

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Fifth 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

The Gospel passage this morning highlights the contrast between Martha's busyness and Mary's stillness, revealing a deeper lesson about priorities. While Martha's service is not wrong, does it become a source of distraction and anxiety, showing how even good things can pull us away from what matters most? In contrast, Mary's choice reflects a heart fixed on Him, valuing His presence above tasks or expectations. Jesus gently corrects Martha, not to dismiss her efforts, but to invite her into a deeper, thoughtful way of being. Ultimately, I wonder if the call is to live with a Mary heart in a Martha world - letting our service flow from deep within, our doing from our prayers and reflection?

Andrew Shipton

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

**Old Testament:** Genesis 18:1-10a **New Testament:** Colossians 1:15-28 **Gospel:** Luke 10:38 to end

Hymns: Processional Green 148 The God of Ab'ram praise Gradual Brown 232 Seek ye first the kingdom of God Offertory Brown 139 Jesus Christ is waiting Communion Brown 130 In heavenly love abiding Recessional Green 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor Anthem O Sing Joyfully – Batten

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 Canon Andrew Shipton Preaching Revd Canon Andrew Shipton 9.30am Parish Communion Presiding Revd Ruth Birnie Preaching Revd Canon Andrew Shipton 6.30am Evening Prayer Psalm: 81 Hymns: 476, 439, 436

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

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

**We welcome** Harry Thomas Stephenson and Oakley James Scott today for Holy Baptism at 11.30am.

**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.



**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.

**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 <u>www.plasticfreejuly.org</u> *All Saints' Eco Group* 

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

#### News from St Hugh's -

• Revd Ruth Birnie 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/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! *Díana 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

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