

# All Saints Gosforth

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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 First Sunday of Lent

8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

# Thought for Today

The author Kent Keith wrote a book called "Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments." It's said that Mother Teresa found inspiration from the principles explored in the book and displayed them on the walls of her orphanage in Calcutta, seeing them as a representation of the path of the cross. Here are some of them:

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People may need help but may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and you may get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

Do these principles encapsulate the essence of what it means to walk in the way of the cross? Certainly we are called to perseverance, compassion, and generosity, despite the challenges and contradictions we may encounter.

Andrew Shipton

Next Sunday at 4.00pm Faith @4 in the All Saints Centre.

Old Testament: New Testament: Gospel:	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18 to en Mark 1:9-15	d		
8.00am	Holy Communion			
Presiding:	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton			
Preaching:	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton			
9.30am	Parish Communion			
Presiding:	Revd Ruth Birnie			
Preaching:	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton			
Processional :	Green 67	Forty days and forty nights		
Gradual:	Green 285	For the beauty of the earth		
Offertory:	Green 393	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us		
Communion:	Green 383	Jesu, Lover of my soul		
Recessional:	Booklet page 8	I am the light		
Anthem:	Kindle a light – Fleming			
	Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service			
6.30pm	Evening Prayer with Address – 15 minutes on prayer by Revd Malcolm Railton			
	Psalm: 119:17-32	Hymns: 453, 408, 439		

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 churchwardens 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: <u>allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube</u>

### **Prayer and Worship**

Sunday: Services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by the South Porch Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church

### A Prayer for King Charles

Heavenly Father, whose love enfolds us with healing and hope, we pray for Charles our King as he faces the challenge of cancer. May your healing touch bring him quickly back to health and wholeness. Look with kindness on Queen Camilla and all the Royal Family at this testing time. Give wisdom, skill and compassion to those who are caring for the King. Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King, comfort and sure confidence in you, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray this for all who we know also diagnosed and being treated for cancer.

# **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 **restarts** on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

## **SING** at the **Centre**

Please come and join us on **Tuesdays** at 3pm in the Upper Room. Now, we're focussing mainly on Gospel songs, particularly those that partner well.

Thank you. Díana Lavín

**There will be** no Morning Prayer on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

Next Sunday at 4.00pm Faith @4 in the All Saints Centre.

**The Christian Meditation Group** next meets on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

**Mothering Sunday** is on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and help is needed in preparing flowers. Please see Andrew or Miriam.

Farmers' Markets 2024 I am pleased to announce that we have a new licence for 2024. Can you help us vary our product selection? If you are visiting a Farmers' Market in the North East and you see a stall selling own quality products that you think would work for us here, please ask the owner for details/ forward a business card to either me or Marian Cave. Thank you! *Diana Lavin* 

### News from St Hugh's -

• Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.

### Notices

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

**Our thanks to** Glen Simpkins for repairing the Copes. She has done remarkable work and the Copes are now ready to wear on special occasions.

**Help needed.** There are copies of the latest Keeping in Touch magazine at the back of church that need delivering by hand. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Work on installing the new carpet in the church has started.

The Film Group will meet this month on the 23rd, in the Upper Room from 6.30pm. Here is a brief introduction to My Sister's Keeper. New York Times best-selling author Jodi Picoult is widely acclaimed for her keen insights into the hearts and minds of real people. Now she tells the emotionally riveting story of a family torn apart by conflicting needs and a passionate love that triumphs over human weakness. Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age 13 she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can somehow fight the leukaemia that has plagued her since childhood. The product of preimplantation genetic diagnosis. Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate - a life and a role that she has never challenged ... until now. Like most teenagers, Anna is beginning to question who she truly is. But unlike most teenagers, she has always been defined in terms of her sister – and so Anna makes a decision that for most would be unthinkable, a decision that will tear her family apart and have perhaps fatal consequences for the sister she loves. My Sister's Keeper examines what it means to be a good parent, a good sister, a good person. Is it morally correct to do whatever it takes to save a child's life, even if that means infringing upon the rights of another? Is it worth trying to discover who you really are if that quest makes you like yourself less? Should you follow your own heart or let others lead you? Valerie Farthing.

**Starting on 2nd March** we will be having a book sale at Parish Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. Some of the books will be ones that the Book Group have been discussing but there will be others too! All proceeds to church funds. *The Book Group.* 



**Piano Tuner!** We need a pair of strings repaired on the piano in the Upper Room in the Centre and our usual 2 piano tuners are unavailable. Do you know of one, please? If so, please let Rosamund Place know! Thank you!

**Call for extra team** members for the Kitchen & Tableware Upcycling / Recycling Stall at Farmers' Markets this year! A fantastic team of stalwarts has manned this stall from the start, raising money for church funds (I think it's the only stall that does) and takings have averaged over £100 per market. The brief is to be friendly, engage people in conversations on whatever, invite them to use anything they can to avoid landfill and contribute what they choose to. It is not a heavy sell, we're reminding people what a decent, open-minded and friendly bunch we are! The task is to be seated for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour so you don't get too cold or wet. Please contact Rosamund Place if you feel able to help in this way!

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

**This year, Lent** commenced on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, with Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, and Easter Sunday falling on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

During Lent, it's customary to engage in some form of self-denial or fasting, reflecting on the temptations faced by Jesus in the wilderness before starting his ministry.

At All Saints, there are numerous opportunities to participate in Lenten activities, and a leaflet detailing these is now available. For instance, the Lent Groups provide a deeper engagement with Lent, along with special addresses on Prayer held on Sunday evenings. Additionally, you're welcome to join us for peaceful reflection at the church on Tuesday mornings from 9:45 to 10:15am, followed by a service of Holy Communion. Every weekday morning, except Fridays, the clergy team lead morning prayers at 8:45 am, and you're warmly invited to join them.

Let's journey together through this season of reflection and preparation as we anticipate Easter. *Andrew Shipton* 

### Sundays in Lent 15 minutes of Prayer at Evening Prayer 6.30pm

Speakers are asked to share:

- One or two stories from their experiences of praying.
- Stories about a time when they were taught, or discovered, something about prayer, that they found meaningful.
- Times when praying has 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

17 <sup>th</sup> February	_	Revd Malcolm Railton
26 <sup>th</sup> February	_	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	_	Deanery Evensong at St Columba's
10 <sup>th</sup> March	_	Revd Dr Miriam Jones
17 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Charles Foister

**Lent book** This year our Lent groups will be using the book *Cover to Cover Lent Study Guide: The Prayers of Jesus,* by Amy Boucher Pye (ISBN 978-1-78951-250-2). You do not need to buy the book to take part in the Lent course, but some participants - or others who are interested! - may want to order their own copy for reading at home or bringing to the group. (Group leaders will be given a copy.) The book is available from several online retailers. Please be careful when ordering that you select the right book - another book with a very similar title is also on the market! Please see details about the Lent Groups at the back of church, meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> February. It is still possible to join a group.

We plan to send out a glossy Easter Card to the homes of the Parish showing all the services and events happening at All Saints over Easter. Children aged 12 and under are invited to design the front picture for the card. The design should show what Easter means to the young person (i.e. you) and relate to the real meaning of Easter. Entry forms are at the back of church. Entries should be in by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**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 February** Tyneside Welcome, a local charity run by a small group of volunteers on Tyneside with no single political or faith-based affiliation. Their aim is to take on the responsibility for resettling Syrian refugee families on Tyneside through a Government approved Community Sponsorship scheme.

# **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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# FAITH O 4



# **My Sisters Keeper** My Sister's Keeper is a 2009 American drama film directed by Nick Cassavetes and starring Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Sofia Vassilieva and Alec Baldwin. Based on Jodi Picoult's 2004 novel of the same name.

**On Friday 23rd February** 

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The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

This month's film is

showing at 7.15pm

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.

4:00PM

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ALL SAINTS CENTRE I NE3 4ES I GOSFORTH

Entrance is free, but a donation (suggested £1.00) is invited towards costs.

