



# All Saints Gosforth

'The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith'  
Website: [allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](http://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Christ the King – Generosity Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Communion  
4.00pm Faith@4 in the Centre  
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

The Church year concludes today by celebrating the reign of Christ the King. Of all titles we could bestow on Jesus king would seem to be one of the most inappropriate. He has no throne, no shiny crown, no palace, and no army. We do not hear today of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem or the visit of wise men with their royal gifts; instead we read a section of Matthew 25. In Sydney Carter's words, Jesus says 'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?'

We believe He is God, Lord of all, the king of the universe yet he is a king who comes as a servant, whom we serve when we care for the outsider. He is indeed a king but a king certainly with a difference!

*Andrew Shipton*

**P.S. Next Saturday is the Christmas Fair followed by Advent Sunday.**

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.

**Old Testament:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**New Testament:** Ephesians 1:15 to end

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31 to end

**8.00am Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

**9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**Processional:** Green 373 How shall I sing that majesty

**Gradual:** Brown 232 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**Offertory:** Green 420 O Jesus I have promised

**Communion:** Brown 72 Give thanks with a grateful heart

**Recessional:** Brown 163 Lord for the years

**Anthem:** Rejoice the Lord is King - Archer

**4.00pm Faith @4 in the Centre**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Psalm:** 93; [97]

**Hymns:** 377, 431, 393

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**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.

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**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 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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**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.

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

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**To gain access to the All Saints YouTube channel please go to:** [allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube](https://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube)

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### Prayer and Worship

Sunday: Services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm. Last Sunday of the month, 4pm: "Faith@4", an informal all-age service in the church hall. The next Faith@4 is today November 26<sup>th</sup>

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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### Upcoming Events

**The Parish Office is** closed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Today copies of 'A Good Advent'** by the Bishop of London Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally will be available to help us deepen our journey through the season. There will be two sessions to reflect on this thought-provoking introduction to Advent on Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

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**Our thanks to those who put the** Christmas cards into bundles. Please take and distribute Church Christmas Cards to the streets near you.

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**Please see our** Advent and Christmas programme in the Christmas Card.

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**The Christian Meditation Group** meet today Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

**Following our Treasurer**, Chris Bolland's presentation last Sunday about our present financial situation, some have asked how to give effectively to support our vision and ministry and mission across the parish.

We do this primarily through our planned giving scheme where members contribute a regular amount either monthly, quarterly or annually by standing order payable to:

**PCC All Saints Gosforth Sort Code: 20-59-61. Account Number: 00676314**

Standing Orders can be set up or amended using online banking or if by the completion of a Standing Order Mandate that can be found at the back of the church and attached to this newsletter together with a Gift Aid Declaration form.

Chris will be available at the back of the church after the 8.00am and 9.30am Services to answer any questions

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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

**Everyone** is welcome to join us for seasonal songs from now with the emphasis on enjoyment not singing expertise! Why not come along for the odd session?

Next meeting - **Tuesday November 28** from 2:30 for drinks/nibbles. Singing from 3:00-4:00.

NB Christmas at the Blackbird Dec 04, 18:30

*Thank you. Diana Lavin*

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## **All Saints Book Group Thursday 30th November 4pm at Cafe Nero**

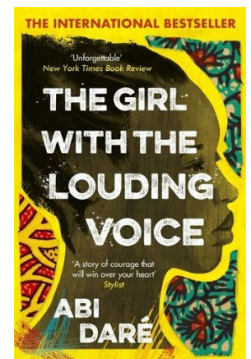
### **The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare**

The *New York Times* And *Times* Top Ten Bestseller Shortlisted For The Desmond Elliott Prize For Fiction Recommended By Malala Yousafzai, Elizabeth Day, Andi Oliver And Dolly Parton.

**I don't just want to be having any kind voice . . .  
I want a louding voice.**

At fourteen, Adunni dreams of getting an education and giving her family a more comfortable home in her small Nigerian village. Instead, Adunni's father sells her off to become the third wife of an old man. When tragedy strikes in her new home, Adunni flees to the wealthy enclaves of Lagos, where she becomes a house-girl to the cruel Big Madam, and prey to Big Madam's husband. But despite her situation continuously going from bad to worse, Adunni refuses to let herself be silenced. And one day, someone hears her....

Please join us at Cafe Nero to discuss this novel – all welcome.



## **IT'S NEXT SATURDAY!**

**11am All Saints Christmas Fair!**



The ideal place to find a unique gift.

And to meet for a coffee, walk through our lovely church and hear some folk music. Santa may call on us!!

Cake bakers! Let's BAKE!! We need scrumptious cakes to sell. Please bring them and scones and biscuits on the day.



Everyone look on your wine racks! We need bottles for the bottle stall! This is about raising funds for our beloved church and our bottle stall organiser has plans to do just that. Bottles can be left in the church office or at 5 Beechfield Road.

## Into Stillness, Space and Time to Reflect, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30 – 4.30

A group of us are holding these 2 sessions on 2 Sunday afternoons in Advent. We plan to have a silent, candlelit church with some quiet, reflective music and periods of silence. Do you have some suitable music for this, please?

If so, please label CDs if you lend them to us! **And be sure to take them home!!**

Thank you! Joyce Jennings, Alison Wilson, Paul Wilkinson and Rosamund Place

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**Advent Sunday will be Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm.** Advent carols followed by mulled with and mince pies.

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### News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.
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### Notices

**The funeral of Sheila Piper** is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am in Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Selma, Sheila's daughter.

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**This week we heard the sad** news of the death of Livia Szeki who was involved in various activities at All Saints. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Livia and the whole family at this time.

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### Farmers' Market Nov 18

The market wasn't blessed with the greatest weather but we were busy There were 5 super steel bands followed by relaxing piano melodies. Did you see the Facebook videos? Check them out!

There were lots of families in church all day, and all stall holders were pleased.

**Thank you** to the Team at All Saints (the weeks before, during and after the market) – who were excellent ambassadors.

*Diana Lavin*

- P.S.**
- The handbag stall had some bags remaining at the end but still earned £120 towards church funds. Well done to them! (Some of the smaller unsold bags/purses will be for sale at the pre-loved scarf stall at the Christmas Fair. Unless you'd like your bag returned, any further unsold items will then be donated to charity. Thank you.
  - A gold 'huggie' earring was found by one of the outdoor stalls.
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**Christmas Bags for the Homeless.** The Mothers' Union are once again collecting items to distribute to the homeless at Christmas. They still need: **2 men's deodorants, 2 shaving gels, 2 men's scarves, 1 woman's scarf, 1 pair of men's gloves, 2 pairs of men's socks, 2 pairs of boxers (med).** If you would like to donate any of these items please speak to Pam Taylor today (2847344).

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**Happy Birthday** to Alexa Warren (26<sup>th</sup>), Natalie Watson (27<sup>th</sup>), Alexander Metcalfe (28<sup>th</sup>), Tom Cousins (1<sup>st</sup>).

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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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**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.

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**Mission of the Month for November** is Feeding Families. A charity based in North East England that offers support, hope and security to those experiencing food poverty.



**All Saints Amnesty International Group:** Please join us at our table in the All Saints Centre after the 9.30am service today for our annual session for sending greetings cards to prisoners of conscience or their families/supporters. If you would like to send a card but cannot be with us on

Sunday, you can do this via the following link <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-rights-2023-get-started> , where you can also download the Write for Rights 2023 booklet with details of their 10 selected cases. The booklet also gives details of the relevant government official if you wish to also make representations in the usual way, some with email address or similar. For letters the current stamp price is £2.20 which now covers cards weighing up to 20 grams. The booklet also contains updates on the prisoners to whom we sent greetings cards this time last year. Thank you very much for your support over the past year.

**Remember last year's Christmas Tree Festival in church?** This year we'll be having a Festival of Angels! Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more details.



## 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!*

## Contact Us

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# Into Stillness

## Time and Space to Reflect

Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

2.30 - 4.30pm

All Saints Church NE3 4ES

All Saints Church

## *Festival of Angels*

Would you like to participate in our  
All Saints Festival of Angels 2023  
by creating/donating an angel to be  
displayed in one of our windows?

It can be any design so long as it's entirely recyclable

It can be made from already recycled materials (about 90%)

Angels can be lit (battery power please)

It does not need to look traditional

Minimum height of 1 metre, maximum 1.5 metres.

The approx. dimensions of the sill are W -200cms; D -47 cms

We will supply a small sign with your name or group, so please  
include details with your contribution.

Installation between

Monday 4th December to Wednesday 6th December

Viewing will be from Saturday 9th December



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

# Christmas FAIR

DECEMBER 2ND

11.00 - 1.00PM

Gifts

Santa

Bottle Stall

Raffle

Crafts

Pre-loved Scarves

*Live seasonal folk music in church*

*and much more ...*

ALL SAINTS CENTRE  
LINDEN ROAD/WEST AVENUE  
GOSFORTH

ADMISSION £2.50  
(INCLUDES COFFEE & BISCUIT)



## ART AND CRAFT WORKSHOP

**Free!**

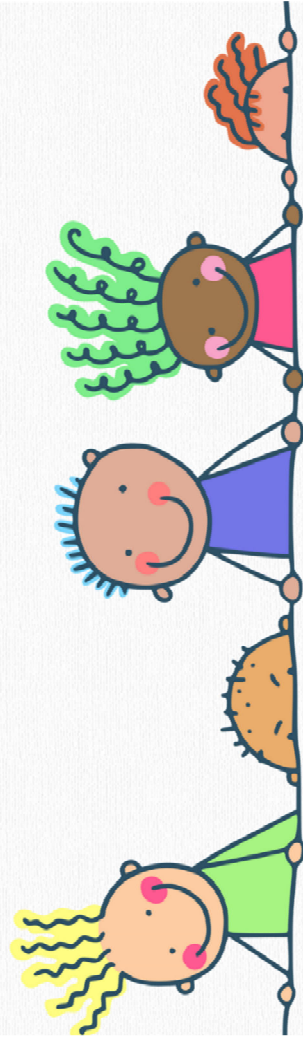
Make your very own  
Angeli

Saturday 9th

December

2.30 - 4.00 pm

All Saints Centre  
Linden Road, Gosforth



All Saints  
Gosforth

# Advent Carols

Sunday 3rd December

at

6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine

All Saints Church, West Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4ES

ALL SAINTS  
FAITH@4



christmas countdown:  
Jesus' family tree

Music | Story | Craft | Refreshments

Sunday 26 November 4pm

All Saints Centre, Linden Road, NE3 4ES