



All Saints Gosforth

'The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith'
Website: allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Sunday 10th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Altogether Service on the theme of Advent
11.30am	Holy Baptism
2.30 – 4.30pm	Into Stillness in church
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

Today and next week's Gospel reading focuses on John the Baptist. John is an uncomfortable figure. His appearance would have conveyed a person of radical character with a radical message. John was the ascetic — from the desert, the place of silence and isolation. He swam against the current. He could not have been an easy person to live with! He was in many ways the warm-up act, the guy before the main act. John introduced people to Jesus and then stood aside. Today we think of his passion and humility, his courage and anger. But there is also simplicity, integrity and strength. His aim is to prepare his people for a new demanding future; this new future will require a new kind of individual and a new kind of Society. The coming time of God's rule will provoke crisis for it will lead to a world renewed and transformed. Are we ready for it?

Andrew Shipton

Our thanks to all who contributed to our Festival of Angels.

Today we light our second Advent candle. Each candle in the Advent wreath reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. Please join in the prayer:

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide
and show all the world God's love.**



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: Isaiah 40:1-11
New Testament: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

8.00am Holy Communion
Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton
Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

9.30am All Together Service
Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones
Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton
Anthem: Dearest Lord Jesu, oh why dost Thou tarry? - J.S. Bach
Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

11.30am Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evening Prayer
Psalm: 40 Hymns 7, 388, 408

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.

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

Prayer and Worship

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

Monday – Wednesday: 8.45am Morning Prayer in The Upper Room, All Saints Centre. No Morning Prayer on Thursday.

Tuesday's Holy Communion at 10.15am in the Columba room.

Upcoming Events

We welcome today Madeleine Jane Carey for Holy Baptism at 11.30am.

Today copies of 'A Good Advent' by the Bishop of London Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally are available at the back of church to help us deepen our journey through the season. The session on Wednesday 13th December to reflect on the booklet has been cancelled.

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

The Christian Meditation Group meet today Sunday 10th December at 5.15pm in the Upper Room. This will be the last meeting before Christmas.

Into Stillness, Space and Time to Reflect, 3rd & 10th 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. Joyce Jennings, Alison Wilson, Paul Wilkinson and Rosamund Place.



Coffee and Conversation. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the 'WARM' Centre at 10.30 - 11.30 am on Monday morning. Next week we meet on Monday 18th December at 10.30am and we hope that all our helpers will join us for our festivities. Looking forward to seeing all who have helped over the year. We will meet again in the New Year on Monday January 8th 10.30am

Little Saints Pre-School Children and Parents Group on Tuesdays 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

SING at the Centre

Everyone is welcome to join us for seasonal songs from now with the emphasis on enjoyment not singing expertise! In addition to some well-known numbers, we'll be including The Advent Echo Carol, 'Tis the season medley of traditional secular songs, and Christmas Chopsticks accompanied by piano duet and bongo – we're defo not boring. Give it a go for a one-off fun experience! Last pre-Christmas meeting - **Tuesday December 12** from 2:30 for mulled wine/drinks/nibbles. Singing from 3:00-4:00.

NB New Year sessions begin on Jan 09

Thank you. Diana Lavin

We welcome Westfield School for their Carol Service on Wednesday 13th December, Newcastle School for Boys Juniors on Thursday 14th December and Newcastle School for Boys Seniors on Friday 15th December.

The next Concert in Church is Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm. Jonathan Middleton – Piano. Please see the poster at the back of the newsletter for more details.

Volunteers are needed to serve tea, coffee and drinks in the Centre after the 3.30pm Christingle next Sunday 17th December. If you could help – please contact Miriam or Andrew.

Carol Singing

There will be carols in Gosforth Shopping Centre with Gosforth Central Middle School Monday 18th December, 2.00-2.30pm, outside Sainsbury's.

There will be Parish Carol singing on Tuesday 19th December meeting at 6.00pm outside the church. We will be visiting Eothen, Moorfield and Kenton Lodge. If you can join us please contact a member of clergy.

Bishop Helen Ann will give an Advent Reflection before Compline at the Cathedral on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm on 'Hopeful Sending'.

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
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Notices

We need Stewards to help at the Carols Services on Christmas Eve. Please let the office know if you are able to help at 4.00pm or 6.30pm. Thank you.

Our thanks to Valerie Farthing and Francine Bain and all who worked so hard for our Christmas Fayre. Approximately £2300 was raised. A wonderful achievement. *Andrew Shipton*

Happy Birthday to Sadie McCabe (11th), Yu-Yang Chiu (11th)

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and Abuse Please have a glance at the Mothers' Union's display on the noticeboard at the back of church. Thank you

Christmas Fair A very big thank you to all the stall holders who so generously gave of their time, expertise and experience on Saturday at the fair.

We were also most grateful for the contributions to the various stalls along with prizes for the raffle. Despite the icy weather, we were delighted to see so many folk enjoying browsing, buying and chatting over coffee whilst listening to the great music.

Thank you all again *Valerie Farthing & Francine Bain*

Festival of Angels There are more than 250 references to angels in the Bible that help to build up a picture of what or who angels are. They are described as spiritual beings created by God to serve and glorify him.

How many angels are there? They are described as 'ten thousand upon ten thousand' or 'innumerable'.

One of the main roles of angels in the Bible is announcing and celebrating good news. Angels shout for joy at creation (Job 38: 4-7). Angels announce Jesus' birth to the shepherds and then burst into song (Luke 2:13-14). Angels greet the women at the empty tomb to tell them that Jesus is risen (Matthew 28:1-7).

'These mysterious agents of God's purpose, who belong to a different order of being, can be at least a powerful symbol for all those dimensions of the universe about which we have no real idea' Former Archbishop Rowan Williams. *Andrew Shipton*

The ringing before the 9.30 a.m. service this morning was to celebrate the life of Livia Szeki who died recently. The ringers wished to pay tribute to a lovely lady who was for many years a member of our band, a dedicated and faithful ringer. May she rest in peace.

The Christingle Service is next Sunday at 3.30pm

Message from Jean Constable in Beverley:

Since I am no longer as mobile as I was and haven't kept up with modern technology I am sending Christmas greetings to all my friends at All Saints with the help of Cecil Dick. I have a fortnightly delivery from Tesco and regular help from our caretaker and cleaner. Home communion is brought to me by the Vicar to mark major festivals. With love to you all, Jean

Cecil who worshipped at All Saints when he was Chaplain at the Dame Allan's Schools in the 1980's adds:

I much enjoy my visits to see Jean in Beverley just as I enjoyed my return to All Saints on November 5th this year. Thank you for the welcome which I was given. Best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas, Cecil

Christmas Bags for the Homeless The Mothers' Union members wish to thank all who have kindly donated items or cash to this project. The bags from the whole diocese were taken to Church House on Friday, blessed by a bishop and collected by a volunteer from The People's Kitchen.

Following our Treasurer, Chris Bolland's presentation 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.

Please see the Diocesan Newspaper 'The Link' at: <https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/link> (page 19) for an article on the launch of Margaret Wilkinson's book on her beloved husband called 'Simply Fred'.

Keeping in Touch. Please take the latest 'Keeping in Touch'. It can be also viewed online at <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/27th-november-2023-keeping-in-touch/> To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email: intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley, Lesley Atkinson or Ann Cross.

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.

Mission of the Month for December West End Refugee Service (WERS), supporting asylum seekers in the west end of Newcastle by way of clothing, bedding and food parcels, working out of St Philip's Vicarage, Arthur's Hill.

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!

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Into Stillness

Time and Space to Reflect

Sunday

3rd & 10th December 2023

2.30 - 4.30pm

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Christingle Service

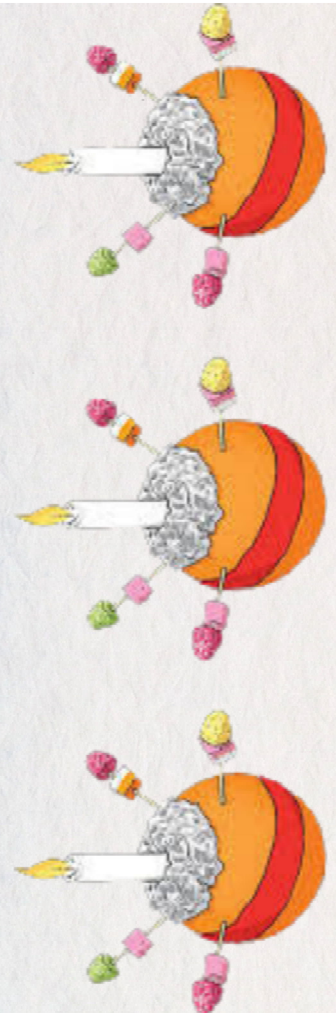
Sunday 17th December

at

3.30pm

Join with us in celebrating
Jesus as the Light of the World.

Followed by refreshments



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