



Sunday 9th November 2025
Remembrance Sunday

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

St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for the Day

As we mark Remembrance Sunday each year the focus of our act of witness in the park still seems to be focused on the imagery and rituals of the two World Wars in Europe but we are well aware that there are now very few left who remember these wars and that the nature of war has changed greatly. There have been in recent times those who have lost their lives in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq and elsewhere and all of these need to be remembered.

In the First World War the poet Siegfried Sassoon wrote that his poetry dealt with “war and the pity of war” and we would surely share his sense of the appalling loss of life and the suffering caused by war.

Violent warfare doesn't often lead to the establishment of secure and lasting peace and I have been impressed by some comments I've discovered by Martin Luther King on the importance of non-violence. He writes that:

- Non-violence is a way of strength, not a lack of power but a different kind of power (as Jesus demonstrated)
- The goal of non-violence is always understanding the opponent, not their humiliation or personal defeat.
- The opponent must be seen not so much as an evil person but as a symbol of a much greater systemic evil of which they are also a victim
- Non-violence relies on a kind of cosmic optimism which trusts that God/ the universe is finally and fully on the side of justice and truth.

Difficult challenges but fully in line with Biblical teaching.

Ruth Birnie

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Job 19:23-27a

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13 to end

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Hymns

Processional Brown 64 For the healing of the nations

Gradual Green 417 O God, our help in ages past

Offertory Green 357 Father hear the prayer we offer

Recessional Green 354 Eternal Father, strong to save

Anthem: For the Fallen – Lewis

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

Preaching Revd Ruth Birnie

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching: Revd Ruth Birnie

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 40 Hymns: 486, 377, 420

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

After the Creed

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

And all repeat :

We will remember them.

Here follows The Silence.

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.
All say together

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen'.

Notices

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.

The summer edition of *Keeping in Touch* is now available. Please do help to deliver to a street or two near you. Thank you

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.

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.

Mothers' Union 'Crafternoon' The next meeting will be tomorrow at 2.00pm in the church centre. After the usual short service and updates, activities include putting Greggs vouchers in cards for the homeless, making Christmas novelties to sell at the fair and also making angels to join the Heavenly Host. Refreshments will be served. Anyone will be most welcome - no need to be a member.

Farmers' Market Sat Nov 15 – Only 1 week to go!

- We're pleased to say we now have 2 volunteers for our own jewellery stall. We're still consigning – **all types** (in good condition) – is there any more out there?
- Is anyone keen to be a Raffle Organiser (1 or 2) to collect/organize prizes (to include stall donations) and to sell tickets in church on the day?
- Have you some garden stall donations? This stall is always popular and earns £ for All Saints

We are constantly working really hard to grow the market for the benefit of All Saints and its mission. If you feel you can make a small donation of time, a piece of jewellery, a raffle prize, anything, please contact Marian Cave or myself as soon as possible, we'll be so very grateful.

Thank You!

Diana Lavin, Marian Cave

We pray for Nancy McCabe to be Confirmed by Bishop Mark next Sunday.

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.

The Christmas Fair, Saturday December 6th, is fast approaching. Donations for the raffle, the bottle stall and items suitable for recycling (i.e. Christmas decorations and paper etc.) would be

must appreciated. As usual there will be a cake stall and for this donations of preserves, either sweet or savoury would be welcomed. We are very much hoping for a mammoth attendance!
Francine Bain & Valerie Farthing

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Adam Romanis 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.

MACS is a small and efficiently run charity which was set up in the UK in 1993 to raise money for education, health, community and parish based projects in Southern Malawi. This year Felicity Shoesmith, a new trustee of the charity and Helen Langley visited some of the projects on a MACS supporters trip to learn more about the charity's work on the ground.

Amongst many other things, MACS funds school bursaries for secondary school children who would otherwise not be able to continue their education past the government funded primary school stage. When we were in Malawi Helen was talking to the headmaster of the secondary school who had himself benefitted from a similar educational grant which enable him to finish his studies and train to be a teacher. Many of the bursaries are only £24 a term but it makes the difference between continuing in education rather than having to leave school.

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 every-one 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 Lavín*

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!

Over 8,000 retailers will donate to All Saints on your behalf when you shop with them. *Plus*, sign up to support us on the easyfundraising app and we'll get a BONUS £2 donation – beat that!

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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Remembrance Day Services

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9.30am - Parish Communion

10.45am - Service of Remembrance in Gosforth Central Park

6.30pm - Evening Prayer



Lest We
Forget.



Nov
15

Farmers' Market

10am till 2pm

On the Church Green
NE3 4ES

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

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





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.



HEAVENLY 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 3-dimensional (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 carpet
- 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





All Saints
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





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