



"St Antony's Priory is important because it offers hospitality to all who long to deepen their walk with God: a generous place of prayer, quiet and friendship."

Revd. Judy Hirst, Local/Shared Ministry Development Officer for the Dioceses of Durham & Newcastle

"Quakers like to balance busyness with stillness. St. Antony's Priory is a spiritual oasis - a welcoming place where busyness and stillness meet in the presence of the spirit."

Rachel Barton, A Member of the Society of Friends (Quakers)

"St Antony's Priory and the work it does is such a wonderful resource for Christians in the North East."

Revd. Leo Osbourne, Chair of Newcastle District of the Methodist Church

"For some time now, St Antony's Priory and Ushaw College have been working together in partnership delivering a programme in training for faith accompaniment. In an age where people are genuinely seeking guidance and help in the realm of 'the spiritual' it is important that we Christians not only offer notional advice but are able to provide practical help in the person of spiritual guides. It is a joy for us at Ushaw to be co-operators with St Antony's in this wonderful venture."

Mgr Terry Draine, President of Ushaw College, Durham



Fr Herbert Kelly SSM Founder



The Cottage Lounge

Friends of St Antony's Priory

We believe the Priory is a gift - its setting and atmosphere are unique. We need *Friends* who want, not only to share in the pleasure it offers, but who enjoy working together to generate enthusiasm and support for our work.

If you would like to become a *Friend of St Antony's Priory* please complete and return the enclosed application form.



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ST ANTONY'S PRIORY

Ecumenical Spirituality Centre DURHAM



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A Project of the Society of the Sacred Mission

ST ANTONY'S PRIORY, one of the projects of the Society of the Sacred Mission (SSM), extends a warm welcome to individuals and small groups wishing to benefit from its calm atmosphere and the gift of space away from the ongoing busyness of daily life.

Located almost at the heart of Durham City, St Antony's Priory captures a magnificent panorama of the Cathedral and Castle, viewed from pleasant gardens, and offers a peaceful opportunity for those seeking relaxation and refreshment.

Formerly the vicarage of St. Nicholas Parish Church, under the auspices of SSM it was developed as a Priory since 1984 and from 1998 has become an Ecumenical Spirituality Centre resourcing the whole of the North-East region.



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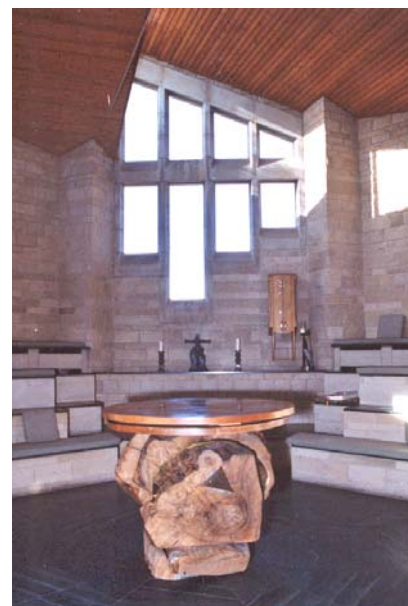
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The small ecumenical Team, as well as providing hospitality and a regular weekday pattern of worship, is also engaged in:

- Offering an annual programme of quiet days and workshops led by individuals drawn from differing denominations and none, entitled: *Sharing our Spiritual Treasures*.
- Offering spiritual direction through an extensive group of commissioned women and men from different denominations.
- Hosting and facilitating quiet days for small groups of clergy, lay people, chaplaincy teams and others.
- Offering individually guided retreats for up to eight days in self-catering cottage.
- Offering space for individuals or small groups to 'do their own thing'.
- Helping develop the work of the North East Prayer Guides Network, an ecumenical group committed to working together in a shared ministry of prayer guiding.
- In partnership with Ushaw College members of the Team have trained over 100 people of all traditions for the ministry



of spiritual direction, and offer support to them in this ministry, with supervision and opportunities for on-going training.

