



# All Saints Gosforth

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

Website: [allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](http://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

*For live and recorded services please visit*  
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**At St Hugh's**

11.00am      Parish Communion

## Thought for Today

Being a shepherd was a low grade job in New Testament times. It involved overnight work, sitting in the hills and sometimes being cold and lonely. Shepherds lived on the margins of Jewish society and were thought to be rough and unclean. Yet, at the same time, the image of God as shepherd is used several times in the Old Testament. Among the reasons that the image of good shepherd is used is the belief that good leaders are more concerned with protection of those in their trust than with self-protection. The hired hand neither has investment in the sheep nor cares for them but Jesus lays down his life for the sheep when the wolf comes. The 'good shepherd' emerged as an early symbol of Jesus, embodying qualities such as guidance, protection, nurturing, and authenticity

Andrew Shipton

**The Annual Meeting will be next Sunday at 11.00am in the Centre.**

**New Testament:** Acts 4:5-12  
**New Testament:** 1 John 3:16 to end  
**Gospel:** John 10:11-18  
**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 :** Brown 196 O Lord, all the world belongs to you  
**Gradual:** Brown 11 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
**Offertory:** Brown 124 I will sing the wondrous story  
**Communion:** Brown 33 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
**Recessional:** Green 119 The strife is o'er the battle done  
**Anthem:** Crux Fideles – John IV of Portugal  
Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service  
**6.30pm Evening Prayer**  
**Psalm:** 86:8-16 **Hymns:** 461, 285, 486

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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 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.

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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

**The Christian Meditation Group** meet today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

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**Our extremely popular** and lively "coffee and chat morning" is held every Monday in the Centre from 10.30am – 11.30am. Please come along and join our companionable Group.

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**Little Saints Pre-School** Children and Parents Group every Tuesday (term-time) 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

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### **SING** at the Centre

Next meeting Tuesday from 2:30pm.

*Thank you. DL*

## Good News! Tyne & Wear Citizens Mayoral Assembly 6-8pm 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Do you want to see the hungry fed and the humble exalted? Do you want to support people whose voices are not usually heard, asking the candidates for the North East Mayor to commit to taking action on poverty, poor housing and racial injustice? Even if you just want to see and hear all 5 candidates to decide who you will vote for on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, do sign up at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-north-east-devolution-mayoral-assembly> , or scan the QR code on the advert at the back of this newsletter, or speak to me Andrew Cole on 07949523016 [ac07949@gmail.com](mailto:ac07949@gmail.com)

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## All Saints Book Club April Reading Choice

The Hike by Lucy Clarke

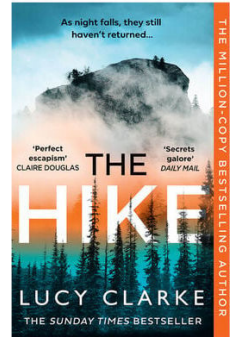
A real change of pace this month- this modern novel is described as "a spine chilling slice of suspense"

Burned-out by both her marriage and work, Liz is desperate for an escape. More than that, she craves an adventure, a total reset. So, when she plans a vacation with her three best friends, she persuades them to spend four nights camping in the stunning mountains of Norway. Following a trail that climbs through lush valleys, towering peaks, and past jewel-blue lakes, Liz is sure that the hike is just what they need.

But as they stride farther from civilization, it becomes clear that the women are not the only ones looking to lose themselves in the mountains. The wilderness hides secrets darker than they could ever have imagined, and if they're not careful . . . not all of them will return.

To discuss this novel, the issues it raises, as well as life, the universe and everything, please join us at Cafe Nero on Gosforth High Street at 4pm on Thursday 25th April. All Welcome!

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**The Film Group meet** on Friday 26th from 6.30pm in the Upper Room. This month's film is **The Graduate** This iconic 1967 comedy drama tells the story of Benjamin Braddock, the newly-graduated yet rather aimless son of wealthy middle class Americans living in Southern California, who is seduced by the wife of one of his parents' friends, the Robinsons, but ultimately falls in love with their daughter, Elaine. Starring Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft and Katherine Ross and directed by Mike Nichols The Graduate has won numerous awards and has not lost any of its bite since it was first screened over five decades ago. We should find it still offers plenty of topics for discussion!

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## Farmers' Markets 2024

**MAY 18** People often ask why there are rarely vegetable and never plant stalls at our Farmers' Markets. The answer is quite simple, these items are mostly seasonal and frankly difficult to get hold of. It is a fact, however, that any small stall run by us can be surprisingly financially productive (as regularly shown by Ros Place and her staffers on the recycled kitchen stall). To this end, we are hoping some of you may have surplus seedlings/young plants for your garden, (vegetables/salad items/herbs/flowers) of any type that could be offered for donation sale on our own stall in May. Perhaps you could even offer a 30min stint on the stall itself? Please give it some thought and see below...

**JULY 20** Weather and good Green status permitting, alongside this market, there'll be a focus on activities for children – sideshows, (such as those we held a couple of summers ago), games and even visiting donkeys! Yes, you read it here first! If you have any appropriate 'traditional' games you could loan us, make up or even host, then please contact us asap

...Any kind offers for either dates, please, to [dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk) and [cavemarian@gmail.com](mailto:cavemarian@gmail.com)

**Thank you!**

**There will be a *Confirmation Service*** on our Patronal Festival, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November led by the Bishop of Newcastle at All Saints. This is an opportunity to take faith to the next level and recommit your life to God through Confirmation. There will be a course concluding with the Confirmation Service. If this is of interest to you, please contact Andrew, Miriam or Ruth. Candidates have already come forward

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### **News from St Hugh's –**

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
  - **St Hugh's** Annual General Meeting take place today after the 11am Service.
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### **Notices**

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

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**There are vacancies** to serve on the PCC. If you are interested in finding out more – please see Andrew or Miriam

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**The All Saints APCM** is next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in the Church Centre. Please collect a copy of our Annual Report and Financial Statement from the back of church. Our thanks to all involved in its preparation and writing.

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**Please see** the finalised updated Electoral Roll at the back of church.

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

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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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**The monthly Art & Craft** sessions held on the first Saturday of the month will be having a break now until the autumn. Thanks to everyone who has supported these - we've mainly created 'props' for the All Together services - and look out for information about the next round towards the end of the summer. *The Youth Team.*

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**Keeping in Touch** can be viewed online at <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/category/church-news/> The latest edition is at the back of church. 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.

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**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 April: CMS.** We continue to support our mission partners Ian and Sue Jennings work in South-East Asia.

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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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## Contact Us

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

***Umar Khalid Is a Muslim human-rights defender and scholar who was active in protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, a law which legitimises discrimination on the basis of religion and which violates both the Indian constitution and international human rights law. He has attended demonstrations and has made speeches against this legislation. He was arrested on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 after being accused of communal violence and was charged under multiple provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the draconian Unlawful (Activities) Prevention Act. He has been held in prison for three years without trial and his bail applications have been repeatedly rejected by the courts. Umar has been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and assembly.***

Specimen letter: Feel free to put the following letter into your own words. A £2.20 stamp is required.

21 April 2024

Union Home Minister of India Mr Amit Shah  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
North Block  
New Delhi  
110001  
India

Dear Minister

**Umar Khalid**

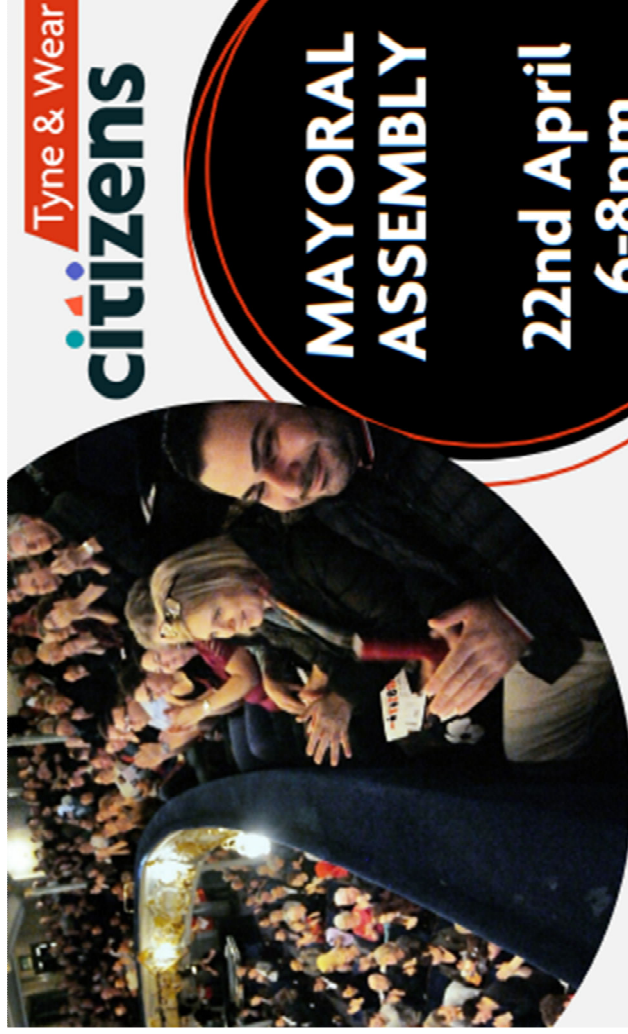
I am writing to express my concern at the imprisonment of Umar Khalid, a Muslim human rights defender and scholar who protested peacefully and made speeches against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, a law which legitimises discrimination on the basis of religion and which violates both the Indian constitution and international human rights law.

Umar was arrested on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 after being accused of inciting communal violence and charged under provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful (Activities) Prevention Act. He has been held for over three years without trial and his bail applications have been repeatedly rejected by the courts.

This man has been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and assembly. I urge you to ensure that he is released immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely





Tyne & Wear  
**citizens**

## MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

**22nd April  
6-8pm**

**Join us & the Mayoral candidates at this important moment for democracy and power in the North East!**

Devolution provides an exciting new opportunity to tackle some of the vital areas and issues that affect people's lives. It brings huge investment and opportunity to the region - and we want you to have a say.

At this Assembly, mayoral candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues that Tyne & Wear Citizens have been campaigning on after extensive listening across the region - this includes the **cost of living** and **housing** crises, **racial justice**, **mental health** and **transport**.

We are seeking positive commitments and an ongoing working relationship with the new mayor.

**Will you join us?**

Address: Tyne Theatre & Opera House, Newcastle, NE1 4AG

For more information: [Claire.Rodgers@Citizensuk.org](mailto:Claire.Rodgers@Citizensuk.org)

or sign up using QR code



# FILM CIRCUIT

**On Friday 26th April  
showing at 7.15pm**

The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

## This month's film is The Graduate

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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.





May  
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## Farmers' Market

10am till 2pm

All Saints Church  
West Ave/Linden Road

NE3 4ES

"Fresh & Local, That's Your Market!"

# Sew, Knit & Natter

Wednesday 10.00am-12.00noon

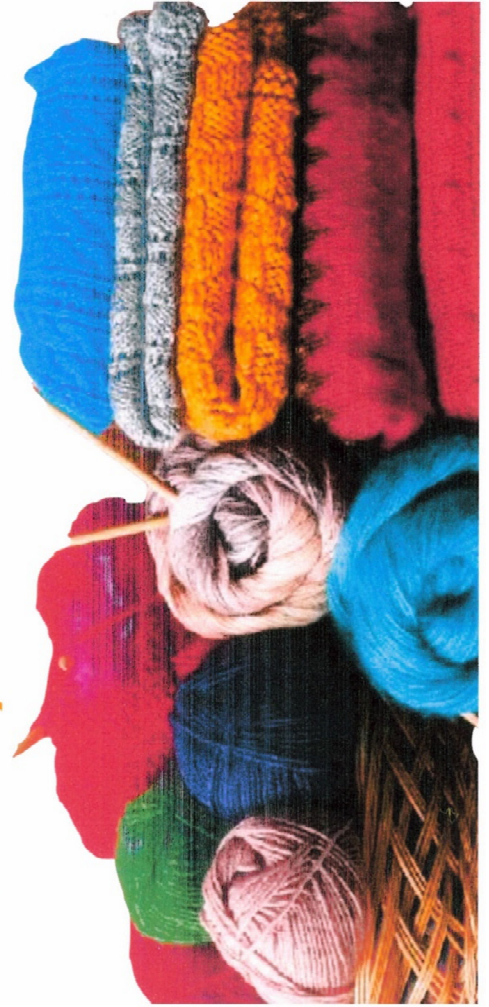
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Everyone Welcome



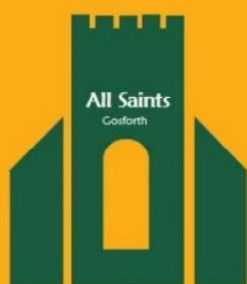
ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ALL AGE WORSHIP

# FAITH @ 4



MUSIC  
STORY  
CRAFT  
SNACKS



LAST SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH

# 4:00PM

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