



**Sunday 27th April 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	Faith @4 in the Centre
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

**At St Hugh's**

11.00am	Parish Communion
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**Thought for Today**

**Low Sunday**

The only thing that's "low" about today is that it's the lesser of the two Sundays in the Easter octave. Every day of the first week of Eastertide is a mini-Easter-Day. But there are two Sundays, so the second is designated "low" Sunday to distinguish it from the first. But cue lots of sermons about the "low" after the "high." Of course "highs" and "lows" can be like that, especially the sort that are artificially induced - like when a hangover follows a merry night before. But the mystery of Easter should not be like this. Yes, the individual Christian life has lows and highs, and the lows can be essential to growth. But in the great schema of the Christian year, the big picture is this: We are just at the beginning of seven weeks (a week of weeks) of unfolding mystery! That's why, at the same time as hearing Gospels which tell of the resurrection, we are also hearing weekly from the Acts of the Apostles - in which the first witnesses of the Resurrection are transformed from dull, uncomprehending Disciples into inspired and inspiring Apostles. For proof that this continues to happen in our day, look no further than the story of the late Pope Francis: humble, humane, self-giving, a servant leader perfect in his imperfections. Able to inhabit with integrity the territory where living tradition is in dialogue with lived experience. May those responsible for choosing his successor, and those responsible for finding us a new Primate of All England, keep such an Apostolic example before them!

*Adam Romanis*

## **Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:**

**New Testament:** Acts 5:27-32

**New Testament:** Revelation 1:4-8

**Gospel:** John 20:19 to end

### **Hymns:**

Processional Green 103 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven

Gradual Green 119 The strife is o'er the battle done

Offertory Green 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Communion Green 276 Bread of heaven on thee we feed

Recessional Green 112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

Anthem He is risen - John Lewis

Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service, in the All Saints Centre, adjacent to the Church.

### **Presiding this week:**

#### **8.00am Holy Communion**

**Presiding:** Revd Ruth Birnie

**Preaching:** Revd Adam Romanis

#### **9.30am Parish Communion**

**Presiding:** Revd Ruth Birnie

**Preaching:** Revd Adam Romanis

#### **6.30am Evening Prayer**

Psalm: 16 Hymns 103, 296, 112

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

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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:  
<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

**Edith Davison's Thanksgiving Service** will be in church on Wednesday 7th May at 1.15pm followed by refreshments in the Centre. A faithful and caring member of the All Saints community, she will be very sorely missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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**The funeral of June Davison** will take place at All Saints Church on Tuesday the 6th of May at 12.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with John, Lucy and Sarah at this time.

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**Please stay for** the Eastertide Brunch after the 9.30am Parish Communion. Any contributions towards food will be much appreciated.

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**A big thank you** to Pat Spong and the flower team for making the church look so beautiful over Eastertide.

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**Many thanks** to everyone who contributed to last week's Palm Sunday afternoon service when we welcomed friends who are unable to join us for regular morning services. Alongside our clergy who led the service, everyone who provided transport, played the piano, chatted, donated a cake or did the washing up made guests feel welcome as part of the All Saints' family. Special thanks go to the Semitones Orchestra who entertained us brilliantly, as always, with their orchestral selection.

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**The Annual meeting** of Parishioners to elect churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church meeting is on Sunday 11th May. Our APCM meeting is open to anyone on the electoral roll and those clergy who are licenced to the parish or habitually worship in the parish.

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**The new Electoral Roll** is available at the back of church - please check names and addresses.

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**Please could borrowed** copies of the Pilgrim Course on the Creeds be given to the clergy or returned to the office,

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**The Eco Group** invited members of the congregation to say how they would try to save waste and reduce their carbon footprint during Lent (written on 'footprints' and hung on the Lent Tree) and what in nature (written on leaf shapes) they were grateful for. Thank you to all those who added their comments, and a list of these is pinned on the notice board at the back of church. The Lent Tree has now been decorated as an Easter Tree by adults and some of our young people and will remain in place during some of Eastertide. We hope it will brighten up the entrance to church! *All Saints' Eco Group*

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**Film group May 2nd** Upper room from 6.30 if you are bringing food. Film at 7.15. This week The Social Network follows the time of Mark Zuckerberg at Harvard, where he almost tumbled into creating a phenomenon which we all now use (love it or hate it). The film includes destroyed friendship, legal battles and heartache as well as brilliant humour.

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**There will be** a sale of secondhand books on Sunday, 4th May in the Centre after the 9.30 am service. Do bring along any contributions to this - all money raised goes to church funds. The Book Group.

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Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 4 May 2025** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be dining alone, please do come and join us for a light lunch and some good company. You would be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

*Pauline Gallacher*

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**Gardening Morning** Wednesday 7th May 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Please come along and help to tidy our gardens. There are beds to weed, paths to sweep and edge, leaves to rake up and pruning to do. There is also some tidying to do around the edges of the green. Bring along gardening gloves. We provide the tools. There will be a tea break at 11 a.m. We understand that not everyone can make this time but if you would like to be involved please let us know and we can advise what needs doing. Paul and Christine. email: cbwillas@gmail.com

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**There will be** a meeting of the Men's Group on Wednesday, 7th May, at 7.30 in the Job Bulman, Gosforth. *Paul Cross*

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**Christian Aid Week** will be from 11th-17th May this year. All Saints' has not planned a house-to-house collection but envelopes will be available in church on Sunday 11th May for anyone who wishes, and is able, to make a contribution. Envelopes can be returned to church over the next few weeks, either placed in the collection plate during the service or posted to the church office via the Centre door.

This year's theme for Christian Aid Week is *The Power of Hope*. Christian Aid is calling on the Government to restore the aid budget and make reckless polluters pay for the climate crisis. It is calling for the introduction of new debt justice laws that would force greedy lenders, who make vast profits whilst trapping millions in poverty, to cancel or re-negotiate the debts of low income, poor countries. If you would like to support Christian Aid's petition to the government, please go to [www.christianaid.org.uk/petitions](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/petitions)

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## **Farmers' Market May17**

We can't stage as many markets as we'd like this year, so please help us to keep them busy. Spread the word, invite your friends along.

Gardening Stall:

- Can you offer anything for our very own Gardening stall on May 17? Veg and tomato plants sell well and bedding plants too at this time of the year. Please let us know.

Jewellery Stall:

- We are now consigning **Jewellery** for a market later in the year (probably Nov 15, in time for Christmas present hunting)! Cartier to Claire's, yes, we'll accept all donations. New, old, a piece you no longer wear – please have a hunt – preferably nothing broken.
- An interested person to oversee the stall is out there somewhere...

...Contact us soon – remember, our own stalls make us the most £.

Thank you! *Diana Lavín, Marian Cave*

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**SING** at the **Centre** Heads Up for our 'Show Singalong' Reminiscence Event in the Centre on June 24th. Details to follow very soon. Thank you! *Diana Lavín*

**Open Gardens** Pam Taylor will be organising the Open Gardens' this year. Anyone who wishes to open their gardens to the congregation should get in touch with Pam 2847344.

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**There will be a** Confirmation Service at All Saints on Sunday the 16th November by Bishop Mark Wroe. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please speak to a member of the clergy.

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### **A prayer for Pope Francis**

Father in heaven, we praise your name  
for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you,  
for the example of their lives,  
the life and grace you gave them  
and the peace in which they rest.  
We praise you today for your servant Francis  
and for all that you did through him.  
Meet us in our sadness  
and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,  
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

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### **Marathon for Murambinda – Support Brian Smith's campaign**

**A huge thank you** to those who have already donated. It really is appreciated. The marathon is this Sunday (27th) and you can follow my progress by downloading the TCS London Marathon App and looking me up. My race number is 56497.

If you feel able to support me in this endeavor please follow the link below or use the QR code. Every penny raised goes directly to support the hospital. Many thanks, *Brian Smith*

Many thanks, *Brian Smith* <https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/brian-smith-fmh>

### **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 Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
- There will be a PCC meeting at St Hugh's this Sunday at 11.15am

## 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

<b>Vicar of All Saints and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's</b> Rest Day: Saturday	Andrew Shipton	284 5540	andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
GOSFORTH

# *Eastertide Brunch*

**SUNDAY  
27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**10.30 AM IN THE CENTRE (FOLLOWING  
PARISH COMMUNION)**

**FELLOWSHIP  
AND SEASONAL  
TREATS FOR ALL  
THE FAMILY!**

**[post@allsaints-  
gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)**



# **FILM GROUP**



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**showing at 7.15pm**

**The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)**

## **This month's film is** **The Social network**

The Social Network, starring Jesse Eisenberg follows the time of Mark Zuckerberg at Harvard, where he almost tumbled into creating a phenomenon which we all now use (love it or hate it). The film includes destroyed friendship, legal battles and heartache as well as brilliant humour.

**All welcome, do bring a friend.**

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