



Sunday 7th December 2025
Second Sunday of 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

Today's Gospel reading, describing John preaching in his no nonsense style, alerts us to the great significance of what we are getting ready to celebrate at Christmas. This morning's readings help us to begin to appreciate the vast scope of what God has done for us by becoming incarnate as Jesus.

Firstly, we are reminded that baptism reveals God's act of completely claiming us for new life in Christ. Secondly, we recall that all are invited into God's Kingdom: this helps us focus both on self-acceptance as well as welcoming others. Finally, we remember that the scope of the Kingdom of God heralded by Jesus' birth includes the restoration of the whole of creation.

Therefore, Advent gives us the opportunity to renew our hope that God will come among us to heal and to save. Advent also provides us with a fantastic gift: a time of preparation to help enlarge our vision of what it means to celebrate the coming of God as a human baby at Christmas.

Katherine Vacher-Day

Today we light our second Advent candle. Each candle in the Advent wreath reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. Please join in the prayer:

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide
and show all the world God's love.



An Advent Prayer:

The Light of Christ brings hope into our world
Hope to steady anxiety
Hope to calm fear
Hope to accompany illness
Hope to befriend loneliness
Hope to thwart Despair

Hope to reconcile hatred
Hope to forgive
Hope to be forgiven

Hope to dream of better times
Hope to encourage the future
Hope to rebuild what lies in ruins
Hope that God's Kingdom will come

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Hymns

Processional Green 10 Long ago, prophets knew

Gradual Brown 115 I cannot tell

Offertory Green 466 Thou whose Almighty word

Communion Booklet page 17 Like a sea without a shore

Recessional Green 461 There's a wideness

Anthem: Dearest Lord Jesu, oh why dost Thou tarry? – J.S. Bach

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 Katherine Vacher-Day

9.30am Parish Communion

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6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 11 Hymns: 7, 388, 408

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, Tuesday & Thursday: 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by South Porch

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in Church

Notices

Our great thanks to Valerie, Francine, and everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Fair a success.

We are very thankful to all who helped deliver Christmas cards throughout the parish. Thousands have now been delivered, including to the new areas of our parish.

Our pre-Christmas **Fellowship Lunch** is today **Sunday 7th December** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. We look forward to welcoming anyone who would otherwise be dining alone for a light lunch and good company. Do come and join us! *Pauline Gallacher*

All Saints Amnesty International Group: Please join us in the All Saints Centre after the 9.30am service today for our annual session for sending greetings cards to prisoners of conscience or their families/supporters.

Book Sale: There will be a sale of second-hand books after the 9.30 am service on Sunday, 7th December. As always, donations to this are always gratefully received (N.B. travel books don't sell well however). *The Book Group*

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.

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.

Parish carol singing will begin at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 9th December. We visit local care homes and Kenton Lodge to sing carols. Following the visits, refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the Vicarage. All are most welcome.

Andrew is leading a session of carol singing at the Abbey Care Home in the St Hugh's parish on Thursday 11th December at 2pm

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

Preparation of oranges for the Christingle service. If anyone can help with this, please meet in the Columba Room at 10.00am on Saturday 13th December. If 3 or 4 people turn up, it can all be done within an hour. Many thanks, Pam Taylor

Next Sunday, 14th December, our Christingle Service will take place at 3.30pm. All welcome

At the Midnight Eucharist at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve, we welcome many visitors who may be unfamiliar with our services. We are looking for one or two people to act as churchwardens - welcoming worshippers and being a caring presence at the back of the church. The service usually finishes around 12:20am. If you are able to help, please speak to Andrew.

People's Theatre: 30 seats have been reserved for Thursday 22nd January to see *The Mirror Crack'd* by Agatha Christie. Please could you let Helen Poole know if you would like to go to this, or confirm with her if you expressed interest earlier. Payment is not needed yet.

Save the date! The Handlebards are coming back!

We are very pleased to confirm that the Handlebards (a travelling Shakespearian theatre group who transport themselves and all their gear by bike) are coming back to All Saints. They will be performing 'As You Like It' on **Wednesday 12th August 2026** on the church green. This has been a fantastic and well attended event over the past few years and we are delighted that they are returning. Tickets are already on sale on-line!

<http://www.handlebards.com/show/As-You-Like-It-All-Saints-Church-Gosforth/>

Rosamund Place and Claudia Newbegin

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
 - This week, St Hugh's will host a Christmas Carol Service with The Grange School. We are delighted to welcome them - this is the first time such a service has taken place in many years
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Mission of the Month for December

West End Refugee Service (WERS) supporting asylum seekers in the west end of Newcastle by way of clothing, bedding and food parcels, working out of St Philip's Vicarage, Arthurs Hill.

www.wers.org.uk

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

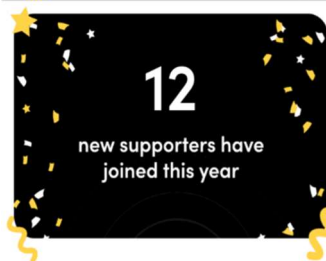
On Dec 09 it's our 'Christmas Sing' event , 2pm at St Hugh's

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 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!

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Contact us

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Christingle Service



Sunday 14th December
3.30pm

Join with us in celebrating Jesus
as the Light of the World



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

We welcome you to our Christmas Services and Events

Tuesday 9th December

6.00pm Parish Carol Singing from Church

Sunday 14th December

3.30pm Christingle service

Monday 15th December

2.00pm Carol Singing at Gosforth Shopping Centre

Christmas Eve

2.00pm Children's Service

4.00pm Carol Service*

6.30pm Carol Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Christmas Communion

Sunday 4th January

9.30am Epiphany Service

**This is a very popular service and for Health and Safety reasons once Church capacity has been reached a welcome will be issued to the 6.30pm service.*

All Saints Church, Gosforth Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

2.00pm Children's Service

4.00pm Carol Service

6.30pm Carol Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Christmas Communion and Praise

