



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**St Hugh's**

11.00am Parish Communion

**Life in conversation with God**

St John's Gospel has obvious features that make it different from Matthew, Mark and Luke, such as its structuring around seven selected "signs" that Jesus did, and the famous "I am" sayings. But just as significant are the in-depth CONVERSATIONS with individuals that take place throughout the Gospel. Our Sunday Gospel readings this Lent are prime examples of these conversations: with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, and Martha and Mary. (Others include with the disciples, with a paralytic and a blind man whom he heals, with his Father, and with Pilate.) These conversations related by John are arguably unique not only in the Gospels but in all of Scripture for their sustained depth and quality of relationship. We are assured of God's knowledge of us in Christ, and invited to enter more deeply and mindfully into this communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. This Sunday we hear of Nicodemus's visit to Jesus under cover of darkness, and reflect on whether it is possible to be a secret disciple (yes, that's a good start, but if it's with integrity it will lead to greater things) and whether one can be born again when one is old (can an old dog learn new tricks? Yes, because the wind of the Spirit is in your sails.) That's loads to think about already and we've only just started! The point is not to get it all right away (all the Gospels are clear that the first disciples never did). But to engage in to the lifelong and life-giving conversation with God. That was how Jesus lived - in conversation with the Father, and drawing in those he met, and disciples in every age.

Happy Lent!

*Adam Romanis*

## **Bible Readings and Hymns:**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**New Testament:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Gospel:** John 3:1-17

### **Hymns**

<b>Processional</b>	Green 67	Forty days and forty nights
<b>Gradual</b>	Green 461	There's a wideness in God's mercy
<b>Offertory</b>	Green 339	Be Thou my guardian
<b>Communion</b>	Brown 214	Peace, perfect peace
<b>Recessional</b>	Booklet p16	Nothing less than love has saved us
<b>Anthem</b>	Lead me Lord - Wesley	

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 Adam Romanis

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### **9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Adam Romanis

**6.30pm Evening Prayer with address on 'the Heart of the Gospel' by Revd Paul Baker.**

**Psalm 135 Hymns 420, 294, 339**

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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

Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is today **Sunday 1st March** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be dining alone, or would enjoy some good company, please do come and join us. We look forward to seeing you. *Pauline Gallacher*

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**During Lent** each church in Christians Together in Gosforth will provide a simple Lent lunch on Wednesdays. This Wednesday at 12 noon the lunch is at Trinity Church. **We will be** offering a simple Lent Lunch on Wednesday 25th March at 12 noon in the Centre. Offers of help would be very gratefully received. *Andrew.*

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**We welcome the** Revd Paul Baker, Vicar of St Nicholas, Gosforth, as our preacher at Evening Prayer today. He will be sharing what he sees as the heart of the Gospel.

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### Prayers of Love and Faith

At its meeting on Wednesday, the PCC will be asked to consider whether our parish church should offer prayers of thanksgiving, dedication, and God's blessing for same-sex couples, known as *Prayers of Love and Faith*.

These prayers may only take place within a service that is already part of the parish's usual pattern of worship.

If you have any views on this matter, please do share them with a member of the PCC.

Members are: Helen Fraser, Marian Cave, Andrew Shipton, Alison Charlewood, Kath Davies, Diana Lavin, Pam Taylor, Dana Corso, Michael Wickham, Pauline Gallacher, Alison Wilson, Felicity Shoemith, Rosamund Place, Claudia Newbegin, Diane Henderson, and Lee Best.

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**From Ash Wednesday** until Easter you may chance across some footprints in church or the Centre. These are pledges made to reduce carbon /pollution footprints so could cover any area you wish. Footprints (and teardrops for our tree made by Beavers) have been made by our Uniformed organisations & other individuals. Please add your own to the box in the north porch! Thank you! *All Saints Eco-Group*

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**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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**Please see the** leaflet for our programme for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. There are sheets to sign up for the Lent Groups on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. It's not too late. Books can be purchased from [www.eden.co.uk](http://www.eden.co.uk) or ask Louise to order a copy.

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**There will be** a meeting of the All Saints PCC on Wednesday 4th March at 7.15pm in the Upper Room.

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**The Film Group** meets on Friday 6th March in the Upper Room, All Saints Centre, from 6.30pm if you are bringing food, Film begins at 7.15pm. "The Ghost" (Director Roman Polanski, 2010). A "ghost writer" (Ewan Macgregor), mainly of sporting autobiographies, is given a financially too good to refuse opportunity to help with the memoirs of a controversial former Prime Minister (Pierce Brosnan). Ensnared in a palatial, but bunker-like, house on a wintry Martha's Vineyard, he becomes ensnared in the deceits and power struggles surrounding the former P.M. He then starts to question the truth behind the tragic death of his "ghost writer" predecessor.

**Book Sale:** the next sale of secondhand books will be after the 9.30 am service on Sunday 8th March. Thank you to everyone who continues with their donations of books, and to those who buy them! *The Book Group*



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**The next Mothers' Union** meeting will be on Monday 9th March at 2.00pm in the Church Centre. It will include a look back at the World Day of Prayer (which will have taken place at 1.30pm on Friday 6th in Church), updates, refreshments etc. The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton will enrol one new member and officially welcome another lady who has belonged to a different branch. If anyone else would like to become a member, the 9th is the ideal time to do so. Have a word with Pam today or ring her on 07977460841. EVERYONE is welcome to come along.

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**Archbishop Runcie Church** of England School will be holding its Mothering Day Service at All Saints on Friday 13th March at 1.30pm.

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**Mother's Day bouquets** will be made on Saturday 14th March in the Columba Room at 10.00am.

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**We are going to** distribute Easter cards to the homes of the parish showing all the services and events happening at All Saints' over Holy Week and Easter. These will be available on Mothering Sunday (15th March).

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**Tyne & Wear Citizens Delegates' Assembly – 6-8pm Thursday 26th March.**

You've probably got prayer and fasting sorted for Lent, but what about service to people in need? Well, if you'd like to support people struggling with issues like the cost of living, lack of access to dentistry, social isolation, antisocial behaviour or lack of affordable housing, you could do worse than join the All Saints' party attending this meeting. In alliance with over 30 faith, education, community and trade union organisations, we will hear first-hand from the people affected, listen to ideas about how things can be improved, and decide which issues will be the focus of our next campaigns. To learn more or book your place go to <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly-2026?nowrapper=true&referrer=&source=> or contact Andrew Cole on 07949523016/email [ac07949@gmail.com](mailto:ac07949@gmail.com)

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A **special afternoon service with Communion** will be held in the All Saints' Centre on Sunday, 29th March, for people unable to attend our regular services. This will be followed by afternoon tea accompanied by the Semitones Orchestra. If you know of anyone who would like to attend and would need transport to the service, please contact Lesley Atkinson, 07484195492. If you could **offer to help** during the afternoon by welcoming, baking, driving or serving tea, please sign the list at the back of church.

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**News from St Hugh's:**

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
- The PCC meets today at St Hugh's at 11.45am.
- The Lord Mayor of Newcastle will be visiting St Hugh's Church on Thursday, 19th March, from 10:30am to 12:00pm to attend an event thanking the many volunteers who make a great contribution to the local community. During the visit, the Lord Mayor will also cut a ribbon to officially open the new bench provided by the Friends of Wansbeck Shops for the benefit of the community.
- The first wedding at St Hugh's for more than a decade will take place in June. Our best wishes to Emma and Jake.

## Fairtrade Chocolate Easter Eggs

Louise from Trinity has offered to bulk buy fairtrade chocolate easter eggs for All Saints as well as Trinity congregations. See below for prices, examples may be available for you to see at some parish breakfasts during lent.



### Real Easter Eggs from The Meaningful Chocolate Company

Original Milk or Dark - with the new Easter Story booklet - £5.50

Or Dark - £6.50

Easter Blessings Bars – £3.00

Fun pack - 6 wrapped foil eggs in a green eggbox - £6.00

### Divine chocolate

15 milk chocolate mini eggs filled with either smooth caramel or hazelnut praline - £8.99

### **You can order from:**

Louise Mabbs - Voluntary Fairtrade Rep at Trinity URC/Methodist Church [louise.mabbs.textiles@gmail.com](mailto:louise.mabbs.textiles@gmail.com) 07888 238 998

Please order early Easter Sunday is April 5th.

### **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)



## easyfundraising

*Don't forget, you can also shop in-person and still raise donations:*

1. Click on 'in-store' at the bottom of your app screen
2. Follow the on screen instructions to add your bank card
3. Shop in person at participating stores such as  
Tesco - John Lewis - Sainsbury - Hotel Chocolat and *many* more

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

*Diana Lavin*

## **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.*

## 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

<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
<b>Assistant Priest</b> Not available on Wednesdays	Ruth Birnie	284 1393	ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
<b>Director of Music</b>	John Lewis	07981 156751	jonnyonthekeyboards@gmail.com
<b>Churchwarden</b>	Joyce Jennings		
<b>Churchwarden</b>	Dana Corso	07909 456577	Dana.corso@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
<b>Treasurer</b>	Contact the Parish Office		
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Kath Davies	07880 618911	kath.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Louise Waugh	0191 213 0450	post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

All Saints  
Gosforth

JOIN US FOR

# EVENING PRAYER IN LENT

On Sunday Evenings  
speakers reflect on  
*'What is at the  
heart of the Gospel'*  
at 6.30pm

**22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Katherine Vacher-Day

**1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Revd Paul Baker

**8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Revd Bill Miller

**15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Revd Malcolm Railton

**22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Dr Ce Pacitti



Photo by Anthony McKenna



**FILM CROUP**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**showing at 7.15pm**

The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

**This month's film is**  
**The Ghost**

Directed by Roman Polanski

Starring: Ewan Macgregor, Pierce Brosnan ,  
 Kim Cattrall and Oliva Williams

A "ghost writer" is given a financially too good to refuse opportunity to help with the memoirs of a controversial former Prime Minister. He becomes ensnared in the deceptions and power struggles surrounding the former Prime Minister and starts to question the truth behind the tragic death of his "ghost writer" predecessor.

All welcome, do bring a friend.

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
 A service for everyone!  
**Friday 6 March**

*I will give you rest, come*



**All Saints Church**

West Avenue, Gosforth

1.30pm

Refreshments

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15th March 2026

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9.30am

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## Farmers' Market

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May 16

Jul 18

Sept 19

Nov 21

10am - 2pm

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