



All Saints Gosforth

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

Sunday 17th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
3.30pm	Christingle Service
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

John the Baptist is a prominent figure in the Gospel readings during Advent. In Matthew's and Luke's accounts he is presented as baptizing and preaching a message of repentance and addressing his audience as a "brood of vipers" (perhaps he could have done with a good spin doctor to convey his disapproval in more acceptable terms).

John's account is rather different and more enigmatic as there John is questioned by the religious authorities as to his identity - a matter of no small importance as at the time the Judean desert was the haunt of many Messianic claimants and the authorities had to be sure which, if any, of them was genuine.

John's reply is both helpful and frustrating. He states clearly that he is not the Messiah, and indeed defines himself in almost entirely negative terms (what public figure ever does that?). The most he claims positively is that he is in the line of the prophets preparing for the coming of "the Lord". John recognises his role as purely subordinate to Jesus and has no illusions about his own importance – a salutary lesson to all of us when we may be tempted to get above ourselves.

Ruth Birnie

Today we light our Third 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,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**



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 61:1-4, 8 to end	
New Testament:	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	
Gospel:	John 1:6-8, 19-28	
8.00am	Holy Communion	
Presiding:	Revd Ruth Birnie	
Preaching:	Revd Ruth Birnie	
9.30am	Parish Communion	
Presiding:	Revd Dr Miriam Jones	
Preaching:	Revd Ruth Birnie	
Processional:	Green 5	Hark a herald voice is calling
Gradual:	Green 443	Rejoice the Lord is King
Offertory:	Brown 174	Make way
Communion:	Booklet page 11	Here is bread
Recessional:	Green 7	Hills of the north rejoice
Anthem:	The truth from above – R Vaughan-Williams	
3.30pm	Christingle Service	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	Psalm: 68:1-19	Hymns 433, 408, 336

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

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church

Upcoming Events

The Christingle Service is today at 3.30pm

Revd Malcolm Railton will be leading Evening Prayer today.

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

Christmas Coffee and Conversation. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the 'WARM' Centre at 10.30 - 11.30 am tomorrow morning 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. New Year sessions begin on Jan 09.

Thank you. Diana Lavin

Carol Singing

There will be carols in Gosforth Shopping Centre with Gosforth Central Middle School tomorrow 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'.

There is a rehearsal for Carol Service Readers on Wednesday 20th December at 6.00pm in Church.

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.

Happy Birthday to David Choy (18th) and Freya Joll (22nd)

Christmas Flowers We will be decorating the church on 23rd December. Monetary donations towards the cost of flowers are always very welcome and should be passed to the churchwardens or Chris Bolland. Donations of greenery would be much appreciated and should be left by the south porch.

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

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.

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!

Contact Us

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Christingle Service

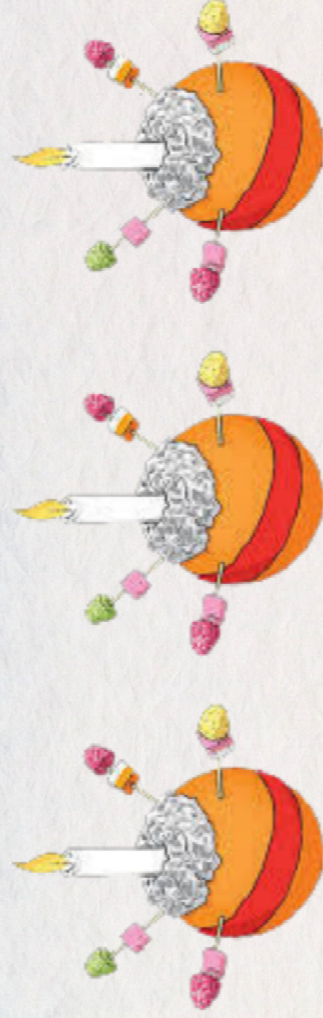
Sunday 17th December

at

3.30pm

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

Followed by refreshments



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 2.15pm Children's Service
- 4.00pm Carol Service
- 6.30pm Carol Service
- 11.30pm The Eucharist of Christmas Night

Christmas Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Christmas Communion and Praise

