

Sunday 2nd November 2025 All Saints' Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Saints' Parish Communion Service

6.30pm All Souls Service

St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for the Day

All Saints' Day

Today, as we celebrate All Saints' Day, we remember those who have gone before us and those who inspire us now. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor, the hungry, those who weep." At first this sounds strange, but the word blessed - makarios - means abundant and deeply joyful. The saints were not sad or withdrawn; they were full of life, aware of their weakness yet certain of God's love.

They were ordinary people who lived with extraordinary faith. They faced hardship, ridicule, and failure, yet remained joyful and compassionate. They kept their eyes fixed on God, seeing the world from a heavenly perspective. They remind us that holiness is not about being perfect, but about being fully human - open, loving, and real. Today, may we follow their example, daring to live generously and joyfully, and to shine like fireworks in the darkness with the light of God's love.

All Souls

Tonight we pause to remember those we have loved but see no longer. We bring before God our gratitude for all they have meant to us and our sorrow at their absence. In this act of remembrance, grief and hope come together. We trust in the promise that nothing good is ever lost, and that in God's eternal love all are held and made whole. The light of the Resurrection shines through the darkness of death, reminding us that love continues beyond time and space. As we remember our loved ones today, may we find comfort in knowing that they rest in God's peace, and that we, too, are held in that same unending love.

Andrew Shipton

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Daniel 7:1-13, 15-18 **New Testament:** Ephesians 1:11 to end

Gospel: Luke 4:6:20-31

Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

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 All Saints' Parish Communion Service

Presiding Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

6.30pm All Souls Service

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

Today we celebrate our **Patronal Festival of All Saints** in the morning, and in the evening we will mark **All Souls** with a special service. During this service, we will remember those for whom the clergy have conducted funerals over the past twelve months, as well as those whose names are listed on the sheet at the back of the church.

The heating pump was replaced in church on Thursday. We look forward to many years of warmth and comfort for all who come through our doors.

The St George's flag is flying from the tower today for our All Saints celebration.

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

When leaving Church, via South Porch entrance, or the Centre in the dark please exit through the Garden of Remembrance where it is well lit.

Angels! The Heavenly Host will be on display from Advent Sunday, so if you'd like to contribute by making a very simple angel you can practise your skills after the 9.30 service today, 2nd November in the Hall. No materials needed, just your hands! *Social & Events Group* Please see the instruction poster at the end of the newsletter.

There will be a sale of secondhand books in the Centre following the 9.30 service today. New books always welcome - the last sale raised over £35.00 for church funds. *The Book Group*

Our next Fellowship Lunch is on **Sunday 2 November** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. We look forward to welcoming anyone who would otherwise be dining along for a light lunch and good company. Do come and join us! *Pauline Gallacher*

We plan to send out again a glossy Christmas card to the homes of the parish. Children aged 12 and under are invited to design the front picture for the card. There are entry forms at the back of the church and a box for the completed designs or they can be given to Andrew or churchwardens. The closing date is Monday 3rd November 2025.

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The Youth Committee meets on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the Columba Room

The PCC meets on Wednesday 5th December at 7.15pm in the Hall of the Centre.

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Men's Group. The next meeting will be Wednesday 5th November at 7:30pm in the Upper Room. Rob Langley will give a talk entitled "Tales from a mediator's case book" paulcross505@gmail.com

Please come to the talk on **Living with Neurodivergence** at 3.00pm on Saturday 8th November given by Andrew & Louise Keyes from Christ Church Newcastle. We need people from All Saints to be friendly welcomers here, ready to listen to people's stories & experience. Free tickets are online via a QR code in this pewsheet and on Eventbrite but you can just turn up & stroll in! Also pass on this information wherever you can as this topic affects us all, one in 4 people being neurodivergent. Thanks in advance for any help! *Ros Place*

Art & Craft workshops: unfortunately these have had to be cancelled for November and December. Please keep an eye out for any future events in the Newsletter.

Please see the poster on the talk on Living with Neurodivergence.

Farmers' Market Nov 15

We desperately need people for the following:

- A Jewellery Stall (2) we've already some jewellery 'in stock' but are still consigning all types (in good condition) we need much more please!
- A Raffle Organiser (1 or 2) to collect prizes (to include stall donations) and to sell tickets in church on the day

We are constantly working really hard to grow the market for the benefit of All Saints and its mission and we are grateful that we have had **1** person who has kindly responded to our request last week. If you feel you can make a small donation of time, a piece of jewellery, a prize, anything, please contact Marian Cave or myself as soon as possible, we'll be so grateful.

Thank You! Diana Lavin, Marian Cave

There will be a *Confirmation Service* on Sunday 16th November led by the Bishop of Berwick here at All Saints.

The Angel Festival will be launched on Advent Sunday 30 November. We are seeking volunteers to help attach the angels to the netting above the church nave at 6:00 pm on Friday, 28 November.

Northumbria Chamber Choir is giving a lunchtime concert here at All Saints' on **Saturday 29th November at 1pm.** We shall be singing a wide range of music to suit all tastes, much of it appropriate for the Advent season.

This is a very special concert for us, as it will be our final concert with our Musical Director, Denise Stout, who retires at the end of the year after almost 8 years in charge of our progress and musical development.

Our accompanist is Dr Myles Hartley. Myles is well known at All Saints' and he is looking forward to playing our organ again.

We hope to share our wonderful music with you and look forward to seeing you on the 29th. *Enid Mitchell.*

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
- The Christmas Fair at St Hugh's is on Saturday 22nd November

Mission of the Month for November

MACS (Malawi Association for Christian Support) MACS raises money in the UK to fund capital projects and school bursaries in the Upper Shire and Lake Malawi Diocese in Malawi. https://www.malawimacs.org/donate

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

On Nov 04 we'll be singing for ...Remembrance: 'Lovingly Remembered' a beautiful Andrew Lloyd Webber composition; 'Peace White Dove' that you may remember from our own service in 2024 and the 'Captives Hymn' written by Margaret Dryburgh, a Sunderland lady and missionary who ended up in a prison camp. (If you'd like to learn more about her, Sunderland University has a page devoted to her.) You may have heard The National Youth Choir sing this hymn at the VJ Day service at the National Arboretum attended by the King & Queen.

NB Soon we'll be preparing for our 'Christmas Sing' event at St Hugh's at 2pm on Dec 09! Why not come join us for either/both. These events are designed with everyone in mind.

From 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments, to start at 2:50.

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

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Living with Neurodivergence – how can we relate better?



Free Talk at All Saints Church, Gosforth, NE3 4ES 3.00- – 4.30pm Saturday 8th November



We all meet neurodivergence in our lives. We'll be interested to hear from you for this talk followed by discussion, exchanges of views & experience.

We all meet neurodivergence in the workplace, neighbourhoods, clubs, friendships & families. Are you, like us, curious about how we might adapt our interactions to relate better?

We invite a broad discussion gathering anyone interested to explore thoughts, begin discussions & exchange experiences. Without labelling, medicalising or diagnosing, our talks will bring some content to raise awareness & provide a focus for thought and discussion.

Louise Keyes will speak from her personal and professional experience & training on autism & ADHD. Andrew Keyes will explore some sensory aspects of neurodivergence from his specialist interest in visual stress, light & pattern sensitivity as an optometrist and founder of Keyes Eyecare and Vision Through Colour.

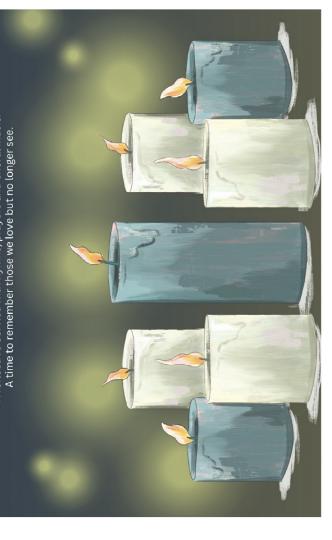


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8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - All Saints' Eucharist

6.30pm - All Souls' Service





Remembrance Day Services Sunday 9th November 2025

8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

10.45am - Service of Remembrance in Gosforth Central Park





EAVENLY HOST

As part of our celebration to mark the start of Advent (the lead up to Christmas) we will be holding an Advent Carol Service in our church on November 30th at 6:30pm; this year it will feature the **Heavenly Host.**

This will involve a display of **angels** suspended from the ceiling of the church and lit from below in what we hope will be a spectacular and memorable event.

We would like your group to help us by creating some angels to display - the more the merrier and as different and diverse as possible.

- Your angels can be made of any material and you wish, but the surface colour should be either white, silver or gold (and the shinier the better)
 - We suggest that the minimum size would be 150mm in height and the absolute maximum would be 300mm; the design is up to you
- You can choose to make your angel 2-dimensional (like a paper plate) or 3dimensional (like a cardboard cone)
- You may wish to include some element of recycling in your piece get creative with plastic bottles, tin foil, used cardboard, etc.
- You may wish to use silver foil, tinsel, wrapping paper, etc. to decorate your angel but please avoid glitter that may become detached and fall onto our new church came.
- The display is to be lit from below, so there is no need to involve any lamps or batteries in your design
- All of the items produced will be hung from a specially installed net that will cover a
 large area of the church ceiling so nothing too heavy please!

In the week approaching the event, your group will be invited into the church to deliver their finished angels, ready for attaching to the netting which will eventually be raised into position high in the church ceiling. Please note: the FINAL DATE for ANGEL SUBMISSIONS will be FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28th. We will not be able to display anything submitted after this date.

We hope that as many young people and their families as possible will attend the revealing service at 6:30 on Sunday 30th November.

Suggestions/ideas







Northumbria Chamber Choir

presents

"Sangs of Hape, Shanks and Celebration"

to

All Saints' Church, Gosforth

Saturday 29th November 2025, 1.00pm

Tickets £10 on the door, children are free

Purcell, Dove, Chilcott, Byrdand more

