



# All Saints Gosforth

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

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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### 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	Midnight Eucharist

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### At St Hugh's

#### 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

11.00am Parish Communion with carols

#### 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023

11.00am Parish Communion with carols

#### 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

9.30am United Service at All Saints

## Thought for Today

In today's Old Testament reading we hear of King David who has defeated his enemies, established himself as king, and is secure in his own house. In gratitude to God he wished to build God a house i.e. a temple (which was to become a reality in the reign of his son Solomon).

God, however, has other plans and in a play of words on "house" declares that the house he wishes to establish will consist of people, the descendants of David. Building a temple can demonstrate a desire to pin God down to one place, box him in, whereas God is everywhere and buildings can fall into decay or be destroyed – as happened to the Jerusalem Temple several times.

The promise to Mary at the Annunciation is that she is to be the one to give birth to this new kind of royal house as God comes to dwell among the people and make the earth his home but Jesus in his ministry had no fixed home of his own.

At this time of conflict in the Holy Land we surely lament over those who have lost their homes and pray for an end to hostilities

Ruth Birnie

Today we light our Fourth 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,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless your children who long for your coming.**



<b>Old Testament:</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	<b>New Testament:</b>	Romans 16:25 to end
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 1:26-38		
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
Presiding:	Revd Ruth Birnie		
Preaching:	Revd Ruth Birnie		
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>		
Presiding:	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton		
Preaching:	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton		
<b>Processional:</b>	Green 11	O come, O come Emmanuel	
<b>Gradual:</b>	Brown 249	The Angel Gabriel	
<b>Offertory:</b>	Green 186	Tell out my soul, the greatness	
<b>Communion:</b>	Brown 274	Wait for the Lord (Taize)	
<b>Recessional:</b>	Brown 122	I the Lord of sea and sky	
<b>Anthem:</b>	A Great and Mighty Wonder – M Praetorius		
<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Children's Service</b>		
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>		
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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.

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

### Prayer and Worship

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

No Morning Prayer until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 8.45am in Church. Enter by the South Porch

No Tuesday Holy Communion until 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10.15am in church

### Upcoming Events

**There is no Parish Breakfast** on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December.

**The Parish Office** is closed until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Last Sunday I announced** the death of Michael Fisher on 16<sup>th</sup> December and our prayers and thoughts went to Jennifer and Jane and the family. This Sunday we are again sharing very sad news. Elizabeth Crawford died on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and as we also give thanks for her, our hearts and prayers go to Lionel, Lucy and all the family. May Michael and Elizabeth rest in peace and rise in glory. Andrew

**The funeral of** Elisabeth Scanlon is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am.

**The funeral of** Brian Gates is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am.

**Epiphany is 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**Christmas Coffee and Conversation.** Will meet again in the New Year on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am

**Little Saints Pre-School** Children and Parents Group will return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

**SING** at the **Centre** The next session is on Jan 09. *Thank you. Diana Lavin*

The next **All Together Service** is on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.

### Notices

**Happy Birthday** to Emmie Cartmell (30<sup>th</sup>)

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** can be 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](mailto: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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## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Christmas Day

**On Christmas Day** we reflect on how God came to us to win our love. Today we hear that He was born in a cold dirty cowshed and wrapped in rags. So, at the heart of our Christmas celebration, is our mind boggling claim, that the ruler of the Universe became a vulnerable little life. The story told tells us that it was all so humble and difficult. Today we hear that He comes to us right where we are, in all our stress and anxiety, and that the joy of Christmas is to experience His loveliness and generosity. May we be deeply touched by the risk God took in making Himself known to us and so have a very happy Christmas. *Andrew Shipton*

### On Christmas Day

Lord Jesus, Light of Light, You have come among us. Help us to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the Highest.

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 9:2-7    **New Testament:** Titus 2:11-14    **Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14

**8.00am**

**Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**9.30am**

**Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – First Sunday of Christmas

In today's Gospel reading we continue with the Christmas story, hearing of the visit of the angel to the shepherds announcing the birth of Christ, and the shepherds' journey to Bethlehem where they see Jesus with Mary and Joseph. Then, we read, "the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen". As we look back on the Christmas season and on the whole of 2023, I wonder what we have "heard and seen" that gives us reason to praise God? Have there been moments where we have experienced the joy and peace of which the angels sang, times when we have heard good news and seen new life? On this last day of the year, let's remember them with gratitude.

*Miriam Jones*

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3    **New Testament:** Galatians 4:4-7    **Gospel:** Luke 2:15-21

**8.00am**

**Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

**9.30am**

**Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

**Processional:** Green 24    Christians awake!

**Gradual:** Green 29    It came upon the midnight clear

**Offertory:** Green 33    Of the Father's heart begotten

**Communion:** Green 28    In the bleak mid-winter

**Recessional:** Green 36    The first Nowell

**Anthem:**

**6.30pm**

**Evening Prayer    Psalm: 132    Hymns 39, 28, 25**

### Looking to the New Year

From Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January Evening Prayer will be in the choir stalls

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 11.45am PCC at St Hugh's

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm PCC at All Saints in the Upper Room

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 4.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas, Gosforth, to mark the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January Candlemas

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*Epiphany Service*  
*7th January 2024*  
*at*  
*9.30am*

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