



Sunday 22nd March 2026
Passion Sunday

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

The story of Jesus raising Lazarus in today's Gospel begins with the deep concern of Mary and Martha as their brother lies dying, and with the surprising delay of Jesus despite his close friendship with them. When Jesus finally arrives in Bethany, Lazarus is already dead, and both sisters express their grief and disappointment, while Jesus himself is deeply moved and weeps. At the tomb, despite the fear and doubt of those present, Jesus calls Lazarus out of the grave and restores him to life. This moment, which we reflect upon on Passion Sunday, reveals both the depth of human grief and Jesus' promise that he is "the resurrection and the life," showing that God's life-giving power is stronger than death. Yet the miracle also leads the authorities to plot against Jesus, highlighting the irony that the one who brings life will soon face suffering and death as he goes toward Jerusalem.

Andrew Shipton

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will begin the 9.30am service in the Parish Centre.

Bible Readings and Hymns:

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Hymns

Processional	Green 415	O for a thousand tongues to sing
Gradual	Brown 14	An upper room did our Lord prepare
Offertory	Green 137	Come down, O love divine
Communion	Green 342	Breathe on me, breath of God
Recessional	Green 439	Praise to the holiest in the height
Anthem	Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake - Hilton	

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 with address on 'the Heart of the Gospel' by Canon Dr Ce Pacitti

Psalm 30 Hymns 86, 92, 95

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 are very sad to report the death of Daphne Leyburn, a member of the Evening Prayer congregation for many years. May Daphne rest in peace and rise in glory.

This evening at Evening Prayer, we welcome Canon Dr. Ce Pacitti, who will reflect on what she sees as the heart of the Gospel. Ce serves as the Continuing Ministerial Formation Officer for the Diocese.

Advisers from The Newcastle Building Society will be sharing tips on how to manage scamming during Coffee and Conversation in the Centre tomorrow from 10:30 to 11:00 am.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Alex Armitage will be held tomorrow 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.

All are welcome for the Churches Together devotions and Lent Soup Lunch at All Saints on Wednesday, 25th March at 12:00 noon, beginning in the church.

Our love and very best wishes to Margaret Patterson as she celebrates her 90th birthday on Saturday 28th March. Many congratulations Margaret and may you enjoy many more happy and healthy years ahead.

Farmers' Market Sat March 21.

Thank You! to those who created the pitch plan, erected the banners, laid out the furniture in church, affixed the streetlamp-post signs, created ads and turned up to help our own stalls on the day. More details to follow asap.

Diana Lavín, Marian Cave

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

Please check the poster at the back of this news sheet for Holy Week and Easter service details.

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*

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 or ask Louise to order a copy.

Easter Flowers Donations towards the cost of the Easter Flowers would be very much appreciated and can be passed to the Churchwardens. *Pat Spong*

There will be no Messy Church on Sunday, 29th March, but there will be a service for young people on Good Friday at 10 a.m., followed by hot cross buns.

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=)

[2026?nowrapper=true&referrer=&source=](https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly-2026?nowrapper=true&referrer=&source=) or contact Andrew Cole on 07949523016/email ac07949@gmail.com

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.

Would anyone be interested in watching Pasolini's film The Gospel According to St Matthew on Good Friday at 7.15 in the upstairs room? It's in Italian with English subtitles but we know the plot! Can you let me know by Monday 30th March as, if not enough people are interested it won't go ahead. Please contact Ruth.

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*

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

Northumbria Conflict Resolution Network

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*



The Eco Group are trying to find out about areas where members of the congregation are helping to improve our environment. If you have a hedgehog in your garden that you feed/care for, or other visiting wildlife please could you let us know by either filling in a slip of paper beside the Eco box in Church or by texting Felicity on 07783131518

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Adam Romanis is leading worship today
 - 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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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

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** will be taking a break on 31 March & 07 April and will reconvene in the Upper Room on 14 April thanks to Moira Flanagan. *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

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JOIN US FOR

EVENING PRAYER IN LENT

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

22nd February
Katherine Vacher-Day

1st March
Revd Paul Baker

8th March
Revd Bill Miller

15th March
Revd Malcolm Railton

22nd March
Dr Ce Pacitti



Photo by Anthony McKenna

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



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





Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday 29th March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Procession of Palms and Eucharist
- 3.00pm Holy Communion in the Centre
- 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

- 7.30pm Compline - a reflective service

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

- 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

- 10.00am Children's Service
- 11.15am Act of Witness at Trinity Church
- 2 – 3pm The Final Hour

Holy Saturday 4th April

- 8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day 5th April

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Organ Recital for International Organ Day 2026

All Saints Church, Gosforth, NE3 4ES

Saturday April 25th: 12 noon

Given by Myles Hartley, PhD, FRCO