



All Saints Gosforth

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

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Sunday 28th January 2024

Candlemas

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	Faith @4 in the Centre
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

In today's gospel reading we hear of Simeon and Anna meeting Jesus in the temple. Both are devout, dedicated people, attuned to the voice of God's Spirit, and both recognize that this six-week-old baby is much more than meets the eye. He is the promised Messiah, who will bring God's salvation, revelation, and glory. Yet Simeon also intuitively understands that the road ahead will not be easy. It will not be easy for Jesus: he "will be opposed" (v.34). It will not be easy for his family: Mary's very soul will be pierced (v.35). And it will not be easy for God's people, either: Jesus will bring about "the falling and the rising of many" (v.34). Redemption is dawning, but it brings turmoil as well as hope with it.

Change - even good change - is rarely easy. This is as true today as it was in the time of Jesus. We all go through times of transition, sometimes by choice and sometimes not. Priest and poet John O'Donohue writes: "At any time you can ask yourself: At which threshold am I now standing? At this time in my life, what am I leaving? What am I about to enter? [...] To acknowledge and cross a threshold is always a challenge. It demands courage and also a sense of trust in whatever is emerging." In Jesus, we see God himself stepping into the turmoil, sharing our pain, carrying our burdens. He reveals himself as a God we can trust, not only in times of stability, but also in times of change.

Miriam Jones

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-5
New Testament: Hebrews 2:14 – end
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

8.00am Holy Communion
Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones
Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

9.30am Parish Communion
Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton
Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went - Eccard
Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service

4.00pm Faith @4 in the Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Psalm: 34 **Hymns:** 294, 391, 372

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 there or to bring back to their pew.

On the second Sunday of each month we hold an 'All Together' service which is less formal and with plenty of opportunities for young people to take part. Please speak to the clergy or church wardens for more details of these and of other activities for children and young people.

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

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.

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

SING at the Centre

Please come and join us on **Tuesdays** in the Upper Room. 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. I guarantee you'll ditch anything on your mind! (*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.

Thank you.

Diana Lavín

Faith @4 is today at 4.00pm in the Centre.

The Christian Meditation Group meet today at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm today.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Ethel Randall is on Friday 2nd February at 2.00pm

The Gardening Group will meet at 10.00 am on Saturday 3rd February - jobs include tidying borders of the Garden of Remembrance and keeping paths clear. Finish at 11.30, refreshments provided.

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

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 Lavin

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.
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Notices

Please can all amendments to the newsletter be in by 11.00am on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and beautiful cake in celebration of my 90th Birthday. *Katie Hodgson*

All Together Services We would like to thank everyone that sent an angel message as part of the All Together service in December. We received 61 responses with 29 mentioning "Peace" and 9 "Kindness". We will be picking up both of these themes as part of the Mothering Sunday All Together service. We welcome your comments and suggestions on the All Together services, ways you think they can be improved, ways you would like to get involved and we particularly enjoy any positive feedback! All Together services take place on the second Sunday of each month. Ann Cross, Helen Langley, Diana Lavin, Ros Place and Felicity Shoesmith.

Sunday Evenings in Lent at 6.30pm – **15 Minutes on Prayer at Evening Prayer.**

Speakers are asked to share:

- One or two stories from Their experiences of praying.
- Stories about a time when you were taught, or discovered, something about prayer, that you found meaningful.
- Times when has praying felt like a struggle or a disappointment?
- How the ways that their praying has changed?
- What helps them to pray in the ordinary times of life?

17th February – Malcolm Railton

26th February – Andrew Shipton

10th March – Miriam Jones

17th March – Ruth Birnie

This year's Lent course will be based on reflections on the Prayers of Jesus. We hope to announce venues and times next Sunday. If you would like to join a group, offer a venue or lead a group please write your name at the back of church.

Book Club 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 29th February at 4.00pm.

There is a leaflet on the table at the back of church with an invitation from Richard Hill to anyone interested to join periodic online sessions of reflection run by the British Region of the International Ecumenical Fellowship.

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!!



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 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 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.

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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