



Sunday 18th January 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 today

In this week's Gospel reading, we hear the first of Jesus' words which John records. These words are in the form of a question to his would-be first disciples: "What are you looking for?" This is a helpful question to hear Jesus asking us at the start of this new year. What do we really value and long for?

Jesus invites these two friends to "come and see" when they ask him where he is staying. Jesus also invites us to come and see him afresh this Epiphany tide. This means taking time to abide with him so that we come to believe more deeply that he really is the Son of God, and appreciate more fully why he is the one we truly need.

Like the disciple Andrew, who rushed off to tell his brother to come and see Jesus, we too need to offer this invitation to others. Who might we invite along to a service or other church event? Who might we 'invite' to explore the Christian faith simply through the Christ-like love and attention we show them in our daily lives?

This season of Epiphany provides us with an excellent opportunity before we enter Lent to not simply 'look' at Jesus, but to really try to 'see' him. Jesus is the one in whom we find what our soul is ultimately looking for. So come and see him...and bring your friends too!

Katherine Vacher-Day

Bible Readings and Hymns:

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Hymns

Processional	Booklet page 6 Let us build a house (All are welcome)
Gradual	Brown 38 Christ's is the world
Offertory	Brown 14 An upper room did our Lord prepare
Communion	Booklet page 12 Spirit of holiness
Recessional	Brown 292 Will you come and follow me
Anthem	Coventry Carol

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

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6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 96 **Hymns:** 433, 439, 436

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

People's Theatre: Thursday 22nd January to see *The Mirror Crack'd* by Agatha Christie.
Payment is needed today 18th January. Please email me to confirm or let me know if you are not coming. Thank you *Helen* helenpoole2003@hotmail.com

On Monday evening (6–8 pm), the PCC meet to consider plans for the development of the All Saints Centre. We hope to bring proposals and ideas for wider consultation to the congregation before long.

The talk on recycling - Beyond the Blue Bin - was well attended with an audience of around 30 people, not all from All Saints' church! Rebecca Wilson from Newcastle City Council gave us a really interesting account of where our recyclable waste is taken, how it is processed and what it ends up as. We marvelled at the ingenuity, technology and engineering skills that are involved in sorting the various items that we throw away - how different from the days when we used to just fling anything and everything into the dustbin! *The Eco Group*

Our prayers for ... Peace. Bridging the Generations Holocaust Memorial Evening Wednesday 21st January 2026 7.00pm at St Mary's Catholic School, NE7 7PE. Booking recommended: 0191 2433316, interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk.

The Funeral of Lesley Brookfield will take place in church on Thursday 22nd January at 12 noon. We pray for Emma, Darren, Eleanor and Alice in their grief.

The Service for the Interment of the Ashes of Alan Mace will be held on Friday 23rd January at 12 noon.

Messy Church on the Theme of 'Candlemas' will be on next Sunday 25th January at 3pm in the Centre

What, you may well ask, could Burns's Night have to do with our efforts to improve on our Eco-Congregation Bronze Award? Initially, I felt I could do no more than recommend the provision of MacSween's Vegetarian Haggis at any Burns's supper you may be planning; meat-free, but still "warm-reekin, rich". However, a little research reveals that Burns could teach us a lot about respect for nature. You might have thought that as a struggling tenant farmer he would have had little time for animal welfare, but he famously puts himself in the place of a mouse disturbed by the harvest, and in less well-known poems is concerned for a wounded hare and a dying ewe ('Ode to a Mouse', 'On Seeing a Wounded Hare' and 'The Death and Dying Words of Poor Mailie') . "Is a River Alive?" by Robert Macfarlane, published in 2025, seems to be the last word in eco-thinking, arguing that we need to give rivers rights in law – but we find Burns almost 240 years earlier, in 'The Humble Petition of Bruar Water' demanding that the Duke of Atholl reforest the denuded river banks. So, I'm sure Burns would join us to thank the volunteers who last week planted trees at the West end of the green, and remind us that living in harmony with nature isn't something modern, but something our ancestors were much better at than we are.
Andrew Cole on behalf of The Eco Group

There is no Choral Evensong on the 25th January 2026. Instead a United Service will be held with Christians Together in Gosforth to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service will take place at Trinity Church at 6.30pm. Deacon Jill Henderson will be leading the Service and Andrew will be preaching.

The funeral of Barbara Urwin will take place on Wednesday 28th January at 1.30 pm at West Road Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with Keith, Pamela, and their families in their grief.

Brundibar Arts Festival are holding a Short Concert Series at All Saints Church on Saturday 7th February 2026. Tickets are available from: <https://www.brundibarartsfestival.com/>

1pm Concert programme:

Hans Krása: Three songs for Baritone, clarinet and cello

Samuel Quatermain Smith: "You will be loved" Special Commission 2021

Viktor Ullmann: Piano Sonata

6.30pm Concert Programme

Adolf Strauss: Ich weiss bestimmt, ich werd dich wiederseh'n

Hans Winterberg: Suite for Clarinet and piano

Prach Boondikulchok: "Songs without Words" Special Commission 2023

There will be a sale of secondhand books after the 9.30 service on Sunday 8th February. All proceeds will go to church funds. A chance to pass on all those books you've been reading over the holiday! *The Book Group*

There will be the opportunity to explore skills in Leading Worship with Nicola Denyer from the diocese, on Thursday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. Please speak to Andrew for details.

Valentines by Candlelight The EverReady Band is holding an evening of music and romance by candlelight at **All Saints Church on Saturday 14th February 2026 at 7.30pm** Tickets are £15 and are available to book via the QR code – please see poster or at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/valentines-by-candlelight-tickets-1975853247251?aff=oddtcreator>

Looking to Lent During Lent, it is hoped that each church in Christians Together in Gosforth will provide a simple Lent lunch on Wednesdays. The book suggested for our 2026 Lent course is *Lentwise* by Paula Gooder. During Lent, a series of speakers will offer reflections at Sunday Evening Prayer on the theme "*The Heart of the Gospel*." A leaflet with details of all Lent and Easter services will be printed.

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! [Click here for Handlebards Tickets](#)
Rosamund Place and Claudia Newbegin.

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
- The next St Hugh's PCC meeting will be on Sunday 18th January at 11.45am.
- The first wedding at St Hugh's for more than a decade will take place in July. Our best wishes to Emma and Jake.

Mission of the Month for January St Paul's Community Partnership in Willington Quay. The aim of the Partnership is to enable Willington Quay to be a better place in which to live and work, for the flourishing of the community in this very deprived area through offering different groups, resources and help through the centre. stpaulscommunitypartnership.weebly.com

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.

PLEASE NOTE CANCELLATION TUES JAN 20

-Due to unforeseen circumstances, my apologies, but

SING at the **Centre** Will meet again **on Tuesday 27 January** from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments Looking forward to seeing you all; are you ready to sing Labi Siffre and ABBA?

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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Or go to:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8ecfe5b6-18c7-4179-aba0-2ebc43a82f7b>

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Sunday 25th January
at 3.00pm

in the
All Saints Centre
West Avenue, NE3 4ES

Tel 0191 2130450 for more details



FILM GROUP

**Friday 30th January
showing at 7.15pm**

The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

**This month's film is
North by Northwest
a Hitchcock Film
Starring Cary Grant**

A New York City advertising executive goes on the run after being mistaken for a government agent by some foreign spies. He falls for a woman and then begins to doubt where her loyalties lie.'

All welcome, do bring a friend.

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

Valentines by Candlelight



EVERREADY BAND

All Saints Church, West Avenue, Gosforth

7:30pm, Saturday, 14th February

An evening of music
and romance by candlelight.

Tickets £15



Scan QR code for tickets