



Sunday 27th July 2025
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
4.00pm Service at the St Nicholas Cathedral
(No Evensong at All Saints)

St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for this week

“Pray as you can, not as you can’t.” That is sound advice and reassuring to those who find that ways of prayer they have been taught are now difficult or have ceased to be meaningful. Jesus in today’s Gospel reading taught the disciples The Lord’s Prayer which we now use in every service but prayer can take many forms, not all of them using words.

Many people find the silence of meditation just what they need while for others finding a suitable place and time might be difficult but prayer can happen at any time and in any place. God is present everywhere if only we take the trouble to be aware of his presence. I find the words of the 17th century monk Brother Lawrence in his book *The Practice of the Presence of God* very encouraging. He writes:

“The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament.”

That is in keeping with the Benedictine teaching that “laborare est orare”, to work is to pray and encourages us to see prayer not as something separate from the rest of our lives.

Ruth Birnie

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Genesis 18:20-32

New Testament: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Hymns:

Processional Brown 246 Take my life and let it be

Gradual Green 339 Be Thou my vision

Offertory Brown 91 Great is thy faithfulness

Communion Brown 23 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Recessional Green 372 He who would valiant be

Anthem Lead me Lord – Wesley

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 Ruth Birnie

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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

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.

Lammas (from the Old English hlaf-mas, meaning loaf mass) is an ancient Christian festival celebrated on 1st August, marking the beginning of the cereal harvest. Once widespread across many communities it is now coming back into favour. Whilst Harvest Festivals celebrate the end of the season, Lammas honours the beginning - the 'first fruits'. This year at All Saints' we are recognising this tradition with special prayers, a small display of fruit and vegetables from local gardens and some freshly-baked bread. By complete coincidence our Prayer Walk is planned for next Sunday, 3rd August, when we will take the opportunity to give thanks for all that Nature has given us. ***The Eco Group***

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.

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***

The funeral of Joan Spearman, a former member of All Saints, will take place on Friday 1st August at 11:00am at St Mary's, Ponteland. The service will be conducted by Andrew. We hold her children Richard, James and Sarah in our prayers at this time.

Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 3 August** 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 very welcome and we look forward to seeing you. ***Pauline Gallacher***

The Prayer Walk will be on Sunday 3rd August, starting at 2.00 pm from the church green and finishing back at the Centre around an hour or so later, where we will enjoy tea/coffee and cake. This will be a gentle stroll, not a hike! Almost all of it will be on or beside pavements. We will have the opportunity to look at some of the lovely trees and plants along the way, and there will be a couple of stops where we will have a short prayer and reflection. Please do come and join us, this is a new venture and we hope one that people will enjoy. There is a list at the back of church to sign if you're interested, but this is just to give some idea of numbers. Even if you haven't signed it, we'd love to see you! ***The Eco Group***

There will be no Tuesday Holy Communion services during August.

We're going bats! The Natural History Society of Northumbria is running a public event at All Saints on Thursday 7th August from 8.45 - 10.15 pm. More details and tickets can be found by visiting the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bat-walk-tickets-1527411481859?aff=oddtcreator>



Much Ado About Nothing
performed by the comedy troupe ***Handlebards***
Shakespeare – maybe not as you know it...?
6-8pm Saturday 16th August
on
All Saints' Church Green

The *Handlebards* will be here for their 5th (and maybe last?) visit on Saturday 16th August. Rosamund Place would be very happy to hear from anyone willing to help run this community outreach event on the Green.

- Do you fancy sporting a steward's vest in a fetching pale blue?
- How about checking tickets and waving visitors in the direction of the facilities?
- Could you smile and wander around the audience making them feel welcome and glad they turned up?
- Is it your opportunity to show off your hot signature vegetarian dish for 5?
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If so, it's your chance to shine!
Thank you in advance! It's going to be a laugh!

Please tell others of this event, bring friends and a picnic!

You can book tickets on the Handlebards' website on

<https://www.handlebards.com/show/much-ado-about-nothing-all-saints-church-gosforth/>

This event usually raises several hundred pounds for church funds.

Ros

Sale of secondhand books: since these began over a year ago a total of £284.25 has been raised for church funds. Thank you everyone who has donated - and bought - books! There won't be a sale in August, the next will be on 7th September. Happy holiday reading everyone!
The Book Group

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.



My name is Natalie Watson (aged 14), I live in central Gosforth and attend Gosforth Academy school. Now that my summer holidays have started, I am keen to help support a local charity, raising money for a good cause whilst pursuing a difficult personal challenge. My aim is to run a total of 100k distance during the month of August for the charity PCDC (Practical Compassion for

Destitute Children). This charity is All Saints church charity of the month, based in Newcastle and is dedicated in helping very poor children in Palestine from disadvantaged backgrounds. This charity has been important with recent events and I think it is really important to support their work.

I would be very grateful if you would like to support me and the charity using my fund-raising website page below.



https://www.justgiving.com/page/natalie-watson-100k-run?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

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 Malcolm Railton 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 is taking a break. We'll be back on Tuesday 2nd of September

SING at the Centre

Now paused for a summer break.

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

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 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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PRESENT...



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★★★★★ "A GENUINE TREAT FROM START TO FINISH" - THE STAGE

All Saints Church Green, West Avenue, NE3 4ES
Saturday 16th August 2025 6.00 – 8.00pm



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This Autumn



Sunday 28th September

Sunday 26th October

Sunday 30th November

at 3.00pm

in the

All Saints Centre

West Avenue, NE3 4ES

Tel 0191 2130405 for more details