



SHEPHERDS LAW NEWS

March 2026

An occasional newsletter

Website: <https://shepherdslawhermitage.org>

SUNDAY SERVICE

A reminder: Evening Prayer at Shepherds Law this Sunday (8 March) is at the winter time of 2pm. In April it reverts to 3pm.

MONASTIC WEEKS – NEW DEVELOPMENTS

At a local meeting of Roman Catholic religious communities, there was interest in holding a Monastic Week at Shepherds Law in the autumn – this might be the beginning of regular ecumenical monastic weeks.

Meanwhile, the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield is holding 4 monastic weeks this year, and hopes to continue this pattern, each time with 3 brethren participating. The dates for the first half of this year are: **19th–24th April** and **3rd–9th May**. One of the brethren in the April week is Roman Catholic, and so there will be alternating Catholic and Anglican eucharists through the week. Details to follow in next Newsletter.

OPEN DAY – 9th MAY

This year's Open Day will be on 9th May. More information in the next Newsletter.

WHAT IS A MONASTIC WEEK?

The aims of a monastic week are to:

- Maintain as a reality the monastic life of Shepherds Law.

- Witness to monastic life in the North-East.

- Witness to ecumenism.

- Exercise monastic hospitality, including:

 - People arranging to come on retreat.

 - Quiet days for individuals and groups.

 - Visits by parishes and schools (one school class has already asked to visit).

 - All services open to the public – an open invitation to come and take part.

 - Events, talks, discussions.

 - Ecumenical sharing of monastic life.

(Long live what Brother Harold started!)

BUILDINGS

The new solar panels are so effective that during the summer no other source of electricity may well be needed. We now have in addition a new, larger generator. The showers in the cells have been completed, the central heating is now operational, and re-furnishing of the buildings is advanced. Our doughty team of helpers continues their hard work, and plans are advanced for installing a new kitchen. There is now excellent wi-fi throughout. New service books have been produced containing the form of daily offices that Brother Harold evolved. And guests are now beginning to stay at the Hermitage.

(Bookings: Rev. Tracey Malthouse, rev.tracey@icloud.com 07376 914757).

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