



# All Saints Gosforth

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

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Epiphany**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	Service at St Nicholas Church, Gosforth

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**At St Hugh's**

11.00am Parish Communion

## ***Transformation***

In the miracle of changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana we see a response to a social crisis.

Whether it was because of the limited budget of the host or the greed of the guests, the wine had all been drunk. In those days not having enough wine would be much more than an inconvenience or an embarrassment, it would spell social disaster. If the family were unable to meet the obligations of hospitality, this would be permanently shaming and would lower their standing in the community forever. It is against the background of this honour and shame culture that Mary requests the help of Jesus on the family's behalf.

On the surface, it is a story about Jesus' compassion for a family in trouble and his willingness to help them. But behind this human drama the writer of John's Gospel sees great significance. He begins his story, 'On the third day', and any mention of 'the third day' reminds the reader of the story of the resurrection. The water that turns into wine is drawn from the jars intended for the Jewish rites of purification, and so, from the rites of cleansing, comes the flowing new wine of the kingdom and of a new age. This is a miracle that speaks of joy and celebration, and hints at a banquet to come at the end of time. The wine that flows offers not cleansing according to the law, but the joyful completion of creation through God's generosity.

*Andrew Shipton*

**Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is Candlemas**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 14:17-20

**New Testament:** Revelation 19:6-10

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

**8.00am Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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**9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**Processional:** Booklet page 6 Let us build a house (All are welcome)

**Gradual:** Brown 38 Christ's is the world

**Offertory:** Green 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

**Communion:** Booklet page 12 Spirit of holiness

**Recessional:** Brown 207 One more step

**Anthem:** Coventry Carol

Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service

**4.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas, Gosforth,**

To mark the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### **A Prayer for the Unity of Christians**

Lord, you led us out of darkness to hope in Jesus.

Heal our church divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him.

Unite us in our commitment to establish your reign of love, justice and peace, bringing light to those living in the darkness of despair and disillusionment.

Lift us up to you, so that our lives may glorify you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

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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.

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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.

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**

**Congratulations to** Katie Hodgson on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> January.



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

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## **SING** at the Centre

Please come and join us this **Tuesday, Jan 23**. We're focussing mainly on Gospel songs, particularly those that partner well.

Why not brighten up these dull days and sing with us – non-audition, remember.  
(*You could just come for the coffee and listen. We'd be happy to see you!*)

From 2:30 for coffee/nibbles first or straight into the singing at 3. In the Upper Room

*Thank you.*

*Diana Lavín*

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**The funeral of Gareth Bowen** is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00pm.

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**Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** is Choral Evensong at 6.30pm

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**Faith @4** is on next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm in the Centre.

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**The Christian Meditation Group** meet next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

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**A Service of Thanksgiving** for Ethel Randall is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.00pm

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**Ash Wednesday** On Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm there will be a Eucharist with Ashing.

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## **Farmers' Markets 2024**

I am pleased to announce that we have a new licence for 2024.

More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please see the poster below.

*Diana Lavín*

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## **News from St Hugh's –**

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
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## **Notices**

**This year's Lent** course will be based on reflections on the Prayers of Jesus. Venues and times will be announced soon. If you would like to join a group, offer a venue or lead a group please write your name at the back of church.

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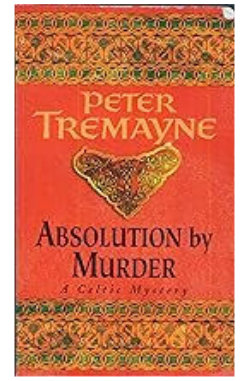


**Amnesty International** Please join us today after the 9.30am service in the Centre for letter writing on behalf of someone less fortunate than yourself. If you do not have the time to write, please log onto [www.amnesty.org.uk/cases](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/cases) to sign the general appeal.

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**All Saints Book Club** January Meeting - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 4pm at Café Nero. This Month's Choice is: *Absolution by Murder* (Sister Fidelma Mysteries Book 1)

As the leading churchmen and women gather at the Synod of Whitby in 664AD to debate the rival merits of the Celtic and Roman Churches, tempers begin to fray. Conspirators plot an assassination, while mysterious, violent death stalks the shadowy cloisters of the Abbey of St Hilda. When the Abbess Etain, a leading speaker for the Celtic Church, is found murdered, suspicion inevitably rests on the Roman faction.



Attending the Synod is Fidelma, of the community of St Brigid of Kildare. As an advocate of the Brehon Court, she is called on to investigate the murder with Brother Eadulf, of the Roman faction. However, the two are so unlike that their partnership is described as that of a wolf and a fox - but which is which?

More gruesome deaths follow and the friction among the clerics could end in civil war. Can the solution to the mysteries avert such a conflict?

Perfect for fans of historical crime fiction in the line of Ellis Peter's **Cadfael** Series.

All Welcome!

Advance Notice: February's book is *Shadowlands: A Journey through Lost Britain* by Matthew Green ***Drowned. Buried by sand. Decimated by plague. Plunged off a cliff.***

***This is the forgotten history of Britain's lost cities, ghost towns and vanished villages: our shadowlands.***

Further Details to Follow. Meeting at Cafe Nero on 29<sup>th</sup> February.

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#### **FILM CLUB FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY "THE OLD OAK"**



*"The Old Oak made me cry, feel angry, ashamed, disturbed, cry again, but also hope and have a sense of pride in what has and can be done to welcome refugees well."* Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham  
This will probably be the last film from the fiercely humanistic veteran director Ken Loach. Like "I Daniel Blake" and "Sorry We Missed You" it is set in our very own North East England. But this film has more than merely geographical claims on our attention at All Saints. It deals with a Syrian refugee family who could easily become scapegoats in a community where people feel left behind. All Saints is of course helping to resettle a Syrian family through the Gosforth

branch of Tyneside Welcomes. Not only that, but the screenplay was developed in collaboration with community organisers from Tyne & Wear Citizens, to which All Saints is also affiliated. Because of that link we are very excited to welcome Claire Rodgers, who has a role in the film, to join our discussion. The language is tough and uncomfortable at times, but there is hope as well as challenge and (especially for us!) a beautiful scene in Durham Cathedral with evensong in the background. NOTE: Those of us who want to eat together will meet at 6.30 in the Upper Room and the film will start at 7.15pm. *Andrew Cole*

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If **anyone fancies** having a go at painting, please feel free to join us in the Upstairs Room on Wednesdays from 2.00 – 4.00pm. We collect £3.00 each week to cover the cost of materials and a cuppa. We're a friendly group and would love to have you join us. *Gail Adcock* P.S. You don't need to be arty – colouring in is fine – that's what some people do!!



The next meeting of Deanery Synod will be on 24th January, at St Andrew's, Newcastle (7 for 7.30pm). Nic Denyer, Lay Ministry Development Officer, will be the speaker.

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**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.

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**Mission of the Month for January** The Cedarwood Trust, in Meadow Well Estate, North Shields, which we have supported for many years. Its work includes one-to-one support; prison support; accompanying/supporting people with hospital visits/court appearances; school problems; debt-related/housing problems. A drop-in (4 mornings a week) offers refreshments and conversation.

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## 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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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER JANUARY 2024

**Rita Karasartova is a human rights campaigner and an expert in civil governance in Kyrgyzstan, who has for over a decade provided independent legal advice and helped people wronged by a corrupt and unreliable legal system. In October 2022 she and 26 other people were arrested during a peaceful demonstration to oppose a new border agreement that would give control of a freshwater reservoir to Uzbekistan, because they feared that Uzbekistan would restrict or prohibit access to this water, which is scarce in the region. They were charged with organising “mass disorder”. Rita was charged with attempting to “violently overthrow the government”, which carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years. She was detained in a cramped cell for months without access to healthcare or contact with her family and is now under house arrest with a strict curfew.**

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

21 January 2024

General Prosecutor  
139 Toktonaliev Street  
Bishkek 720040  
Kyrgyz Republic

Dear General Prosecutor

**Rita Karasartova**

I am writing to express my concern at the imprisonment and current house arrest of Rita Karasartova.

Rita was arrested in October 2022 with 26 other people after a peaceful protest against a new border agreement that gave control of a freshwater reservoir to Uzbekistan. The protesters feared that Uzbekistan would restrict or prohibit access to this water which is scarce in the region. They were charged with organising “mass disorder” and Rita was additionally charged with attempting to “violently overthrow the government”.

She was kept in a cramped cell for months without access to healthcare or contact with her family and is now under house arrest with a strict curfew.

I urge you to order Rita’s immediate and unconditional release from house arrest and to drop all the charges against her, so that she can continue her legitimate work as a campaigner for human rights without fear of retaliation.

Yours sincerely

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**All Saints**  
Gosforth

# Candlemas Service

**Sunday 28th January**  
**at 9.30am**



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

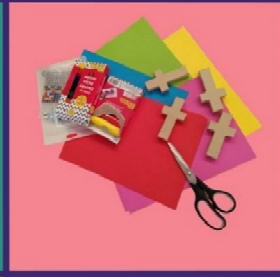
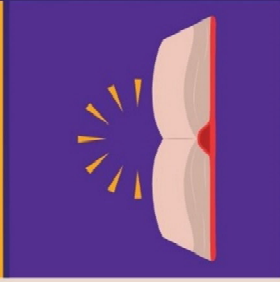
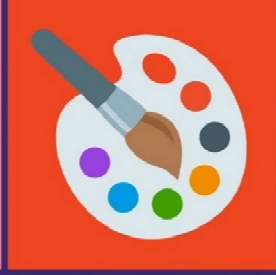
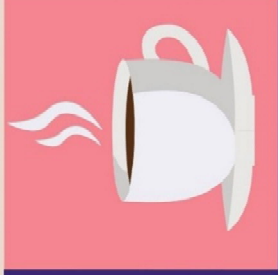
ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ALL AGE WORSHIP

# FAITH @ 4



MUSIC  
STORY  
CRAFT  
SNACKS



LAST SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH

# 4:00PM

ALL SAINTS CENTRE | NE3 4ES | GOSFORTH

# FILM CROUP

On Friday 26th January  
showing at 7.15pm

The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

## This month's film is

### The Old Oak

Ken Loach partners once again with acclaimed screenwriter Paul Laverty (Sorry We Missed You, I, Daniel Blake) for this emotionally triumphant social realist drama, following the transformative journey of a County Durham pub after the arrival of Syrian refugees.

A stirring, life-affirming and socially-conscious knockout, The Old Oak is unmissable British cinema at its very finest.

The meeting starts at 6.30pm when we will enjoy supper together (please bring your own food and drink).

All welcome, do bring a friend.  
Entrance is free, but a donation (suggested £1.00) is invited towards costs.