



Sunday 18th May 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

At St Hugh's

11.00am	Parish Communion
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Thought for Today

No Strangers Here

The Gospel goes forward in the New Testament story thanks to two essential miracles, without which it would have been dead in the water. First, of course, is the miracle of the resurrection. The second is described in today's first reading from Acts: Peter has a vision and gets a conversion message so important that (like Paul's more famous conversion) it is mentioned three times (10.11, 11.5, and an important reference in 15.8). Peter is graphically told to set aside a notion that has been a lifelong foundation of his identity and spirituality: that only the Jews can be God's people. Now the Gentiles are to be included, and not as second-class citizens. Without this miracle of the inclusion of the Gentiles, as a consequence of the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, the Church would have been still-born and forgotten, and we would probably never have heard of Christ and the Gospel. The instinct for inclusion, indeed the imperative of it, is part of the DNA of the Church. Like Peter, we are called to the Apostolic task of building an inclusive Church and Kingdom. In the life of the Church, it matters how we greet people at the door and how we acknowledge and converse with newcomers to worship, as well as our friends and the familiar faces. And in our Monday-to-Saturday Christian lives it matters how we take notice of our neighbours ("Who is my neighbour?") Yes "God gives even to *us*, even to *them*, the repentance that leads to life!" (Acts 11.18)

Adam Romanis

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

New Testament: Acts 11:1-18

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Hymns:

Processional Green 332 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Gradual Booklet p4 All over the world the spirit is moving

Offertory Brown 111 I am the bread of life

Communion Brown 196 O lord, all the world belongs to you

Recessional Green 456 Teach me, my God and King

Anthem Crux Fideles - John IV of Portugal

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 Adam Romanis

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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

6.30am Evening Prayer.

Psalm: 98 **Hymns** 352, 388, 408

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

As many of you heard at the Annual Meeting, we are urgently seeking a Treasurer to work with our finance team. Ideally, this person would have some familiarity with QuickBooks. Over the past week, I've approached numerous people outside our church community for assistance, but unfortunately without success. If you know someone - a relative, neighbour, or colleague - with accounting experience who might be willing to help us, I would be very pleased to speak with them. *Andrew*

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

In 2023 the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers with the support of the Bishop of St. Albans, Dr. Alan Smith, decided to promote an Annual Day of Bell Ringing to celebrate the part played by bells and bell ringers in the life of the church. The Sunday chosen was to be the closest Sunday to the 19th of May, the feast of St Dunstan, an 11th-century Archbishop of Canterbury who experimented in bell forging. This year that Sunday falls today.

Farmers' Market May17

Market News to follow next week.

Diana Lavín, Marian Cave

Keeping in Touch. The Spring edition of the magazine is ready for distribution at the back of the church. It can be also viewed online at <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/keeping-in-touch-spring-2025-edition/>

To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email Dana.corso@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk.

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*

Christian Aid Week ended yesterday. All Saints' did not do a house-to-house collection but envelopes are still available today. These can be returned to church over subsequent 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 <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/campaign>

Please see the notice about the special Family Communion on Sunday 1st June.

Ascension Day is on Thursday 29th May. Ascension Day is a festival which invites mixed feelings. It marks a final farewell after forty days of disturbing yet life-giving encounters between the risen Jesus and those who followed him. It marks also the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the point when Jesus' frightened followers were given new strength and power. The Service at 7.30pm will reflect this. Andrew

St Nicholas Church, Gosforth are holding a night of great music in aid of Cancer Research UK on Friday 13th June at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 and are available on the night at the door or online <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/after-evensong-jazz-blues-and-pop13-june-2025>

SING at the Centre

Please look at our poster for a 'Singalong' Reminiscence Event in the Centre on June 24th. More details to follow very soon. Thank you! *Diana Lavín*

Save the Date! A Farewell Bring & Share Brunch for Miriam Sun 29th June 10.40. Please bring items ready to serve for a Finger Buffet to All Saints Centre before the 9.30 service! *Please let the Social Events Group know what you'll be bringing and there are lists on yellow paper! Thank you!*

Trip to People's Theatre: I have reserved 20 seats for Thursday 17th July to see *Waiting for God*, based on the BAFTA -nominated BBC comedy starring Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden, which I'm told is very funny! If you would like to go please could you get in touch with me or another Social & Events Committee member. anncross060@gmail.com

There will be a Confirmation Service on Sunday 16th November led by the Bishop of Berwick 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. A Candidate has already come forward.

All Saints has received a bronze award for the work we are doing supporting and caring for our environment, overseen by an "Eco" sub group of the PCC. As part of developing this work we have written a vision statement and would welcome any feedback - good, bad or how you think it could be improved!



"All Saints and its congregation cares about all the resources on God's earth and collectively looks at ways of working together to protect our environment".

Please send any comments / feedback to felicity.shoesmith@icloud.com

If you have ideas on things we could be doing to help meet this vision please join us on the first Sunday of each month at Parish Breakfast. Felicity Shoesmith / Ann Cross.

Mission of the Month for May **US Active**

A North-East charity providing support and opportunities for young people with, or at risk of developing mental illness, to help them identify and achieve personal goals.

News from St Hugh's – Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.

Weekly Small Group Events

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*.

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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All you need to do is:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/all-saints-church-gosforth and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will donate to All Saints Church Gosforth at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and All Saints will be most grateful for your donations and your support.

Please think about it and try it out. Thank you!

This month only, every Tesco shop could help us win £1000! You can give All Saints Church Gosforth a chance of winning by shopping with Tesco by Saturday 31st May.



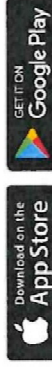
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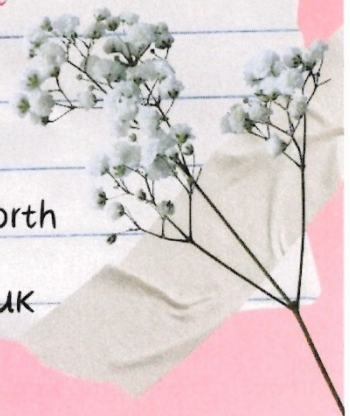
THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

In National Volunteers' Week we celebrate those who volunteer in many ways - in church, the community, or further afield. We're saying a great big 'thank you' to all your acts of kindness that make the world a better place.

Come to our
Family Communion
service, Sunday 1st
June, 9.30am

All Saints Church, West Ave, Gosforth
post @ allsaints-gosforth.org.uk





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Saturday 16th August 2025 6.00 – 8.00pm



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**MEMORY REFLECTION
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**THE CENTRE AT ALL
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REFRESHMENTS

