



Sunday 16th November 2025
Second Sunday before Advent

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

St Hugh's

11.00am	Parish Communion
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Thought for the Day

As we welcome Bishop Mark today, we are reminded that the journey of faith has its moments of challenge. In the Gospel reading Jesus speaks honestly about troubling things - conflict, uncertainty, and even personal trial. The disciples want clarity and timelines, but Jesus offers something deeper: the assurance of God's presence in the midst of whatever may come.

Rather than inviting fear, Jesus calls his followers to watchfulness, to steadiness, and to trust. He doesn't deny that life can bring upheaval, but he reminds them - and us - that God equips us with the words, the wisdom, and the resilience we need. "Stand firm," he says, "and you will win life."

Today, as we face our own anxieties, headlines, or personal challenges, may we hold to that quiet confidence. The world may shift around us, yet God's care remains constant. Strength is not found in knowing every answer, but in trusting the One who walks with us through every season.

We pray that Nancy, confirmed today, may receive power from on high - strengthened never to be daunted by any challenge. And may we all go into each day with courage, attentiveness, and hope.

Andrew Shipton

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Malachi 4:1-2a

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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 Adam Romanis

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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Bishop Mark Wroe

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6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: [93]; **Hymns:** 431, 467, 235

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 welcome in church, and there is a dedicated Children's Corner at the back, with activities available for them to use there or take to their pews. They are also invited to enjoy drawing and activity sheets at the table at the back in the baptistery. We kindly ask that parents or guardians supervise their children both in the baptistery and in the Children's area.

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

We pray for Nancy on her special day!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce Jennings - praying for her recovery - and with her daughter Sally and son Philip.

We commend Teresa Souter into God's loving care. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 2 pm at West Road Crematorium. We hold Emma, Thomas, Scott, and Sarah in our prayers.

Today we welcome Katherine Vacher-Day, an ordinand joining us on placement for the academic year. Katherine writes:

Hello! My name is Katherine Vacher-Day, and I am training for ordination with Lindisfarne College of Theology. I am married to John, and we have two teenage children, plus a small dog with a disproportionately large personality! I hail from Manchester, and have lived very happily in the North-East since 2016. I taught RE in a variety of secondary schools for 20 years before discerning that God was calling me to a different vocation as a priest. In my spare time, I enjoy Zumba, playing the clarinet and walking with John and Bailey (the aforementioned dog). I am really looking forward to joining you at All Saints for my placement.

Talk on 'Living with Neurodivergence – how do we relate better?' 8th November 2025

We welcomed about 25 people to this talk in church from a broad range of social & professional backgrounds and as relevant for people already in church as those arriving from outside. Louise Keyes covered a lot of areas to consider to reduce areas that can be stressful for the 1 in 4 people who are neurodivergent – sitting still, staying quiet, difficulty switching tasks or attention, struggling with vocabulary and non-literal phrases, shutting out distractions such as flickering or excessive lighting, noise, conversation. For others the opposite of the above! We called a halt to conversations after 5pm – numerous folk had stayed on to exchange views and experiences. The most common response heard was of gratitude for holding the discussion – one individual was incredulous that our church had the thoughtfulness to invite this event. Five people asked if they could have the same talk delivered in their own parishes and areas.

Thanks to Louise & Andrew Keyes from Christ Church and to Peter Mitchell for being so helpful getting the screen back in use again as several people have missed that. *Rosamund Place*

The Parish Christmas cards are ready for delivery. Please help deliver to a street or two near you. **Thank you** to Sew, Knit & Natter for helping bundle the cards ready for delivery.

The autumn edition of *Keeping in Touch* is now available.

Volunteers Needed for a Time-Limited Financial Task Group

Although we have reduced our parish share to the diocese, the overall cost of running the church - combined with a decline in planned giving - remains a concern. We are therefore seeking volunteers to join a small, time-limited task group to review our current financial practices, identify areas for improvement, and explore new ways to raise funds in support of our ministry and mission. We hope this group will be able to bring forward suggestions and ideas by early March.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact the clergy or Felicity Shoesmith.

felicity.shoesmith@icloud.com

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.

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.

Messy Church on the theme of Advent will take place on Sunday, 30th November at 3pm in the Centre.

Autumn Leaves are Falling. Volunteers are needed to help rake up the leaves from the church grounds and we are proposing to have a 'leaf blitz' for as many people as can help. We will meet at church at 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Thursday 20th November. Please do come and help. Wear gardening gloves. Tools will be provided, or bring your own. Tea and Cake will be provided. If you are able to help please e-mail cbwillas@gmail.com If you aren't free but would like to be involved at another time we would also like to hear from you. With many thanks
Christine Willoughby, Paul Wilkinson



The Film Group meets on Friday 28th November in the Upper Room, All Saints Centre, from 6.30pm if you are bringing food, Film begins at 7.15pm. Poor Felix Ungar (Jack Lemmon). In **THE ODD COUPLE**, Felix's marriage is over, and he's devastated. Half-hearted efforts to do away with himself are highly unsuccessful, and so, distraught, he shows up at his weekly poker game held at best friend Oscar Madison's house. Felix's poker buddies are wholly sympathetic. Oscar (Walter Matthau) even offers him a home. But it's not an easy transition for either man.

Oscar, a certifiable slob whose apartment is overrun with dirty dishes, old food, trash, and scattered laundry, can't abide the hypochondriac Felix's compulsive need for order and cleanliness. Sparks fly; differences threaten to quickly upend the best friends' relationship. Things reach a climax when Oscar plans an evening with two British beauties who live in the apartment upstairs. The Oscar-Felix relationship is on the verge of becoming as disastrous as the two failed marriages the men left behind.



Christmas Fair We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends on December 6, 11am in the Centre for the All Saints Christmas Fair. Come and enjoy a delicious coffee and enjoy some unique Christmas shopping! We need donations for the BOTTLE stall. Please leave bottles in the office between 9.30am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. We are also asking for pristine raffle prizes and GIFTS. Valerie Farthing and Francine Bain

Valerie.farthing@btinternet.com 2851419 francinebain9@gmail.com 07506462783

News from St Hugh's:

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

Mission of the Month for November

The All Saints charity of the month is Malawi Association for Christian Support - MACS.

Over recent months MACS has funded solar pump installations and boreholes to help provide life saving fresh-water in remote villages. Helen and Felicity visited a village where the women were having to carry water. It was the dry season and the nearest water was a green algae pond about 10 minutes walk away. Everyone was worried that the water levels were low and would not last out until the wet season arrived.

MACS has also bought 10 bicycles for 9 ordinands and one deacon, to enable the pastors to get round their parishes.

If you would like more information, please go to www.malawimacs.org or speak to Felicity.

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 Dec 09 it's our 'Christmas Sing' event , 2pm at St Hugh's

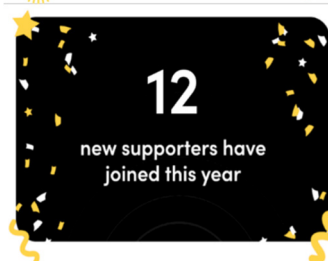
Why not come join us to prepare, when you can pop in? These events are designed with everyone in mind. I guarantee singing on any level is good for you!

Tuesdays 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*.

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Contact us

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Northumbria Chamber Choir
presents
“Songs of Hope, Thanks and Celebration”
at
All Saints’ Church, Gosforth
Saturday 29th November 2025, 1.00pm
Tickets £10 on the door, children are free
Purcell, Dove, Chilcott, Byrdand more





ADVENT CAROLS

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

AT

6.30PM

An evening of music and readings to mark the beginning of the countdown to Christmas. Featuring this year *The Heavenly Host* – a magical display of hundreds of angels spread across the church ceiling and illuminated from below.

Come along, and sing along with the angels.



Sunday 30th November
at 3.00pm

in the
All Saints Centre
West Avenue, NE3 4ES
Tel 0191 2130450 for more details

CHRISTMAS SING

ALL WELCOME

REFRESHMENTS FROM 2PM

SING AT 2:30

Get into the Christmas mood with
us & sing along

DECEMBER 09 FROM 2PM
ST HUGH'S CHURCH GOSFORTH



CHRISTMAS FAIR

6th December 2025

11.00am – 1.00pm

ALL SAINTS CENTRE
LINDEN ROAD, NE3 4ES

ENTRY £3.00

Children free entry

Includes tea/coffee/orange juice
& shortbread biscuit