



Sunday 9th February 2025
Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
2.30pm	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

The first of the readings set for today is for many of us a rather familiar passage from the Prophet Isaiah with its beautiful images of Isaiah in the presence of God, admitting he's overwhelmed with a sense of unworthiness 'woe is me for I am lost, I am a man of unclean lips, among a people of unclean lips'.. The seraph attends to him and pronounces he's forgiven his sins. It is then that he responds to God's plea 'who will go for me, whom shall I send?' And Isaiah responds, 'send me'. This passage is often used at ordinations but it could easily apply to any one of us. As Christians we have agreed to serve God. We are all his servants.

Which leads me on to Corinthians - what does 'the grace of God working within us' lead us to do in our words and our actions in our contexts?

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus helps the fishermen have an abundant catch of fish, after they'd worked in vain all night and caught nothing. We get a similar response from Simon Peter, as we see in Isaiah, 'go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man'. But Jesus reassures him, and calls him and James and John to follow him.

God doesn't choose perfect people to serve Him, but those with open hearts and minds willing to follow Him.

On Sunday I shall be sharing some of what we do in the Willington Team, and especially about St Paul's in Willington Quay in light of your generosity in supporting us in January as your 'charity of the month' and as we seek to serve God in our context.

God bless

Sue McCormack

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9 to end]

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Adam Romanis

Preaching Revd Canon Sue McCormack

Hymns:

Processional Green 52 o worship the Lord in the beauty

Gradual Brown 24 Be still, my soul

Offertory Green 345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice

Communion Booklet page 8 I am the light

Recessional Brown 292 Will you come and follow me?

Anthem O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord - Tye

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

2.30pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: [1], 2 **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

Today, we warmly welcome Revd Canon Sue McCormack, Team Rector of Willington, as our preacher at the 9:30 am Parish Communion. She will be sharing news on the St Paul's Community Partnership in Willington Quay, which was our Mission of the Month in January

Our love and best wishes to Enid Green who was 102 on Saturday 8th February.

We warmly welcome Caspar Joseph Cato on the occasion of his Holy Baptism at 2:30 pm. Our prayers and best wishes go to him, his parents, Eleanor and Noah, and his older sister Henrietta as they celebrate this special day.

The next Mothers' Union meeting is tomorrow 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..

There is a special Valentine's-themed Sing-Along on Tuesday afternoon. For more details, please check the poster towards the end of the newsletter.

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

Empty chocolate boxes - thanks to your generosity and selfless consumption of the contents, these were used in 3D picture-making by some of the 16 children who came to the Art & Craft workshop last Saturday! If anyone would like to come along and help at these sessions please do come forward. You don't have to be particularly 'crafty' but extra pairs of hands are always welcome. The next sessions will be on 1st March and 5th April, after which we have a break until the autumn.

Raid your button boxes! We've had your empty chocolate boxes, now we need buttons. Any colour, any size, but they must have holes in - 2 or 4, it doesn't matter. These are for our next Art & Craft session on Saturday 1st March. A tin will be in the baptistery for donations. Thank you! *Ann Cross - All Together team*

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.*

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!

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.*

Farmers' Market 2025

I'm pleased to say we've now been granted a licence for up to 30 stalls (requested only because it gives us the potential to expand without an endorsement that would incur extra cost). We first started with 8! However, it is most difficult finding traders so I'm asking for your help, if you will. I

know many of you are often out and about visiting other markets, so if you see some produce that we might be interested in, please would you kindly ask for a business card and explain why to the stall holder? (No pre-bought produce, although some people try.) It's totally thanks to some of our parishioners that, for instance, we located the glass artist and the hummus producer. FACT: We make most £ from our very own stalls, so if you would like a stall, perhaps as a one-off, or wish to contribute to a stall, please let us know. Please see the poster at the end. Thank you!

Diana Lavin, Marian Cave

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

The Social and Events Committee

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.

Easter is late in 2025! This year Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on 5th March. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 13th April. Easter Day falls on 20th April (and this is one of the years when the date is shared by the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches). Trinity Sunday, concluding the first half of the Church's Year, falls on 15th June.

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*

Lent , Holy Week and Easter 2025.

This year, as we journey through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, our focus be on God!

In particular, we take the opportunity to reflect on an important historical milestone—the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

This was the first time bishops from across the Christian world gathered to discuss the nature and identity of Jesus , affirming His divine and human nature.

The Lent course from the pilgrim Series will hopefully deepen our understanding of the Creed and the role of creeds in the life of the Church. It's easy to use and lead - no expertise is required only a willingness to explore and engage with what we affirm each Sunday'. If you would like to join a group or offer a venue to meet or lead a group, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church. *Andrew*

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.

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

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*

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 Canon Andrew Shipton 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

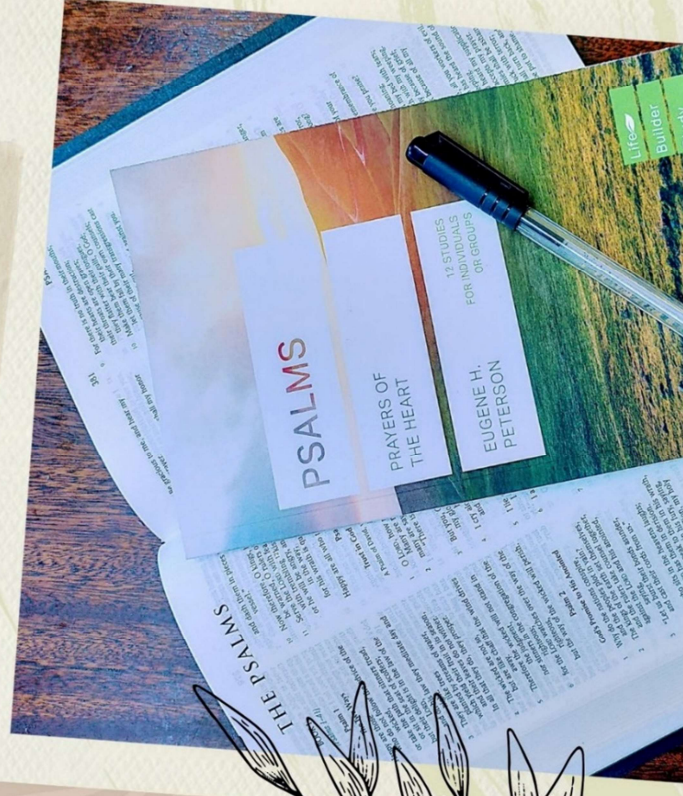
by 18th Feb please!

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)
Claudia Newbegin (claudianeubegin@doctors.org.uk)





FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 1ST MARCH

6.30 - 9.00 pm

PANCAKES AND SOFT DRINKS
PROVIDED

BYO wine or beer

No charge but ticket
entry only, from:

All Saints Centre, Linden Road,
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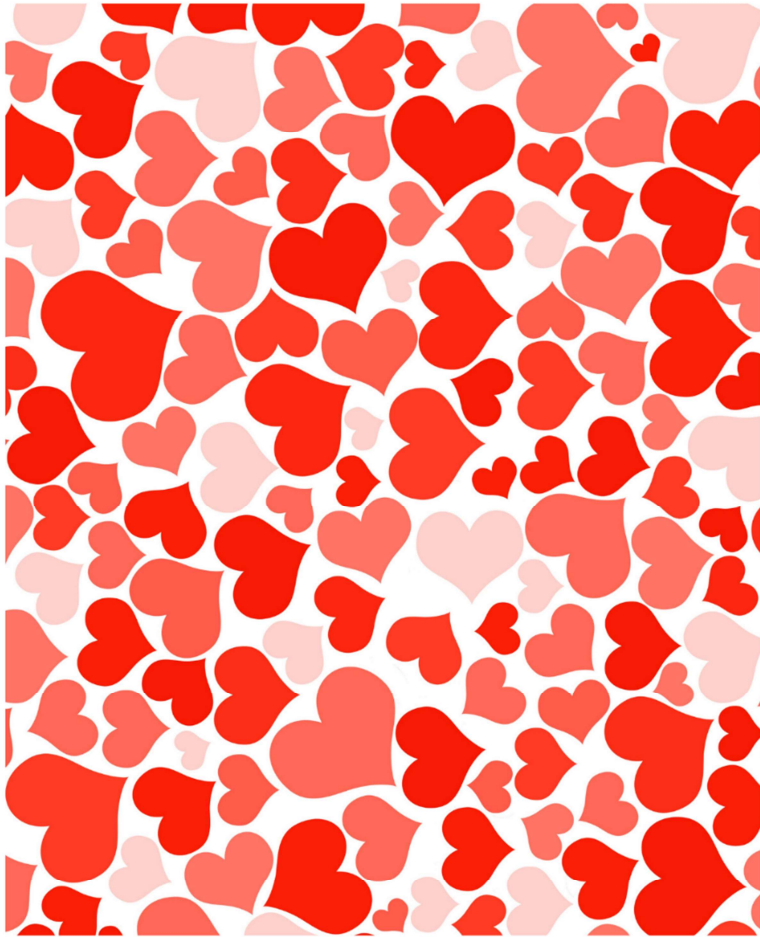
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VALENTINE'S

SING-ALONG

TUESDAY FEB 11 2:30-4

AT ALL SAINTS CENTRE

REFRESHMENTS

ALL INVITED!



Farmers' Market

Save the Date!

Mar 15

May 17

Aug 16

Sept 20

Nov 15

10am - 2pm

All Saints Church
West Ave/Linden Road
NE3 4ES

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