



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**  
**Candlemas**

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

**St Hugh's**

11.00am      Parish Communion

**Thought for the Day**

Good news for today is that we are now more than halfway through winter, celebrating Candlemas! Candlemas falls midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, and it carries with it those hopeful words:

“When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day,  
the dark is behind us and Spring's on the way!”

From as early as the year 543, Candlemas has marked the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. In the Gospel, Simeon calls Jesus “a light to enlighten the Gentiles,” which is why candles became such a powerful symbol of this day.

Candlemas is especially meaningful because it is both joyful and solemn. Simeon and Anna greet the child Jesus with joy, yet Simeon's words also hint at what lies ahead: struggle, suffering, and the sorrow Mary will one day face. In this way, Candlemas points us beyond Christmas, towards Jesus' passion and, ultimately, Easter.

Because of this, Candlemas feels like a turning point in the Christian year. At the end of the service, we take one last look back at Christmas, with the trees still standing in church, before we begin to turn our gaze towards the cross.

*Andrew Shipton*

## **Bible Readings and Hymns:**

**Old Testament:** Malachi 3:1-5

**New Testament:** Hebrews 2:14 to end

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

## **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 Canon Andrew Shipton

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#### **9.30am Parish Communion**

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#### **6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Psalm 118 Hymns 473, 234, 64**

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

The **Winter 2026 edition** of *Keeping in Touch* is now available. Please do help to deliver to a street or two near you. Thank you.

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The **'Heavenly Host'** will be dismantled today Sunday 1st February at around 11.00 am. This will give people time to enjoy a coffee in the Centre after the 9.30 am service! If you would like to retrieve the Angel that you made, they will be put in a large box in the baptistery for a couple of weeks until they are taken. This has been a wonderful display, and thanks must go to all involved in its creation. Do come along and help if you can.

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Our first **Fellowship Lunch** of 2026 is today **Sunday 1st February** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be dining alone, please do come and join us for a light lunch and good company. We look forward to seeing you. *Pauline Gallacher*

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**There will be no** Morning Prayer on Wednesday 4th February.

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**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 today (Sunday) for details.

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**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 wiedersehn

Hans Winterberg: Suite for Clarinet and piano

Prach Boondikulchok: "Songs without Words" Special Commission 2023

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**Thank you so much** to all those who came to plant trees on 17th Jan. I cannot apologise enough that there were no trees to plant. Nonetheless it was wonderful to see so many people and feedback seemed to be positive, sharing refreshments and enjoying an improvised tree identification talk by Callum from the Wildlife Trust. The trees did finally arrive at 1pm, having left their nursery on Friday morning, and are now being safely stored for us. We have arranged a repeat event for next **Saturday 7th Feb, 10-12**. I do hope you will feel able to join us - secure in the knowledge we will have trees! With many thanks for your support, *Christine Willoughby*

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**There will be a** sale of secondhand books after the 9.30 service Next 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*

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**The PCC met recently** at a special session to discuss potential plans to upgrade the Centre. All agreed that the Centre needs improvement and with a couple of minor changes, have plans which we will be sharing over the coming weeks. The improvements include accessibility upgrades, like moving the kitchen into the space currently known as the Columba Room to make an allowance for a second large room on the ground floor. Delivering these upgrades will mean that we need to have a funding campaign to pay for the work. We will be sharing the proposed plans soon and will be arranging times for people to ask questions and find out more about what is proposed.

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**MY LIFE IN MALAWI....**is the title of Felicity Shoesmith's talk at the next Mothers' Union meeting on Monday 9th February - 2.00pm in the parish centre. EVERYONE IS WELCOME to come and join us - men and women. Refreshments will be served.

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**Men's Group** this month will be a talk by Victor Spong entitled "Feeding Collinwood's Fleet (Maintaining Sea Power 1805 to 1810)". The meeting will be on 11th February at 7:30pm in the Upper Room.

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**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 here: [Valentines by Candlelight tickets](#) enter the code **SUB30** for a £5 discount.

**The funeral of** Thomas Childs will be on Monday 16th February at 12noon at West Road crematorium. We pray for Carole and Lesley in their loss.

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**Rocks, stones? Can anyone help?** We are planning the next Messy Church session on Sunday 22nd February at 3pm, Jesus in the Desert. Does anyone have a collection of rocks they could lend us & then take away - to help children understand what being in the desert means? If so, please speak to volunteers who help at Messy Church - you could start with Felicity Shoesmith Lesley Atkinson, Luke Williams or clergy (of course). Thanks in advance!

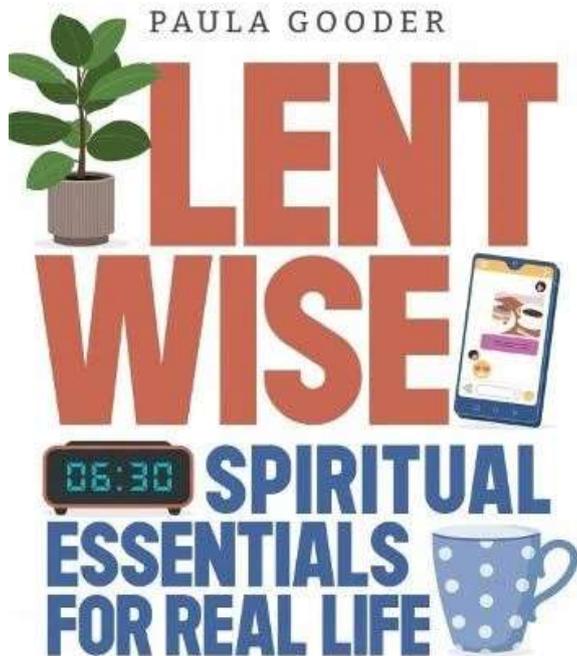
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**Looking to Lent.** Each church in Christians Together in Gosforth will provide a simple Lent lunch on Wednesdays. A series of speakers are being invited to offer reflections at Sunday Evening Prayer on the theme "*The Heart of the Gospel.*" A leaflet with details of all Lent and Easter services will be printed. For the Lent Groups - please see below.

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#### **News from St Hugh's:**

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
  - The first wedding at St Hugh's for more than a decade will take place in July. Our best wishes to Emma and Jake.
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PAULA GOODER

We are looking for venues and meeting times for our Lent groups, which will be following *Lentwise* by Paula Gooder. We hope to include at least one group meeting on a Monday or Thursday afternoon. Please get in touch if you can help. Andrew

*"User-friendly, undaunting and profound. The author is an experienced and trustworthy guide on our journey through Lent. With her help, Lent will be a journey of delighted discovery and not a miserable, dutiful trudge." Jane Williams*

## 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.

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**Little Saints** Pre-School Children and Parents/Carers Group Tuesdays 1.00 – 2.00pm in the All Saints Centre.

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**SING** at the **Centre Tuesdays** from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you all. *Diana Lavin*

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**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.*

## Mission of the Month for February

**New to the UK** Based in North Shields Baptist Church provide support for asylum seekers and refugees. [churchestogethernorthshields.org](http://churchestogethernorthshields.org)

## 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>

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***This week only***, every time you shop with a retailer featured on the [Trending Offers page](#), you'll enter All Saints Church Gosforth into a prize draw to win a £250\* donation.

**TUI** £125 donation when you book (Quick! Only until 1st Feb)

**Waitrose** Donation tripled up to £6

**M&S** Donation tripled up to 3%

**Argos** Up to 3% donation

**Boden** Up to 5% donation

**LEGO** Up to 7% donation

**Silentnight** Up to 4% donation

**JD** Up to 3.5% donation

*Please speak to me if I can help you use the 'easyfundraising' app or update it.*

Diana Lavin

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## Contact us

<b>Vicar of All Saints and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's</b> Rest Day: Saturday	Andrew Shipton	284 5540	andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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# BRUNDIBÁR Arts Festival

## A Voice Not Stilled

**31 JANUARY - 8 FEBRUARY 2026**

As we celebrate the 10th Brundibár Arts Festival, a milestone year, we are reminded that in today's divisive times our festival holds a vital role: to honour the losses brought by hatred and to affirm the unifying strength of art and remembrance.

Yet, music speaks louder than words, join us as this year's festival will be a musical feast!

- Alexandra Raikhina, Artistic Director

### SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

OPENING CONCERT

ST JAMES'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, 7.30PM

### MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

SHORT CONCERT SERIES: CONCERT 1

LITERARY & PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 6.30PM

### TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

SHORT CONCERT SERIES: CONCERT 2

LITERARY & PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 1.00PM

### TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

SHORT CONCERT SERIES: CONCERT 3

BRUNSWICK METHODIST CHURCH, 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

THE LAST MUSICIAN OF AUSCHWITZ

FILM SHOWING

TYNESIDE CINEMA, 7PM

### THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

A VOICE NOT STILLED

ST JAMES'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, 7.30PM

### SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

SHORT CONCERT SERIES: CONCERT 4

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH, 1.00PM

### SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

SHORT CONCERT SERIES: CONCERT 5

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH, 6.30PM

### SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

CLOSING CONCERT

KING'S HALL, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, 7.30PM



MOTEL ONE

Newcastle  
City Council

The Joicey Trust



# Tree Planting

**7th February 2026**

**10am - 12 noon**

We will be planting trees at the West end of the green including:  
8 trees of 100-200cm - e.g. Alder, Walnut, Rowan, Crab Apple, Lime, Field Maple, Silver birch.  
15 'understory whips' of 40-60cm - e.g. Cherry, Plum, Wych Elm, Silver Birch, Yew, Hazel, Rowan.

If you can volunteer to help please contact:  
[post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk).

Refreshments and a warm space inside the Centre will be provided.

Please come and talk to us if you would like more information.

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# *Valentines by Candlelight*

EVERREADY BAND

All Saints Church, West Avenue, Gosforth

7:30pm, Saturday, 14th February

An evening of music  
and romance by candlelight.



Scan QR code for tickets