

All Saints Gosforth

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Sunday 4th February 2024 Second Sunday before Lent

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

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

'All summed up in a few verses'

It's surprising to be brought back to the passages from John 1 so soon after Christmas just after we have put the candles away, although equally powerful is the less frequented read letter to the Colossians. In this epistle, Paul attempts to clarify the identity of Jesus to a community influenced by false teachings, potentially undermining his divinity.

Paul's words possess a lyrical quality, suggesting he might have drawn from an existing hymn about Jesus. Within a few verses, he expressed many significant ideas to steer their understanding, for example, Jesus is not just a historical figure or a moral teacher; He is the very image of the invisible God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the head of the church, and the reconciler of all things. At its core, Paul explains in this letter how God in Jesus embarked on a mission by entering our world to restore harmony among human beings. We continue this work today as a church.

Andrew Shipton

Old Testament: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31
New Testament: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: John 1:1-14

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

9.30am Parish Communion Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

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Processional:Green 263All creatures of our God and KingGradual:Brown 37Christ triumphant ever reigningOffertory:Green 285For the beauty of the earthCommunion:Brown 215Peace, perfect peace

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Recessional: Green 336 Angel voices, ever singing

Anthem: O God of Mercy - Lole

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 65 **Hymns:** 391, 372, 436

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: 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 at 3pm in the Upper Room. Now, we're focussing mainly on Gospel songs, particularly those that partner well.

Thank you.

Díana Lavin

The Christian Meditation Group meet next Sunday 11th February at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on Monday 12th February at 2.00pm in the church centre. After a short service based on 'Love', Josephine Kulke will speak about St. Valentine. There'll be heart-shaped cake and chocolates, roses, tea, coffee and fellowship. All meetings are open to anyone so if you'd like to join us, just let Pam know by Sunday 11th.

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

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 Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.

Notices

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

Last Thursday, we were saddened to learn of the death of Bishop David Smith, who served as the curate of All Saints from 1959 to 1962. We pray for Mary, his wife, and all the members of his family.

This year, Lent commences on Wednesday, the 14th of February, with Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday, the 24th of March, and Easter Sunday falling on the 31st 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. This period allows us to contemplate our own mistakes, weaknesses, and the need for forgiveness and God's love. Many also use this time for extra reading, thoughtful acts, and focusing on the needs of others, ultimately preparing ourselves for Easter.

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

17th February – Revd Malcolm Railton

26th February – Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

3rd March – Deanery Evensong at St Columba's

10th March – Revd Dr Miriam Jones

17th March – Charles Foister

Lent Groups sign-up sheets are 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 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

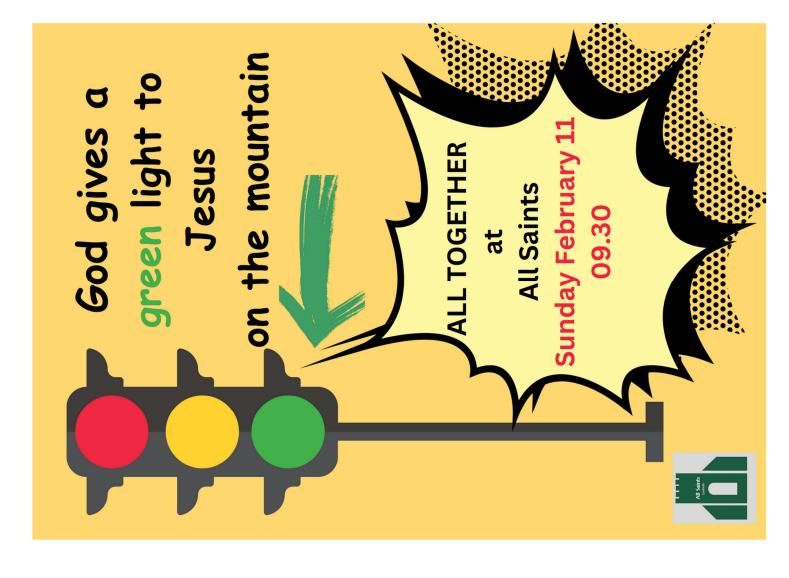
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