



Sunday 8th March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
11.30am Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evening Prayer

St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

Last week we read about Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus and today we meet the Samaritan woman. Nicodemus was a pillar of the Jewish establishment and highly respected whereas the Samaritan woman is a marginal figure being a Samaritan, a woman and married several times but Jesus treats them both with equal respect and offers them what will be life-giving though this is described in terms that they find confusing, trying to understand being born again and living water in literal terms.

Throughout the conversations Jesus perceives clearly what each of them most needs and these exchanges demonstrate something of what is necessary when coming to faith i.e. being ready to be vulnerable and open to change and being honest about our own lives. In the conversation with the Samaritan woman Jesus also shows himself to be vulnerable and in need of help from her.

The woman's neighbours are initially convinced by what the woman says but really come to faith when they meet Jesus for themselves. It's our experience that matters, not simply what we are told. In the end the crucial choice is whether we are ready to accept the living water or would prefer to stay with the Israelites in the desert and complain of thirst - and did Jesus ever get his drink?

Ruth Birnie

Bible Readings and Hymns:

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

New Testament: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Hymns

Processional	Booklet page 19	Lord God, your love has called
Gradual	Brown 24	Be still, my soul
Offertory	Brown 66	From heaven you came
Communion	Green 445	Rock of ages, cleft for me
Recessional	Brown 292	Will you come and follow me
Anthem	O taste and see - Vaughan Williams	

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 Ruth Birnie

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6.30pm Evening Prayer with address on 'the Heart of the Gospel' by Revd Bill Miller.

Psalm 40 Hymns 463, 303, 437

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, 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 for Holy Baptism Madeleine Ferguson and Ava-Mae Hartley-McEvoy today at 11.30am.

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*



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

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be tomorrow 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.

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

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

Next Sunday, Mothering Sunday, we will begin distributing our Holy Week and Easter invitation cards to every home in the parish.

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*

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 St Charles 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.*

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.

Farmers' Market Sat March 21, 10-2. Only 2 weeks to go!

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We are expecting min x20 traders indoors and out, but our own stalls (a priority) need input:

- 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 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-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.

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

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today
- We welcome for Holy Baptism at 12noon today at St Hugh's Somayeh Farajigharehghani and Rosha Rahsepar
- 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 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

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.*

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

Vicar of All Saints and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's Rest Day: Saturday	Andrew Shipton	284 5540	andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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Churchwarden	Dana Corso	07909 456577	Dana.corso@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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Mothersing Sunday

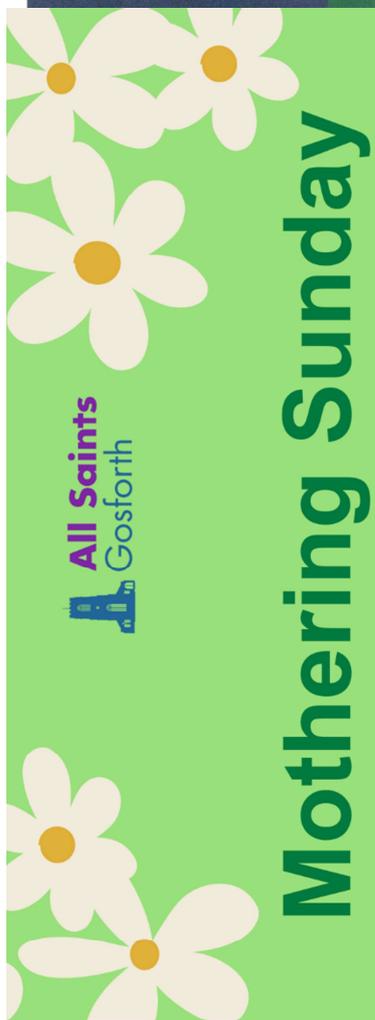
15th March 2026

at

9.30am

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OF FLOWERS

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West Avenue,
Gosforth, NE3 4ES



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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

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

Farmers' Market

Save the Date!

Mar 21

May 16

Jul 18

Sept 19

Nov 21

10am - 2pm

All Saints Church
West Ave/Linden Road
NE3 4ES

"Fresh & Local, That's Your Market!"