



**Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
3.00pm	Messy Church in the All Saints Centre
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

At St Hugh's

11.00am	Parish Communion
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Thought for today

In the Church year, this is Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a familiar image for Jesus, and is, arguably, quite straightforward to understand. For example, in our reading from John's Gospel this morning, Jesus says that the shepherd 'calls his sheep by name,' showing that Jesus loves and knows each one of us individually.

However, in verses 7-10 of the passage, Jesus focuses in on a more challenging metaphor: he is 'the gate for the sheep.' This shows that he opens up the way to God. But how does the fact that a gate can also be closed fit with who Jesus is? Does he want to keep some people out of God's fold? Absolutely not! He 'closes' the gate in the sense that he provides security and refuge, and wants us to stick together as a distinctive community in his love. However, as our reading from Acts this morning shows, he is keen to add to the number entering through the gate 'day by day'!

Our challenge as a church is to ensure that our words and actions never give the impression that we are a closed, exclusive 'club' for the morally perfect! God offers everyone, without exception, an open way to life with him - to 'abundant' life - through Jesus.

Katherine Vacher-Day

Bible Readings

New Testament: Acts 2:42 to end

New Testament: 1 Peter 2:19 to end

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Hymns

Processional	Green 332	All hail the power of Jesu's name
Gradual	Brown 170	Loving Shepherd of thy sheep
Offertory	Green 263	All creatures of our God and King
Communion	Brown 164	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Recessional	Green 427	O praise ye the Lord
Anthem	From the rising of the sun - Ousley	

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

Preaching Katherine Vacher-Day

9.30am Parish Communion

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3.00pm Messy Church in the All Saints Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Psalm: 29:1-10 Hymns: 420, 415, 467

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 - Thursday 8:45am Morning Prayer, south porch entrance

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in Church

Notices

The PCC will meet today in the Upper Room at 10:45 am to approve the audited Annual Accounts for 2025, ready for the Annual Meetings.

Please check the revised Electoral Roll to ensure you are included on the list.

Messy Church meets today at 3 p.m. in the Centre, with the theme of the parable of the Lost Sheep.

This evening at 6:30 p.m., there will be Choral Evensong featuring an anthem from the choir

We commend Mary Finkill into God's care praying for Paul, Sue and all the family.

Tyne & Wear Citizens Election Assembly Tuesday 28th April 6-8pm Newcastle Cathedral

Join me this Tuesday at the Cathedral for an important Citizens event.

This is a great opportunity to hear candidates from all the main parties commit to addressing key issues affecting our city, including Community Safety, Dentistry, and the Cost of Living—topics that many across Newcastle have highlighted as especially important.

With the potential for significant change in the leadership of our city council at this election, this event couldn't be more timely. Find out more and sign up via Improve. You can get more info' and sign up on <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-newcastle-local-elections-assembly/>

Andrew

Recycling of blister packs: many thanks to all of you who keep bringing these in. Due to the amount we collect there is now a grey bin in the south porch, so they can go in there rather than in the box which was on top of the cupboard.

Please be aware - blister packs are NOT recycled by the Council, so if you put them in your blue bin they are taken out and go into landfill, which you probably agree is not the best option.

Ann Cross (on behalf of the Eco Group)

Mowing has resumed and - complementing the work of the Eco and Gardening Groups - will now continue (weather permitting) until October. The Green is in a good state, and the new drainage scheme is proving very effective. Currently in flower around the edges of the Green - marsh marigolds, dog violets, celandine, bugloss, common speedwell, and wild garlic. *Keith Davies.*



The Film Group meets on Friday 1st May in the Upper Room, All Saints Centre, from 6.30pm if you are bringing food, Film begins at 7.15pm. **All The President's Men** In the Westgate Building, lights go on and four burglars are caught in the act. That night triggered revelations that drove a U.S. President from office. Washington reporters Bob Woodward (Robert Redford) and Carl Bernstein (Dustin Hoffman) grabbed the story and stayed with it through doubts, denials and discouragement. *All the President's Men* is that story. The film won four 1976 Academy Awards and also explores a working newspaper, where the mission is to get the story – and get it right

Please see the poster inviting you to experience 4 powerful films - Burma's Fight for Freedom and Democracy Friday 1st May 6.30 - 9pm. Tickets:

<https://www.starandshadow.org.uk/programme/event/burmas-fight-for-freedom-and-democracy,9270/>

Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 3rd May** 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*

A Thanksgiving Service for Daniel Rabindranath Parakrama Hettiaratchi will be held in church on Wednesday, 6th May at 11am.

The annual meeting for All Saints will take place on Sunday, May 10th, at 10:45 a.m. in the Centre. **To give us all time to discuss plans and news we will be having a Bring and Share Picnic Brunch. Please let us know or sign on the sheet at the back of church if you can bring savoury items for a finger buffet - cheese scones, small sausage rolls, mini tomatoes, quiches, etc.** Thank you! *Social Committee*

Hands on Deck, please! We are holding a 2-hour concert given by the City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir on Sat 9th May at 7pm. Months ago they suggested setting up a fundraising concert **specifically for us, with all proceeds going to our church!** This is a rare and most generous offer! The concert will be free (giving us a bigger audience than if ticketed) with donations welcome. They have asked members of All Saints to add donations to a raffle they are setting up. Please consider lending a hand on this, many hands make light work.

Could you: Welcome people at the door? Hand out flyers for the concert programme & Farmers' Markets? Tell friends & neighbours? Offer a raffle prize? Prepare or serve refreshments before the concert? Or during the interval? Distribute flyers to useful venues? Help clear up? *Please let Ros Place know if so!! Thank you!*

Beyond the Headlines – Refugees and Asylum Seekers Join us on **Tuesday 12 May, 7–9 pm** at **St Charles Parish Centre, Gosforth** for an evening of listening, learning, and reflection on the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in Newcastle and beyond. The event will include lived experiences, local perspectives, and factual insight. **Refreshments from 6.45pm.** Advance booking preferred: asylumnewcastle2026@outlook.com

All Saints Centre Upgrade Drop-in There will be a drop-in session for anyone wishing to get more involved with the planned upgrade to the All Saints Centre at **1900-20.30 on Friday 15th May in the Columba Room.** More details about the renovation plans will be shared at the AGM on Sunday 10th May so the drop-in will be an ideal time - following on from that - for anyone wishing to get more involved to find out how they can help. Please just turn up if you're interested. There will be wine and nibbles! *Felicity, Dana and Claudia.*



All Saints Church has just been awarded the Eco Church Silver Award. Many congratulations to the Eco group for their hard work on the application. The certificate will soon be on display, and the Eco Church badge will be added to the website. A special celebratory cake will be served on the day of the Annual Meetings!

News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Ruth Birnie 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.

Mission of the Month for April

April: Keeping Families Together in Thailand. Mission partners Elise and John Fletcher who work for CMS, live in a slum, and run a project with the help of Thai case workers and a local church, supporting and equipping overwhelmed adults to improve the lives of children in their care.

churchmissionsociety.org/blog/prayer-news/thailand-keeping-families-together-2/

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 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

The Painting Group meets every Wednesday at 2.00pm in the Upper Room. All welcome.

SING at the **Centre Tuesdays** from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments. Please come and try us out.

Diana Lavín

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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Messy Church

All Saints Gosforth

Sunday 26th April
3.00 - 4.00pm
in the
All Saints Centre
West Avenue, NE3 4ES

Theme: The parable of the Lost Sheep

The shepherd had 100 sheep, but when 1 got lost, he searched everywhere until he found it!

Join us for a story, crafts and food.

Tel 0191 2130450
for more details

The poster features a bright blue background with white clouds and yellow stars. At the top left is the 'Messy Church' logo in a red splatter. At the top right is the 'All Saints Gosforth' logo with a church icon. The central text is in white and blue. At the bottom, there is a cartoon illustration of a shepherd in a blue robe holding a staff, a small white sheep in the foreground, and another sheep on a hill in the background.



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