



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**  
Candlemas

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

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**At St Hugh's**

11.00am	Parish Communion
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**Thought for Today**

Today we celebrate Candlemas, an ancient feast, common to the Church of both East and West. From at least 543 it became a festival set aside to commemorate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem. In the Gospel reading Simeon calls Jesus "a light to enlighten the Gentiles". Accordingly this day was made into a feast of candles. Yet for many it is the 'bitter-sweet' nature of what it celebrates which is most meaningful. The child is greeted by Simeon and Anna with rejoicing yet the prophetic words of Simeon, which speak of the falling and rising of many and the sword that will pierce Mary's heart, lead on to the passion and to Easter. These words make Candlemas a kind of pivotal moment in the Christian year. At the end of the Service we take one last look back to Christmas (and the Christmas trees in church!), and then turn towards the cross.

*Andrew Shipton*

**Old Testament:** Malachi 3:1-5

**New Testament:** Hebrews 2:14 to 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 in the separate sheet**

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

### **6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Psalm:** 122; 132 **Hymns:** 339, 206, 362

**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 activities available for them to use there or take back to their pews.

**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: <https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsgosforth6306/streams>

### **Prayer and Worship**

**Sunday:** Services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm

**Monday – Thursday :** 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by South Porch

**Tuesday's Holy Communion** is at 10.15am in Church

## **Notices**

**Our celebration of Candlemas** is today Sunday - 2nd February. This marks the conclusion of the Christmas season as we bid farewell to the stars, Christmas trees, and crib.

**The Winter Edition** of Keeping in Touch is now available on our website and there are paper copies at the back of church.

There will be a **Sale of Secondhand books today** Sunday 2nd February after the 9.30 am service in the Centre. Please note, we are only able to take cash payments. *The Book Group*

Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is today **Sunday 2 February 2025** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be eating alone, please do come and join us for a light lunch and some good company. We look forward to seeing you then. *Pauline Gallacher*

**All Welcome to a Grand Tidy-Up of Church on Mon 3rd at 1.30!** We need to clear up from our festivities and would welcome help sorting out the Star Display, Christmas trees, candles etc.  
*Invited by the Social and Events Team!*

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**Next Sunday**, at the 9:30 am Parish Communion, we are pleased to welcome The Rev. Canon Sue McCormack, Team Rector of the Willington Team Ministry, as our preacher.

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**The next Mothers' Union** meeting is on Monday 10th February (2.00pm in the centre), will be open to anyone who would like to hear Pam Taylor's talk about her recent trip to Dubai. Refreshments and fellowship afterwards. All welcome.

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**First Aid at church events.** We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as the designated First Aider at church events. If you would be willing to be trained for this role and be available to help at various church events throughout the year, please could you let me know via email or text message. PCC is prepared to contribute to the costs, so please don't let this put you off. Details of where and when the training will take place to be determined once expressions of interest have been received. Thank you. *Miriam Jones.*

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**Mission of the Month** for February Tyneside Welcomes, 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.

*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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**This year marks** the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where the Nicene Creed, which we recite every Sunday, was created. In recognition of this milestone, the clergy are exploring how we might use the Nicene Creed as the focus of our Lent Courses this year.

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**Family Quiz Night with Pancakes!** Saturday 1st March, 6.30 - 9.00 pm. Come along for a fun, family evening and enjoy some sweet treats as well! Vegetarians and vegans catered for. Teams of 4 - 6, but if you don't come with a team we can arrange it on the night. Free entry (donations welcome) but we're issuing tickets - available from the parish office or members of the committee - in order to get some idea of numbers. *Social and Events Committee.*

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**Another trip to the People's Theatre!** We've made a provisional booking for 20 seats for *Pygmalion* on Thursday, 20th March at 7.30 pm. Some of these have already been allocated, but if you would like to go please could you contact [anncross060@gmail.com](mailto:anncross060@gmail.com)  
*The Social and Events Committee*

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**All Church of England Parishes** across the country are required to prepare a **new electoral roll** this year. This means that everyone on the existing roll will need to re-apply in order to be included: names are not automatically carried over onto the new roll.

You will see a notice near the main door of All Saints which is to be displayed at least two months before our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 11th May. During this time anyone leading services is to make an announcement that the new roll is being prepared and all reasonable efforts should be made to contact those on the existing roll so that they are able to re-apply.

Applications are made by filling out the form, available at the back of church. The preparation of the roll needs to be completed by 20th April and the completed roll will be put up near the main door on the 27th April so any corrections can be made.

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**Community Organising** Since November, I have been participating in a national community organising course, with the hope of using this approach, among other things, to encourage church growth. The aim is to further develop a relational culture at All Saints, fostering listening both within the church community and in the wider community, alongside bottom-up planning. A key aspect of this process involves one-to-one meetings, typically lasting about 40 minutes. In these meetings, each person shares something of their story, passions, significant relationships, and gifts, while also listening to the same from their conversation partner. Andrew Cole and I will be sharing more about this in the months to come. *Andrew Shipton*

## Regular Meetings

**Coffee and Conversation** in the Centre Mondays from 10.30am – 11.30am in the All Saints Centre. Please come along and join our companionable group.

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

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**SING at the Centre** Tuesdays from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments, to start at 2:50 - 4.00. Thank you. *Diana Lavin*

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**Sew, Knit and Natter** This friendly group of knitters, ranging from the totally inexperienced to the very skilled, meets each Wednesday morning from 10-12 in the upper room of the Centre. There is plenty of knitting and nattering, with coffee and biscuits always provided. All are welcome. If you would like to know any more about the group, do ring me on 07474040267, or you can just turn up and see what we do. Diane Henderson.

## News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.

## 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>

## Contact us

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**Pancake Makers needed!**

**Could you make & bring along**

**some pancakes for**

**Sat 1st March?**

**If so,**

**tell the Social & Events Team**

**by 18th Feb please!**

# BIBLE Study

## PART TWO

### The Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

Back by popular demand! Five more Wednesday afternoons, starting January 15th, 2pm. All welcome! Come to all five or drop in as you're able. For more information, contact:  
Miriam Jones ([miriam.jones@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:miriam.jones@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk))  
Claudia Newbegin ([claudianeubegin@doctors.org.uk](mailto:claudianeubegin@doctors.org.uk))





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**All Saints**  
Gosforth

# FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

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**SAT 1ST MARCH**

6.30 - 9.00 pm

PANCAKES AND SOFT DRINKS

PROVIDED

BYO wine or beer

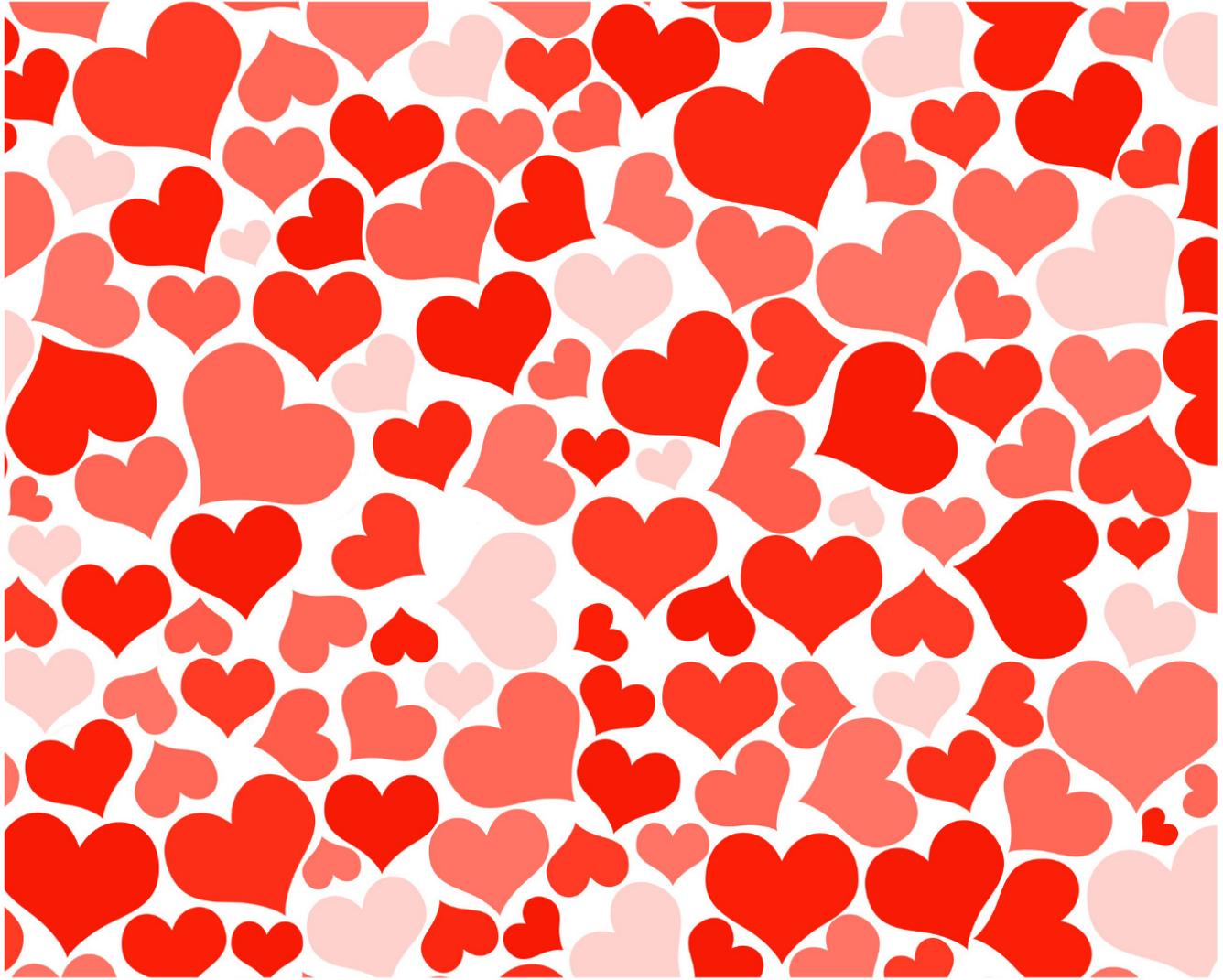
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No charge but ticket  
entry only, from:

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Gosforth

0191 2130450

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**VALENTINE'S**  
**SING-ALONG**

**TUESDAY FEB 11 2:30-4**  
**AT ALL SAINTS CENTRE**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**ALL INVITED!**