



**“Inspired by the Lindisfarne Gospels”  
- making the most of the opportunities**



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## Lindisfarne Gospels & the North East



- Strong linkage: the Gospels - St Cuthbert – other Northern Saints - Durham - North East England
- Historic pilgrimage sites still attract people from around the world: Durham, Hartlepool, Hexham, Jarrow, Lindisfarne and Wearmouth
- Wider narrative connects many places.
- **Most significant opportunity since the Millennium** to promote awareness of the North East's rich Christian heritage.



## Inspired North East

...working with church congregations to help achieve a sustainable future for church buildings in the North East: as living places of worship, buildings used and enjoyed by local communities, welcoming places for tourists and pilgrims, and unique heritage assets.

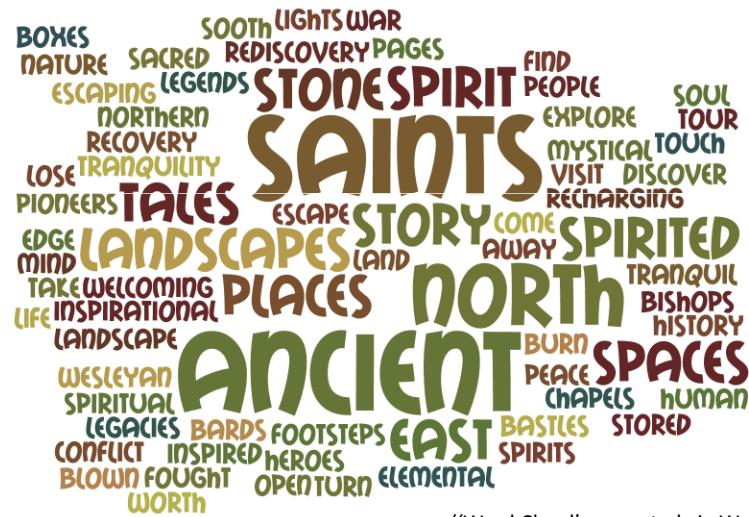


## Objectives for 2013



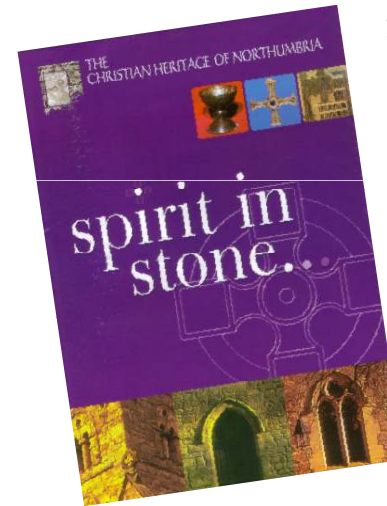
- Make the most of Lindisfarne Gospels in 2013
- Encourage opening of churches, and help them to promote their visitor welcome
- Facilitate links with ‘Cuthbert’s Journey’, Festival of the NE and other initiatives
- Improve links with the wider visitor offer
- Encourage development of local trails and events.

## NE Christian heritage - key words



(‘Word Cloud’ generated via Wordle.net)

# Inspired North East Action Plan



1. Produce a regional guide to 100 historic places of worship and other relevant heritage sites.  
  
Link these to the 'big stories' of the Lindisfarne Gospels, St Cuthbert's Journey and other Christian heritage themes .

# Inspired North East Action Plan

2. Produce a website and DVD with more content
3. Distribute printed and online content freely via tourism networks, churches and other channels
4. Produce a practical 'toolkit' with advice on leaflets, displays, websites, signage etc.
5. Offer workshops on 'sharing your story', visitor welcome, heritage interpretation, etc.
6. Produce a movable display to tour a number of churches (input from the Lindisfarne Gospels team)
7. Other advice/support as appropriate.

## How can churches get involved?

- Not just about major sites - many smaller places have a story to tell, could do something
  - Church flower festivals linking to the theme
  - Connecting Gospels and creativity (Escomb)
  - Local events or trails
  - Schools events, art projects, music festivals, etc
  - Gospel reading events, plays etc?
  - Collaborate with others locally.

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