

## Sacred Places, Sacred People

### SCP National Conference, 2009

The Durham and Newcastle Chapter invites members to the North East of England to explore with us the theme 'Sacred Places, Sacred People'.

Northumbria is the land of saints: Cuthbert, Bede, Hilda, Aidan. It is the land of the prince bishops of Durham. It is the land of saintly priests like Bernard Gilpin and of great social reformers. It is the land of the episcopal theologians like Westcott, Jenkins and Wright. It is the land of faithful men and women who hewed coal, smelted iron, built ships and tended sheep.

Northumbria is a land of sacred places: Lindisfarne, Jarrow, Hexham and Durham; St. James' Park and the Stadium of Light; the Gateshead Angel and the Metro Centre, Europe's largest shopping mall.

The North East has seen huge social change over the years.

In inviting you to this holy land, we invite you to consider again what makes people and places sacred.

The sacred can be defined by a boundary, like the Roman Wall. It can be sought in pilgrimage to known shrines. It can be struggled for, as Benedict Biscop struggled to preserve Western culture and learning in the face of pagan invasion in the twin monasteries of Jarrow and Monkwearmouth.

Our speakers will include:

The Very Revd Michael Sadgrove,  
Dean of Durham.  
A member of the Iona Community.  
And others ...

We will visit Jarrow, Durham, and newer sacred places such as the Gateshead Angel.

Accommodation is in single, en-suite rooms at Henderson Hall, Newcastle University.

**Cost: £195 if booked by 30 Sept 2008,  
rising to £210 if booked by 31 Dec 2008  
and £225 if booked by 31 March 2009.**

Newcastle is easily accessible by rail, air and car. Fast trains from Kings Cross (3 hrs). Metro from airport to city centre.

More Information: Fr Nick Chamberlain,  
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Come to the home of Viz, sup at the shrine of the blue star, enjoy a traditional stottie cake, visit the Sage Gateshead and the Baltic art gallery ...!

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### RESERVATION AND APPLICATION FORM

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