



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Mothering Sunday**

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

**St Hugh's**

11.00am Parish Communion

**Thought for Today**

**'The Mothering Heart of God and our call to reflect this.'**

The phrase 'the mothering heart of God' is used to refer to certain characteristics of God's love which were traditionally thought to be reflected in the way mothers act with their children. But, of course, you don't have to be someone's mother in order to show them this kind of love. Furthermore, the characteristics of the 'mothering heart of God' can be shown by both men and women. Finally, human parents all sometimes struggle to follow the perfect example of how God mothers us in the way they parent their children.

God's love for us is, amongst other things, nurturing, loyal and comforting. The story of the birth and childhood of Moses gives examples of people reflecting this love in their choices and actions. Moses' mother selflessly ensured that he would be nurtured into the man God wanted him to be by allowing him to be adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter. Miriam, Moses' sister, showed loyalty to her brother and mother by bravely intervening to ensure that Moses could be nursed by his own mum. Finally, as soon as the Pharaoh's daughter saw Moses she wanted to comfort him because he was crying.

We can think of many ways in which we can nurture, comfort and be loyal to others. Whilst we do this, we can give thanks to God for those who have, and continue to, show the 'mothering heart of God' in their care for us.

*Katherine Vacher-Day*

## **Bible Readings and Hymns:**

**Old Testament:** Exodus 2:1-10

**Gospel:** John 19:25b-27

### **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

Preaching Katherine Vacher-Day

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

Presiding: Revd Canon Ander Shipton

Preaching: Katherine Vacher-Day

#### **6.30pm Evening Prayer with address on 'the Heart of the Gospel' by Revd Malcolm Railton**

**Psalm 31:1-16 Hymns 54, 357, 333**

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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**

**We welcome Rosie and Tabitha** from the Guides who will be reading at the 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service this morning.

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**We welcome the Revd Malcolm Railton**, as our preacher at Evening Prayer today. He will be sharing what he sees as 'the heart of the Gospel'.

**Last Sunday we** shared the very sad news of the death of Alex Armitage. A Service of Thanksgiving for Alex will be held on Monday 23rd March at 12 noon at All Saints. We hold Nick, Claire and Tim, and all of Alex's family, in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Please help** by distributing our Holy Week and Easter invitation cards to every home in the parish.

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**Sowing in March** March is a great time to sow seeds for summer crops, annual flowers and herbs - why not try growing some basil, it smells great and is fantastic to cook with. Herbs can be grown on sunny windowsills. It is also a good time for anyone that wants to grow potatoes to buy seed potatoes and chit them, placing them in an egg box in a dry light spot and letting the roots start to grow. *The Eco Group*

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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 the Quaker Meeting House. **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.*

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle will be visiting St Hugh's Church on Thursday, 19th March, from 10:30am to 12:00pm

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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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**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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**Farmers' Market Sat March 21, 10-2. Only 1 week to go!**

**PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

I know how busy we all are but I'm trying my best not to be a pain and asking again if you can help – up to now I've had no offers so if you are thinking about it, please can you tell me as soon as you can otherwise, I'm afraid I'll need to cancel some of our own stalls.

- Our Garden stall run by Ann Elliott at this market would ideally like a helper 10 -11:30 and another 11:30 – 1:00. If you can help but for less time, either way, please get in touch with Ann or myself as soon as possible. We also need lots of plant donations, in fact anything appropriate including hand gardening tools.
- 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 (whilst you listen to the live music and perhaps enjoy a coffee/drink)?

It's hard to try to grow the market especially with many traders going out of business in the current climate (remember, for the benefit of All Saints and its mission). If you feel you can make a small donation of time, a plant, a raffle prize, anything, please contact me (or Marian Cave) as soon as possible. I hope to be at church this Sunday.

**Thank You!** *Diana Lavín*

## **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-](https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly-2026?nowrapper=true&referrer=&source=)

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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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**Mowing the Church Green**, side lawns and Garden of Remembrance normally resumes in April - weather permitting - and continues through to the end of October, unless there's a prolonged spell of warm, dry weather. The lawn mowers are currently with Walkergate and Parkside for their annual servicing, deep clean and blade sharpening, and will be returned shortly. Please be assured that the spaces around the newly-planted saplings and beech whips will be mowed with extreme care. *Keith Davies*

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## **Lecture: "How we keep going in turbulent times: figuring out where we're useful for peace" - Tuesday 21st April 2026**

Northumbria Conflict Resolution Network have organised a talk by Rachel Julian on Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7.00 pm at Newcastle Meeting House.

Rachel Julian is Professor of Peace Studies at Leeds Beckett University. Rachel researches, teaches and works on nonviolence, unarmed civilian peacekeeping, peace and conflict. She has over 30 years experience in resistance and peacebuilding, including UK and international NGOs and community organisations. Everyone welcome.

You can reserve a seat via this link: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1983194615481](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1983194615481)

*Northumbria Conflict Resolution Network*

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**There are many** good plays coming up at the People's Theatre, but 'The Unfriend' has had particularly good reviews in other parts of the country. It's showing at the end of April/beginning of May - any interest if I were to book seats for Thursday 30th April? Let me know. *Ann Cross*



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You may have seen information in the press this week about the big plastic count. Some members of the congregation have blue bags to help with recycling soft plastics but for others most of the big supermarkets have a collection where you can take your soft plastic to be recycled. As you know we have been asking members of the congregation to think about the environment during Lent and this is an excellent way of reducing waste that is going to land fill. *The Eco Group*

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## News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Adam Romanis is leading worship today
- 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.

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## 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.



We have **21** supporters raising free donations for All Saints Church Gosforth every time they shop online, and you can join in too!

Sign up to support them on #easyfundraising and over 8,000 retailers will make a donation on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Every donation will help us.

Please sign up today and they could win a £250 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/all-saints-church-gosforth>

## Mission of the Month for March

**Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe**, an international project with UK-based support, working in a country with much poverty. This is our 14th year of support, and the yearly update from Dr Carolyn Rigby is always well received.

[fmh.org.uk](http://fmh.org.uk)

## 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>

## 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 Tuesdays** from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you all. *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.*

## 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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<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Louise Waugh	0191 213 0450	post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk



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# EVENING PRAYER IN LENT



Photo by Anthony McKenna

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



## All Saints Gardening Group

The gardens at All Saints are a quiet oasis in a busy city currently looked after by a small group of volunteers, we are looking for more people to join us - hot drinks and cakes are provided!

We have tools, are happy to give training and usually work for a couple of hours at a time - though any help is always gratefully received. We also plan to develop the gardens including planting more wild flowers.

The date of the next gardening morning will be posted on the WhatsApp Gardening Group and published in the newsletter. If you would like to be included in the WhatsApp group please send an email to All Saints Office.

Contact [post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)





# PALM SUNDAY

**29th March 2026**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**9.30am** Palm Sunday Service

**3.00pm** Holy Communion in the Centre

**6.30pm** Stations of the Cross



**Organ Recital for International Organ Day 2026**

**All Saints Church, Gosforth, NE3 4ES**

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>: 12 noon**

**Given by Myles Hartley, PhD, FRCO**