



# All Saints Gosforth

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

Website: [allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](http://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**Sunday 29<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

**Bible Sunday**

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 Parish Communion

## Thought for Today

Today's gospel reading is among the most well known passages in the whole of the Bible. In it, Jesus is confronted with a question: which of the commandments of the Law is the most important? The question is designed to test Jesus and possibly even trip him up. But it also reflects an understanding that in the real world sometimes there is no perfect option, and we must choose between a range of less-than-perfect actions. What then? How do we prioritise, how do we discern what is the greater and what the lesser evil? Jesus's answer astonished his questioners and has become famous ever since: the greatest commandment is love. Rather than focus on specific actions, Jesus identifies motive as the heart of the Law. The law is meant to cultivate love, to form hearts and minds that seek the glory of God and the good of others. St Augustine would later say: Love, and do what you will. Because when we truly love God and our neighbours, our desires are directed rightly. We may still face impossible decisions, and we may still fall short - often - of our own ideals. But if we take love as our compass, we will be heading in the right direction.

*Miriam Jones*

The All Saints Mission Statement: Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate and outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care and encouragement for all and where diversity is welcomed and our worship inspires us to transform the world.

<b>Old Testament:</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-4a [5-6] 8-12	
<b>New Testament:</b>	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	
<b>Gospel:</b>	Colossians 3:12-17	
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
Presiding:	Revd Dr Miriam Jones	
Preaching:	Revd Dr Miriam Jones	
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	
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<b>Processional:</b>	Green 360	Firmly I believe truly
<b>Gradual:</b>	Green 339	Be thou my vision
<b>Offertory:</b>	Green 420	O Jesus, I have promised
<b>Communion:</b>	Booklet page 11	Here is bread, here is wine
<b>Recessional:</b>	Brown 33	Brother, sister, let me serve you
<b>Anthem:</b>	My spirit longs for Thee – Dowland	
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	
	<b>Psalm:</b> 119:89-104	<b>Hymns:</b> 271, 345, 272

**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.

**Children in Church:** Children are always very welcome in church, and there is a dedicated Children's Corner at the back with some quiet activities available for children to use either there, or to bring back to their pew. The next All Together service at which children will be invited to take an interactive part is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**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:** [allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube](https://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube)

## Notices

**We are sorry to share the news** that Andrew's mother has passed away this week. Please keep Andrew and the family in your prayers. While Andrew is away please contact the Churchwardens for matters relating to the building and administration and Miriam or Ruth for pastoral matters.

**Ruth is at** Newbiggen Hall this morning.

**The Christian Meditation Group** meet today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

**Today it will be** Evening Prayer at 6.30pm. The choir will be singing at the All Souls Service on 5th November.

**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](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/cases) to sign the general appeal.



## POSH PUDS PARTY & QUIZ

*Most regrettably* this event had to be cancelled as not enough tickets were bought. A big thank you to the many people who offered to make a 'Posh pud'.

**Happy Birthday to**  
**Yu Chen Chiu (29<sup>th</sup>) and Ruby Coomer (29<sup>th</sup>)**

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**Faith @4** Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us today at 4pm for songs, story and crafts celebrating all the saints whose faith, love, generosity, and courage continue to inspire us today. To make the celebration extra special we are inviting you to come dressed as one of the saints. Perhaps we'll see Martin the Roman soldier, George the knight, or Hilda the Saxon princess? Or just come as you are! We hope to see you soon.

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**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.

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**Little Saints Tuesday** 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

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**SING** *at the Centre*

Next meeting - **Tuesday October 31** from 2:30 for drinks/nibbles.

*Thank you.*

*Diana Lavin*

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**Nominations for Mission of the Month – 2024.** We would, once again, like to give all members of our congregation the opportunity of nominating their favourite/preferred charitable organisation for 2024 and would ask if you could let us have your request by today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at the latest, so that the Charities Group can draw up a list which will be discussed by the PCC at their meeting in November. Please send/leave your Nomination with a brief description, or attach leaflet, of the nature of their work, along with your name and take or post or email to the church office.

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**The Gardening Group** will be meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am. Refreshments as usual, and we'll probably be clearing the paths of leaves!

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**Our Patronal Festival** will be celebrated on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The All Souls Service will be on at 6.30pm. Please see the list at the back of the Church for names of those to be remembered.

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**We plan to send out a glossy Christmas card** to the homes of the parish. Children aged 12 and under are invited to design the front picture for the card. There are entry forms at the back of the church and a box for the completed designs or they can be given to churchwardens. **The closing date is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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**Mothers' Union** The next meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the All Saints Centre. Our guest speaker will be Revd Diana Macnaughton on the theme 'what a friend I have in Jesus'. It includes an update on the various Mothers' Union projects in the diocese. Everyone welcome, no need to be a member.

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**We will be focusing** on the theme of generosity on Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Remember last year's Christmas Tree Festival** in church? This year we'll be having a Festival of Angels! Watch the pew sheet for more information coming soon.

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**We will be holding a Christmas Fair** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11.00 – 1.00pm. More details to follow.

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**Keeping in Touch.** To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email: [intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk) or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley, Lesley Atkinson or Ann Cross.

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## News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.
  - We look forward to welcoming the St Hugh's congregation to All Saints next week for our Patronal Festival.
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## Upcoming Events

### Prayer and Worship

Sunday: Services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm

Monday - Thursday: 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by the South Porch.

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church

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### Looking ahead:

12<sup>th</sup> November All Together Remembrance Service

18<sup>th</sup> November Farmers' Market

2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Fair

10<sup>th</sup> December All Together Service

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## Last Call for 'A handbag' at the next Farmers' Market, Nov 18

We plan to...

1. ... sell all bags donated entirely for church funds from the Farmers' Market
2. for 20% commission, sell on behalf of the owner at a pre-arranged price if the bag is a high-end designer name eg Chanel, LV, YSL, Mulberry *and* proof of provenance is supplied.

**Thank you** to those of you who've so far donated bags of all sizes, styles, and colours.

Wow! What colours! We've had a great response. Keep them coming until **Sun Nov 12**.

*Marian Coulson Cave*

**Farmer's (Pre-Christmas) Market** – just 3 weeks to go before you'll be able to make your 'Farm to Table' and Christmas floral orders!

More news next week.

*Diana Lavin*

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## Fairy Doors Workshop

Thurs 02 November, 11 - 2:30 (half-term)

Ages 5-11. Child + Grand/Parent/Adult. Tickets reservable **NOW** – see poster later in this Newsletter.

Some of you have been asking 'what are Fairy Doors?'. Ours are wooden, hinged with a latch, set on a base, and just waiting to be painted and decorated! They can be attached to a skirting board or hidden in the garden with the door ajar so that the fairies can magically come and go as they please!

See the picture taken by Felicity of a ceramic door on Ashburton (outside Creases) and Salters Rd – see if you can find it! (If you don't want to decorate one for yourself it would make a good bespoke Christmas present for a young family member OR bring 2 children and just help them.)

**Thank you!**



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**On All Saints Day, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** during coffee time, in the Centre, there will be the launch of a book written by Margaret Wilkinson reflecting on the life of her husband Fred. Margaret has spent many years pouring over Fred's papers and the book is a tribute to his contribution especially in the world of education and in the Newcastle Diocese. It is a moving book and a testament to Fred's Christian witness in many fields. *Andrew Shipton*.

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**TYNE & WEAR CITIZENS DELEGATES ASSEMBLY – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 6-8pm**  
**Newcastle Civic Centre All Saints** is a member of this growing alliance of Faith, Community and Charitable organisations. This will be our chance to vote for the campaigns we would like to see prioritised for the next 2 years – **but we need at least 5 of us there to be able to vote!** Please put the date in your diary. Any questions, or to reserve a place, contact Andrew Cole: [ac07949@gmail.com](mailto:ac07949@gmail.com)

## 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>

*Please note that cash 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. Thank you!*

**Mission of the Month for October** is the 'Walking With project' based in North Tyneside supporting asylum seekers and refugees providing practical and moral support services to individuals and families, information and guidance sessions. They also provide food parcels, clothing and household goods to help ease poverty and deprivation. This week we will take our Harvest goods to their centre.

**Food donations** are now being taken to Kenton Foodbank. Their most needed items currently are tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, biscuits and long life milk. Thank you to everyone who continues to bring donations and leave them at the back of the church.

## Contact Us

<b>Vicar and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's</b> Rest Day: Saturday	Andrew Shipton	284 5540	andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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*Thank you, for looking at our news today.*

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER OCTOBER 2023

Dr Mohammed al-Roken is a Human Rights lawyer who is among eight Emirati citizens who are still in prison despite having completed their sentences. It was in July 2013 that he was convicted of attempting to overthrow the government and given a 10-year sentence following a mass trial of activists and critics of the authorities. The politically motivated trial – known as 'UAE-94 – was part of a major crackdown designed to silence calls for reform. The proceedings were grossly unfair and marred by abuses, including defendants being denied access to a lawyer and held incommunicado or in solitary confinement. 'Confessions' obtained through torture were also used in court as evidence of their guilt. Amnesty considers Dr al-Roken and the seven other dissidents to be prisoners of conscience.

Specimen letter (Please feel free to write in your own words; £2.20 stamp)

29 October 2023

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Sayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan  
President of the United Arab Emirates  
Presidential Court  
F836+2GJ – Al Khubeirah  
Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates

Your Highness

## **Dr Mohammed al-Roken**

I am writing to you to express my concern at the fact that Dr Mohammed al-Roken, a human rights lawyer and academic, is still being kept in prison despite completing the 10-year sentence which he was given in July 2013 on the grounds of attempting to overthrow the government.

Internationally he is regarded as a prisoner of conscience and indeed should never have been convicted originally if his 'confession' had not been obtained through torture and he had been allowed his own legal representation.

I respectfully urge you to order his immediate and unconditional release, along with that of the seven other Emiratis whom I understand have been treated similarly.

Yours sincerely

All Saints Church

# Fairy Doors Workshop

\* Ages 5-11

\* Bring a Grand/Parent

at All Saints Centre  
Thurs November 02  
11-2:30

**£20** party of 2

*All materials and drinks provided*

Bring a packed lunch

Reserve your place **NOW**

0191 213 0450

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Gosforth

# All Saints Church

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## Sunday 5th November



8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - All Saints' Parish Communion

6.30pm - All Souls' Service

*A reflective Service with hymns, prayers and choral music.*

*A time to remember those we love but no longer see.*

# FAITH@4

ALL SAINTS DAY

CELEBRATION

COME IN FANCY DRESS!

WHICH SAINT WILL YOU BE?

ST CEDICIA



ST CUTHBERT



ST GEORGE



ST MARGARET



MUSIC | STORY | CRAFT | REFRESHMENTS

ALL SAINTS PARISH CENTRE | NE3 4ES

4PM OCTOBER 29TH