serve: Discovering Gifts for Mission and Ministry

Join us for an informative and prayerful workshop designed to help you explore how to uncover your personal charisms—those special graces given for the good of others. Whether you're seeking clarity in your vocation, looking to deepen your faith, or hoping to serve more effectively in your community, this workshop will introduce you to reflection, teaching, and practical tools to discern how the Holy Spirit is working through you. Come and be empowered to live your calling with joy and purpose!

Seminar Speaker: Emma Wynne, DHN Formation

Debt, Justice and the Jubilee Year

There is a global debt crisis affecting millions of our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries. As huge sums of money go to pay debts to governments, banks and institutions, health and education budgets are left desperately underfunded. There are practical steps that could resolve this and CAFOD are campaigning for urgent action in this Jubilee Year, historically a time for debts to be cancelled and inequality to be addressed. Pope Francis has called for debt cancellation in the Jubilee Year, saying, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice." Join us to unpack the issue of debt, its impact on countries affected, on the climate crisis and how we can take action in this Jubilee Year!

Seminar Speaker: Rachel Blaylock, CAFOD

Hearing the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor: Living Laudato Si'

It is ten years since Pope Francis published his letter to the world urging us to care for our common home and yet many are still unaware of it. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis acknowledged human induced climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and alongside other world faith leaders he called for action. Join Minnie to hear the message of Laudato Si' and discuss the actions we can all take to reduce our impact and tread more lightly on the earth.

Seminar Speaker: Minnie Fraser, DHN Environmental Lead

Walking Together: Embracing Synodality for Spiritual and Parish Renewal

The worldwide church is now in the implementation phase of the Synod on Synodality, which has been described as the most important thing that has happened in the church since the Second Vatican Council. But what does this mean for the church as a whole, and for our own local churches? Although some people have been involved in finding out about the Synod for some time, for others even the word "Synod" is new and unfamiliar. Synodality is all about walking together: it is a path of spiritual renewal and also of structural reform for the church. This workshop explores the spiritual dimension at the heart of synodality, which encourages us to listen to one another and to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Join us as we explore how synodality can transform our parishes, bringing people together to share our gifts in the service of the church's mission.

Seminar Speaker: Christine Brennan, DHN Volunteer

Faith on the Rise: Sharing the Gospel in a Time of Quiet Revival

In a time when many assumed faith was fading, a surprising movement is quietly reshaping the spiritual landscape of the UK. Dubbed the "Quiet Revival," this resurgence is being led by Gen Z, with a notable increase in church attendance and spiritual curiosity. RCIA and sacramental preparation programmes like Sycamore are also gaining traction, offering accessible and engaging ways to explore the Christian faith. This seminar invites you to explore how we can respond to this moment with boldness and creativity, equipping ourselves to share the Gospel in ways that resonate with today's seekers.

Seminar Speaker: Michael Weetman, DHN Evangelisation (Sycamore)

Listening with the Heart: Reflecting on our Relationship with God

We will explore together the gift of Listening in Spiritual Accompaniment and in the journey of Bereavement. The sacred art of Listening to another has been a ministry in the Church and part of the Christian tradition since earliest times. Spiritual Accompaniment provides a sacred, safe listening space and offers the opportunity to explore our spiritual life and reflect on our relationship with God and our on-going Journey in Faith. It is both a joy and a privilege to accompany others in this. The impact of loss in our lives is profound. In this workshop we will reflect on how loss in death and the journey through bereavement has no clear itinerary but sensitive and gentle listening to those who are suffering can contribute to healing. We will listen to some of those who have benefited from these Listening Ministries.

Seminar Speakers: Christian Smith & Sr Sheila McNamara, DHN Accompaniment

Ignite the Flame: Encouraging Youth Involvement in Parishes

Join us for an engaging Youth Ministry Forum focused on "Encouraging Youth Involvement in Parishes." Discover practical strategies to inspire active participation through dynamic tools like the John Paul II Award and the Faith in Action Award. Let's explore how these initiatives can ignite a passion for faith and service among young people. In the words of Pope Francis, may we strive to involve young people in a "living experience of the faith that each of us wishes to pass on to the new generations."

Seminar Speakers: Mary & Jamie, Youth Ministry Trust

Enriching Worship through Thoughtful Liturgy – Welcome, Gather and Prepare

This seminar explores the vital roles of Liturgical Ministries, focusing on the themes of welcome, gather, and prepare. These ministries are essential in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for worship, fostering a sense of community, and ensuring that our liturgical celebrations are meaningful and well-organised. Join us as we delve into the heart of liturgical service and discover ways to enrich our worship through dedicated and thoughtful ministry.

Seminar Speakers: DHN Liturgy team

Enriching Worship through Thoughtful Liturgy – Proclaim and Share

This seminar explores the essential roles of Liturgical Ministries focusing on the themes of proclaiming and sharing. These ministries are crucial in conveying the Word of God and fostering a deeper understanding and connection within the congregation. Join us as we uncover the profound impact of these ministries and discover ways to enrich our liturgical celebrations through dedicated and heartfelt service.

Seminar Speakers: DHN Liturgy team

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Prayer Space in the Chapel

Introducing Set A Fire - a group of aspiring musician friends from Durham leading our Jubilee Day with praise and worship.

Please come and visit the exhibitors in our Marketplace. We are pleased to welcome a number of Catholic organisations, groups and our partners.



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