



All Saints Gosforth



'The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith'.

Sunday 19th February 2023
Next Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

For live and recorded services please visit
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At St Hugh's

11.00am Holy Communion

Thought for Today

The Transfiguration of our Lord is a great story in the Gospels, an episode where Jesus is revealed as he truly is, not merely as a special man, or a marvellous teacher, but as the Son of God. It came at a particularly significant time for the disciples. Before they face difficulties, they gain insight into how things are going to be. The disciples are shown that the divine hand is at work in the events, that Jesus will endure and that there will be glory in the end.

The Transfiguration then, was a marvellous experience for those closest of Jesus' disciples, one which they wanted to last for ever. This is why Peter makes that rather embarrassing comment about making three tents for Moses, Elijah and Jesus. This is because, by the rules of Middle-Eastern hospitality, to set up somewhere for them to stay would require them to remain until the host wished them to leave.

I think this story helps us on the journey we are about to make during the season of Lent. It is not going to be easy, but we see we are part of a greater reality, and despite how it seems, how badly life goes wrong and the unexpected happens, there will be a glorious ending.

Today at the Parish Communion - Andrew Cole will give an update on 'Tyneside Welcomes' and its hope to house and support a refugee family.

Andrew Shipton

Readings:**Old Testament:** Exodus 24:12 to end**New Testament:** 2 Peter 1:16 to end**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9**8.00am****Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

9.30am**Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Hymns**Processional:** 339 Be thou my vision**Gradual:** ✕173 Make me a channel of your peace**Offertory:** 137 Come down O love divine**Communion:** 302 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray**Recessional:** 332 All hail the poser of Jesus' name**Anthem:** Sacerdotes Domini – Byrd**6.30pm****Evening Prayer****Psalm 94 Hymns 408, 431, 427****22nd February 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with imposition of Ashes**

A warm welcome to you if you are a newcomer. Please complete a green Contact Card and place it in the box provided, or hand it to one of the clergy or churchwardens.

Have you problems with mobility? Please let a steward know if you need assistance going up for communion, or would like communion to be brought to you.

Hard of hearing? If you use a hearing aid, please switch it to the 'T' position to use our loop system

To gain access to the All Saints YouTube channel please go to: www.allsaints-gosforth.co.uk/youtube

Notices

The New Website is now available at www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk. If this does not work please clear your web browsing history.

We are pleased to say that lifts are again required to church. If you could help on a monthly rota please let the clergy or the office know.

Amnesty International Please join us today after the 9.30am service in the Centre for letter writing on behalf of someone less fortunate than yourself. If you do not have the time to write, please log onto www.amnesty.org.uk/cases to sign the general appeal.



The Christian Meditation Group meet today Sunday 19th February 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday this week
Naomi Parker (20th)

The funeral of Ronnie Robson will be in Church tomorrow at 11am. Ronnie was a faithful member of our 8am congregation. We pray for Kim, Lesley, Hazel, Katie and all the family in their loss. May Ronnie rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Service for the burial of ashes of Dorothy Lithgow is tomorrow at 4.00pm.

Last Sunday saw the first of our new style of family service 'All Together at All Saints'. The focus was on participation by everyone, with some of our young people joining in with interactive presentations of the Old Testament and Gospel readings, leading the intercessory prayers and generally helping in many other ways, whilst we still celebrated the Eucharist, but in a shortened form. The feedback from those who attended was very positive and we intend to repeat these monthly with the next All Together service on 19th March (Mothering Sunday). We hope that you will join us in this new venture.

A meeting for those hosting or Leading the Lent course will be on Thursday 23rd February at 3.30pm in the Upper Room when we shall be exploring the course.



The next Film Group meeting will be on Friday 24th February at 7pm in the Upper Room, or 6.30 if you want to bring some food to eat in the company of other like-minded people!

The Grapes of Wrath is a 1940 American film directed by John Ford. It was based on John Steinbeck's 1939 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name. The film tells the story of the Joads, an Oklahoma family, who, after losing their farm during the Great Depression in the 1930s, become migrant workers and end up in California. The motion picture details their arduous journey across the United States as they travel to California in search of work and opportunities for the family members. The film is widely considered to be one of the greatest films of all time. In 1989, it was one of the first 25 films selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the United States National Film Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".

Faith @4pm in the Centre on Sunday 26th February will focus on the theme of temptation. There will be crafts and refreshments. All Welcome.

There will be no Young Saints next Sunday morning as there will be a Faith @4pm service.

Keeping in Touch' The January edition is now available. (*To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email <https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine> or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.*)

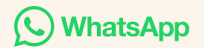
This year's Lent course takes as its starting point Rembrandt's painting 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'. Drawing on the work of the 20th-century priest, writer and theologian Henri Nouwen, we will explore the painting, and the Biblical story it is based on, in five sessions: 'The younger son leaves home'; 'The younger son returns'; 'The elder son'; 'The father'; 'Living the painting'. As we study this parable, we are invited to see aspects of our own stories reflected in each of its characters, and learn to love as the father and be loved as the son. If you would like to join a group, please write your name on the sheets at the back of church. It's not too late.

Please see the latest Diocesan Newspaper 'The Link' at: www.newcastle.anglican.org/news/link

We are collecting for the West End Foodbank: Please leave donations of non-perishable foods at the back of church. The foodbank's current most needed items are tea, coffee, rice, soup, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and tinned meatballs.

Mission of the Month for February: Tyneside Welcome, a local charity run by a small group of volunteers on Tyneside with no single political or faith-based affiliation. Their aim is to take on the responsibility for resettling Syrian refugee families on Tyneside through a Government approved Community Sponsorship scheme.

Calling all WhatsAppers! Could you post details of church happenings on your street or block of flats' **WhatsApp**, informing people about clubs, concerts, new initiatives etc (and it would save on printing leaflets!). Do you live a step or 2 away from the immediate church vicinity, near people who do not usually walk past our noticeboards? Maybe you have a friend or neighbour who would 'post' for us or pass on news to other groups? You might mention **the new website** for information and contact details! Happy to hear from you if you're unsure, too! Rosamund Place



An afternoon service will be held in the All Saints' Centre on **Palm Sunday, 2nd April** for people who cannot come along to our regular morning services. The service will be followed by tea and entertainment by the Semitones Orchestra. Help will be needed to transport guests, provide cakes, welcome guests and serve tea. If you could offer to help in any way, please sign the list on the table at the back of church or speak with Lesley Atkinson Tel 2847163.

Drivers needed for Gosforth Community Minibus. The 12 seater minibus provides an invaluable transport service to people who might otherwise not be able to travel away from their home. The service relies on volunteers to drive and act as escort for trips. If you are aged 25-69 and have a D1 category on your licence and would like to drive a bus, please contact Frances Mogg: email: info@gosforthcommunityminibus.co.uk or <tel:07926563160>

News from St Hugh's...

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
 - Cleaners have been appointed but we still need someone to oversee continual maintenance of the building.
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Upcoming Events

Prayer and Worship

Sunday Services 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm

Monday - Thursday 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church.

Coffee and Conversation. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the 'WARM' Centre at 10.30 - 11.30 am every Monday morning.

SING at the Centre

On **Shrove Tuesday** (Feb 21) we are pausing our usual rehearsal and repertoire for a one-off '**Pancake Party and Singalong**'. Now this is a *very* special invitation – if you'd like to come along, **please** sign up on the sheet (on the table at the rear of church) TODAY!

Did you hear what happened when the pancake got angry? He just flipped!

Okay, okay I hear you say but it's what I'll be doing if you don't sign up...

Please also see the ad at the end of this Newsletter.

Thank you. *Diana Lavín*

World Day of Prayer 3rd March 2023 at 1.30pm in the Church. Everyone welcome. This is no longer for women only. Service followed by refreshments.

Date for your diaries! March 19th 9.30am Who cares ... Please tell friends & neighbours we are looking forward to a Mothering Sunday service on Sunday March 19th at 9.30. Members of our uniformed organisations will be there taking an active part in the service, the second of our new series of All-Age communion services so with something for everyone!
Thanks for the enthusiastic feedback from Feb 12th, by the way!



The rededication of the Calvary Cross will be on 26th March at 2.30pm by The Right Reverend Mark Wroe, Acting Bishop of Newcastle.

We will be welcoming the community to celebrate the restoration and the beginning of the work on the green and also offering refreshments in the centre after the Service. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

We need to work out how best to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. A party and worship that might go with this is yet to be agreed. Please let the clergy know how we can mark it in style!

Dates for your diary

22nd February 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist
26th February First Sunday of Lent – A Lent course begins in the week following
26th March 2.30pm Rededication of the Calvary Cross
2nd April Palm Sunday
9th April Easter Day
14th April 12 noon Wedding of Robert Matthewson and Sarah Makepeace
15th April Farmers' Market

Donations

We now have a number of ways to donate to All Saints online: By QR code. Simply hold your mobile phone camera over the code, follow the link to your browser and follow on-screen instructions. Or go to <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8ecfe5b6-18c7-4179-aba0-2ebc43a82f7b>



Thank you for your donations.

Please note that cash put on the plate goes to our Mission of the Month, money put into the yellow envelopes goes to pay for the work of All Saints.

Contact Us

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER FEBRUARY 2023

Luis Manuel Otero Alcantara is a black Cuban artist who loves to paint, dance and wear bright colours. His home in San Isidro in Havana was an open house for people to meet. When the government issued Decree 349, a law seeking to silence critical artists and others, Luis Manuel became a leader of the San Isidro Movement, formed to oppose this. He posted a video online saying that he intended to join a large demonstration against government censorship. Before this demonstration took place, Luis Manuel was arrested and, following a trial behind closed doors, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. He is held in Guanajay maximum security prison.

Specimen letter (Please feel free to write in your own words; First or Second Class stamp needed)

19 February 2023

President of Cuba
Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermúdez
c/o Embassy of Republic of Cuba
167 High Holborn
London WC1V 6PA

Dear President

Luis Manuel Otero Alcantara

I am writing to you about Luis Manuel Otero Alcantara who posted a video online on 11th July 2021 to say that he intended to join a protest against government censorship. He was the leader of the San Isidro Movement, a diverse group of artists, journalists and activists who wish to defend the right to freedom of expression and protest against Decree 349, a law which seeks to silence critical artists.

Luis Manuel was arrested before the protest took place and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in a trial which took place behind closed doors. He is now being held in Guanajay maximum security prison.

I urge you to release Luis Manuel Otero Alcantara immediately and unconditionally, as he has been detained solely for exercising his rights to freedom of expression and peaceful protest.

Yours sincerely





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ASH WEDNESDAY

22ND FEBRUARY 2023
7.30PM

Sung Eucharist with
imposition of ashes



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023
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about your faith

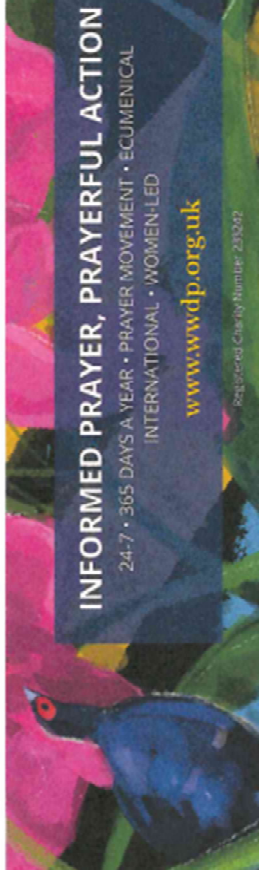


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Mothers Sunday

9.30am March 19 2023



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ALL SAINTS PARISH CENTRE
SUN. 26 FEBRUARY AT 4PM