



Sunday 13th July 2025
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for this week

But who is my neighbour??

It's the Sunday of the true-neighbour Samaritan. If you're reading this electronically, may I encourage you to follow this link to an article recommended by the Bishop, in a Jesuit magazine: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2014/09/17/go-and-do-likewise-lessons-parable-good-samaritan>

It's by the American Jewish New Testament scholar A. J. Levine. I heard her speak at a conference once, and she was riveting. In this case she blows away a load of the unreflective triteness that can come forth on the subject. Parables are meant to make us think again, and Levine does this by explaining how the parable sounds to a Jewish audience (e.g. the oft-repeated stuff about the priest and levite fearing ritual uncleanness - the Law is quite clear that the imperative to save a life overrides any such considerations.)

But she also brings to bear the light of common sense logic. She points out that the question, to which the parable is given as an answer, is itself flawed. The question "But who is my neighbour?" is actually asking, by implication, "And who do I not need to bother with?" Jesus's final question is not "Who did the Samaritan consider neighbour?" but "Who proved neighbour to the half-dead man?" I.e. The question is not "who can I help out today?" but "Who has saved me from death? On whom does my very life depend?" And the story invites us to consider what it would be like if this was the last person on earth to whom we would wish to be indebted!

In our day and age, we are coming to a new realisation of our relationship with all our fellow-creatures, a critical inter-dependence. My literal-translation New Testament renders the neighbour-word as "fellow-being." Not limited to humans, then ...
Happy neighbour day!

Adam Romanis

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

New Testament: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Hymns:

Processional Green 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Gradual Brown 54 Father, Lord of all creation

Offertory Green 393 Lead us heavenly father, lead us

Communion Brown 53 father, I place

Recessional Green 485 Thy hand, O God has guided

Anthem Da Nobis Pacem – Mendelssohn

Please join us 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

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

6.30am Evening Prayer

Psalm: 77 **Hymns:** 334, 439, 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

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

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in Church

Notices

The Parish Office is closed until Monday 21st July.

Children are warmly invited to enjoy drawing and activity sheets at the table in the baptistery during the service. We kindly ask that parents or guardians supervise their children both in the baptistery and in the children's area.

The next Mothers' Union meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday 14th July at 2.00pm in the Church Centre. We'll be making up 60 comfort bags which will be given to the mothers leaving their children at Runcie School on Day 1 in September. Please come and give us a hand - no need to be a member. Refreshments and fellowship afterwards

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Laura Day and Joe McCormack, who will be married on Thursday, 17th July at 2.00 pm, and to Emily Ritchey and Thomas Delor, who will have their marriage blessed on Saturday, 19th July at 1.00 pm

Three very helpful people from Newcastle City Council joined in our chat at the Coffee & Conversation this Monday. They give advice, help tackle community problems and generally strive to make 'Better lives and Safer communities'. They will pop in to our group periodically so if you have problems or suggestions to improve the Gosforth community you can contact them: EPIC (empowering people in communities) kevin.fairless@newcastle.gov.uk 07483473180 Dee.roberts@newcastle.gov.uk 07484019051 or speak to Yvonne.

Over the past few weeks, I've written that a trained team may invite you to have a short, informal conversation known as a *one-to-one*. These conversations lie at the heart of how we build strong and trusting relationships within our church community. A one-to-one is simply a chance to listen to each other's stories, to share what matters in our lives, and to explore the values and concerns that connect us. Through this kind of intentional listening, we can uncover fresh energy and purpose—for our life together and for our mission in the wider world.

Our one-to-one team includes Andrew Cole, Felicity Shoemith, Dana Corso, Claudia Newbegin, Luke Williams, Diane Henderson, and myself. If you're invited to take part in a one-to-one, I warmly encourage you to say yes. *Andrew*

It's Plastic-Free July, an event that has been active across the globe for some years now. We are encouraged to consider the amount of plastic we use and to reduce it - simple! Why not have a go? More details can be found at www.plasticfreejuly.org **All Saints' Eco Group**



Open Gardens Mrs Emma Murdoch has kindly offered to open her garden on **Sunday July 20th at 2.30pm** The address is 8 Elgy Road, Gosforth, NE3 4UU. There will be an honesty box available with all funds going to the church.

Deanery synod is on Thursday 22nd July will be in St Nicholas Gosforth Church hall annex. Refreshments will be available from 6.45pm and the meeting begins at 7.15pm.

The All Saints Sung Evensong on Sunday, 27th July will take place at 4pm at the Cathedral, featuring our choir who have been invited to lead the singing.

Prayer Walk

In Gosforth, just three miles from the city centre, we enjoy green spaces, tree-lined streets, and diverse birdlife due to the large gardens. Other wildlife can be seen from time to time – hedgehogs and urban foxes come out after dusk – and even wild flowers flourish at the sides of the roads and poke their heads out between the paving cracks. We see bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, and this cycle of life means that over the year there is always something to see – the freshness of spring, the lush greens of summer, the rich colours of autumn and the stark beauty of bare shapes throughout winter. In all of this we are truly blessed.

This year we are planning a Prayer Walk on **Sunday 3rd August**, starting from All Saints and wandering up through Elgy Green, over to the Ashburton cemetery and back along to Elmfield Road, Linden Road and to the Centre, stopping at three or four points for a short prayer and reflection, thanking God for the gifts he has given us. We will end the afternoon with tea, cake and fellowship.

The walk will begin at 2.00 pm and take around an hour. It will be suitable for all ages (young children will be given a special 'quiz sheet') and will be pushchair/wheelchair-friendly, but if anyone does find it a little too far there are numerous short-cuts back to All Saints.

Let's just hope for good weather! **All Saints' Eco Group**

Please see the poster for the Shakespeare performance on the church green on Saturday 16th August.

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

Mission of the Month for July Mission to Seafarers

which gives huge support to all seafarers around the world, especially those stranded in a strange country, and victims of piracy.

<https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/>

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Adam Romanis is leading worship today
- We welcome Ieva Krasauskaite for Holy Baptism at St Hugh's at 12.15pm

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/Carers Group Tuesdays 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

SING at the Centre

Now paused for a summer break.

Next meeting will be on **Tuesday September 16**

Thank you!

Diana Lavín

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 Saints
Gosforth

Come and join us for a
Prayer Walk

*This event on 3rd August
will start at 2pm at All
Saints' church and will
finish at the Centre around
an hour later for
refreshments. It has been
arranged by the Eco
Group and is an
opportunity to reflect and
give thanks for the nature
around our church.*

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Sunday 28th September

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at 3.00pm

in the

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West Avenue, NE3 4ES

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