



Sunday 31st August 2025
Eleventh 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

Who's coming to dinner?

A prominent religious teacher died and went to heaven. On his arrival he was shown into a waiting room where a TV screen was showing the exotic orgies going on in hell. Anticipating something even more exciting in heaven, he was greatly surprised when God finally appeared bearing a plate with two tuna fish sandwiches. "Is this all I'm going to get?" he asked in some disappointment. "Well," replied God, "it was hardly worth cooking, not just for the two of us."

An understandable reaction when we recall that throughout the Bible the great wedding banquet is used as an image of God's celebration at the end of time when the people of God will sit down and feast with him in the kingdom of heaven. It is not surprising, then, that food occurs so often in the Bible and that the Gospel writers use the occasion of a meal so frequently to convey their messages about the kingdom of God as well as to highlight aspects of human behaviour in a dramatic way.

The question raised by today's Gospel reading is that of who will be offered a seat at the table in the heavenly banquet and a warning that this cannot be taken for granted. We may be inclined to think that we are more deserving than others because of our social status but the message is that we are all created in God's image and of equal value in his sight so there is no cause for pride but rather a sense of humility because of how much we have received. If we invited Jesus to dinner we might find that he would bring some unexpected guests.

Ruth Birnie

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

New Testament: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Hymns

Processional Green 137 Come down, O Love divine

Gradual Green 321 Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory Brown 198 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Communion Green 394 Let all the world

Recessional Green 186 Tell out, my soul

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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Psalm: 119:81-96 Hymns: 333, 439, 252

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

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.

At Evening Prayer this evening we welcome Revd Ruth Stradling from St Nicholas.

Rosamund Place wishes to thank people's heartening & encouraging comments and congratulations about the Handlebards' 5th visit this summer. The show was a sell-out again, with a small queue of 20 at the door on the night. The thesps could not believe their luck at such delicious hot food being provided, Claudia Newbegin following Anette Cole's fine record on this point. Particular thanks to Keith Davies for mowing, Paul Wilkinson for noticeboards, Louise for admin action, Tricia for setting up, Pauline Gallacher & Francine Bain for stewarding. Well done, all.

Boxes for empty blister packs and used stamps are now on top of the cupboard in the south porch. Please could blister packs be bagged before putting in the box - thank you.

Tuesday Holy Communion recommences at 10.15am Tuesday 2nd of September.

St Hugh's is in need of a small table top fridge. If you have one you no longer use and are willing to donate it, please contact Joyce Jennings or Andrew.

Grateful thanks to Glynis Simkins who has laundered several grubby albs over the past few weeks. All acolytes and servers wash their own albs (some even iron them if they choose), but these were left over from a larger cohort. Thank you, Glynis! **Ros Place**

Recycling of old electricals. Did you know that anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled and turned into something new? Bag up your small electricals and book a free doorstep collection either at envirocall.newcastle.gov.uk/weee or call 01912787878 as ask for "your local Services" – a Eco tip from the **Eco group**.

"Fighting Human Trafficking" All are welcome to a talk by Sister Poole, IBVM, MBE, an English nun who has been working against human trafficking in Albania for 20 years. This will be on Tuesday, 2nd September at 7.00pm at St Charles R.C. Church.

Men's Group: there will be a meeting on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room. The speaker will be Tony Champion who will talk about the book that he co-authored in 2021 called 'Newcastle upon Tyne: Mapping the City', outlining the origins of the work and presenting a selection of maps that reveal some lesser known features of the city's past. If you possess a copy of the book, please bring it along in case Tony can't fathom the technology and/or you would like it signed!

A reminder that Miriam's licensing service will take place on Thursday 4th September (7.30pm) at St James the Great, West Hanney, OX12 0LP in case anyone is able to travel. Andrew is not able to attend but has written a message to be read out at the service.

Books - there will be a sale of second-hand books on Sunday 7th September, all proceeds to church funds. Donations of books welcome. **The Book Group**

Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 7 September** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be dining alone, please do come and join us for alight lunch and some good company. You would be very welcome and we look forward to seeing you. **Pauline Gallacher**

Mothers' Union The next meeting will be at 2.00pm on Monday 8th September in the Church Centre. One lady will be enrolled as a new member and it would be wonderful if we could add one or two more on that day. If anyone else is interested please have a word with Pam Taylor. Apart from the enrolment there'll be the usual short service, updates, refreshments and fellowship. Anyone is always welcome to come along to our meetings.

The meeting to continue planning Messy Church is on Monday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Columba Room.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Wednesday 10th September at 7.15pm in the Upper Room.

Christian Meditation in the North East (WCCM)

Quiet Day event: 'Getting Down Under Things'

To be held on Saturday, 13 September 2025, 10.30 for 11.00 to-3.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, 1 West Avenue Gosforth NE3 4ESA

The day will be led by Alex Holmes, a long term meditator and a letter carver in stone. For the past decade he has been actively engaged in working with refugees in Calais.

A voluntary contribution of £8.00 is payable on the day and drinks and cake provided. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information or to book, please email angelafoley@btinternet.com.

September 20, 10 – 2

Farmers' Market AND Macmillan Coffee Day

Would YOU like to help?

Alongside our Farmers' Market in September, we are pleased to be holding a Macmillan Coffee event. We are looking for some donations of cake/biscuits, someone to make/serve coffee for the event and someone to take responsibility for £ donations. NB The Macmillan event will be operated independently from the Market.

We'd be over the moon to hear from you if you'd like to offer some help or cake on the day. *Please contact either Marian or me, but no later than Sun Sept 07. Thankyou!*

Marian Cave, Diana Lavín

Bible Study - Four week course on the Psalms Wednesday afternoons at 2pm September 24th, 1st October, 8th October & 15th October at 103 Kenton Road, NE3 4NL
All welcome! Come to all four or drop in as you're able. For more information, contact: Claudia Newbegin (claudianewbegin@doctors.org.uk)

On Sunday, 28th September, we will hold a special Parish Communion Service to mark Adam's 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The preacher will be Bishop Paul Ferguson, and there will also be a baptism. More details will follow!

The winter Art & Craft workshops begin again on Saturday 4th October, 2.30 - 4.00 pm in the Centre. Following the interest in crafts using buttons we will be making pictures, cards etc. from some of the hundreds of buttons that were donated! All ages welcome, come along and enjoy exploring your creative skills! **Ann Cross & Helen Langley**
There is a Harvest Service followed by Brunch on Sunday 5th October.

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.



Christmas Fair Saturday 6th December 2025

The first planning meeting for the Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

We hope all groups will be represented at the meeting to discuss the 2025 Fair. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Valerie and Francine



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 August

PCDC (Practical Compassion for Destitute Children), an international charity with UK-based support for children in the Bible lands who have lost their parents or whose parents are unable to get work, to provide for example, school and hospital fees.

News from St Hugh's – Canon Janet Chapman 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 – 2.00pm 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 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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Sept
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Farmers' Market

Live Music

10am till 2pm

All Saints Church


West Ave/Linden Road

NE3 4ES

"Fresh & Local, That's your market!"

BIBLE Study

The Psalms



Four week course on the Psalms

Wednesday afternoons 2pm

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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 2130450 for more details

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for a Board Games Night. The background is orange with a pattern of board game pieces like ladders, snakes, and dice. A large, stylized yellow board game path winds through the center. The text is bold and white, with some elements in yellow boxes. The overall theme is fun and family-oriented.

All Saints Gosforth

Bring a game ...
... or
use ours

BOARD GAMES NIGHT

Fun for all the family and your friends

ADULTS £2
CHILDREN £1

Includes pizza & soft drink
(Bring your own wine/beer)

5.30PM START

SATURDAY 27 SEPT

5.30 - 8.00PM

8.00PM FINISH

ALL SAINTS CENTRE, WEST AVENUE, NE3 4ES

Tickets: All Saints Parish Office 2130450