



Sunday 23rd November 2025
Christ the King

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

St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for the Day – Christ the King

Today in the readings we hold together two very different images of Jesus.

St Paul shows us Christ as the one in whom the fullness of God dwells - the centre of creation, the one who holds everything together. Yet the Gospel shows him humiliated on the cross, dying as a criminal.

This contrast is the heart of our faith: the maker of the stars and sea is the one who suffers for us. His crown is of thorns, his throne a cross. He is not a king who demands service, but a king who serves—a Servant King who gives everything for us.

So we ask: Who is really king in our lives? Who and what shapes our choices and gives us meaning?

When we pray, "*Thy kingdom come*," we ask that Jesus' way of justice, mercy, and hope take root in us even now. On this Stir-Up Sunday, we remind one another that welcoming Christ as our King brings not restriction but true freedom and life—for, in the words of the well-loved prayer, "*his service is perfect freedom*."

Andrew Shipton

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Testament: Colossians 1: 20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Hymns

Processional Green 336 Angel voices ever singing

Gradual Green 352 Crown Him with many crowns

Offertory Green 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion Green 377 Immortal, invisible God only wise

Recessional Green 433 O worship the King all glorious above

Anthem: Rejoice the Lord is King - Archer

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

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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding: Revd Adam Romanis

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6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 72 **Hymns:** 439, 244, 475

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce Jennings - praying for her recovery - and with her daughter Sally and son Philip. Andrew is able to take written messages and cards to Joyce if they are posted in through the office post box.

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 meeting for those involved in community organising will be held on Thursday, 26th November at 7.30pm in the vicarage.

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 from 6:00 pm on Friday, 28 November.

The Advent Carol Service is next Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm.

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. All Welcome.

Mulled wine. I am serving mulled wine and mince pies after the Advent Carol Service on 30th November. Any help would be appreciated. Call me on 07515 825367 or email paul-cross505@gmail.com.
Paul Cross

Men's Group. The next meeting of the men's group will be in the Job Bulman at 7.30 on 3rd December. *Paul Cross*

The service for the interment of Edith Davison's ashes will be held on Friday, 12th December at 12 noon at All Saints.



Christmas Fair Only 2 weeks to the Christmas Fair, December 6th 11.00 - 1.00pm. Donations for the bottle stall can be left in the office between 9.30 - 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. The cake stall will be very happy to receive cakes, pies, jams, chutneys etc just prior to December 6th or on the day. Please remember to list all ingredients used. We are also asking for contributions to the garden stall, raffle prizes and gifts. There is to be a

jewellery stall and also a recycling stall where contributions of Christmas decorations, wrapping paper etc would be much appreciated.

This is a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends over coffee, biscuits and purchases. Please mention this date to family and friends. Valerie Farthing and Francine Bain
Valerie.farthing@btinternet.com 2851419 francinebain9@gmail.com 07506462783

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Ruth Birnie is leading worship today.

Mission of the Month for November

MACS also supports the Chilema Ecumenical Training Centre near Zomba which is where Felicity Shoesmith (from our own congregation) lived until she was 9 years of age. The centre was set up in the early 1960's and provides a six-month practical skills course for women. It was innovative for its time and is still inspiring today because, in a very traditional societal structure, it is encouraging women to learn basic skills that often act as a spring board into nursing, running their own business or being able to look after their families. During their visit to Malawi in August on behalf of MACS, Felicity and Helen Langley met women on the course sponsored by MACS. They also met Linda who had benefited from the skills she had learnt on the course by setting up her own tailoring business she now employs two young orphaned teenagers.

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

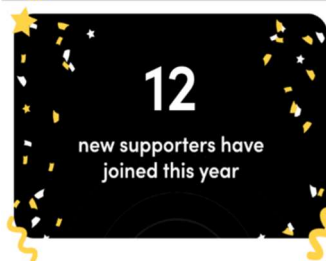
On Dec 09 it's our 'Christmas Sing' event , 2pm at St Hugh's

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*.



...and YOU can join in too!

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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

Vicar of All Saints and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's Rest Day: Saturday	Andrew Shipton	284 5540	andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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Northumbria Chamber Choir

presents

"Sangs 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



FILM CIRCUIT

Friday 28th November
showing at 7.15pm

The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

This month's film is

The Odd Couple

Starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau

Felix's (Jack Lemmon) wife has left him. His friends sense his depression and one of them, Oscar (Walter Matthau), volunteers to take him in until he is fine again. The two of them are like chalk and cheese - Oscar is fun-loving, gregarious and slovenly, Felix is a shy, stay-at-home, obsessive-compulsive neat-freak. Being around Oscar brightens Felix up, but he quickly starts to irritate Oscar

All welcome, do bring a friend.

Entrance is free, but a donation
(suggested £1.00) is invited towards costs.



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