



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**  
**Trinity Sunday**

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**

Trinity Sunday is not likely to be any preacher's favourite occasion given the complexity of discussion on this subject in the past. In the early centuries of the Church there were heated (and often violent) exchanges as theologians struggled to capture the essence of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to come up with what we now recite every Sunday in the Creed.

If we were doing it again from scratch now we might well come up with something entirely different but any attempt to pin God down in words (or pictures) is bound to be inadequate as ultimately God is greater than anything we can describe or fully comprehend.

God as seen in the Old Testament primarily as Creator often intervenes directly in human affairs in dramatic ways and can be terrifying as well as awe inspiring. If that was the only picture of God we had we might find it difficult to relate to him personally. With Jesus we see the human face of God and can relate to one who shares our human experience but if that was the only picture we had we might regard Jesus as merely human and miss any transcendent awareness. With the Holy Spirit we can actually experience the divine within us available to all at all times and in all places to carry forward the mission of the church. So these different perceptions of God can help to reflect our whole experience.

Most importantly, the doctrine of the Trinity reveals that God exists primarily in community and relationship and is a model for the life of the church

*Ruth Birnie*

## **Bible Readings**

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 40:12-17, 27 to end

**New Testament:** 2 Corinthians 13:11 to end

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16 to end

## **Hymns**

**Processional** Green 148 The God of Abr'am praise omit \*

**Gradual** Green 146 Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty

**Offertory** Green 377 Immortal invisible God only wise

**Communion** Brown 215 Peace perfect peace

**Recessional** Green 373 How shall I sing that majesty

**Anthem** God so loved the world – Stainer

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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### **9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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### **3.00pm Messy Church in the Centre**

### **6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Psalm:** 93; 150 **Hymns:** 431, 391, 146

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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.

**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

**Messy Church 3pm today** in the All Saints Centre.

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**We are very** sad to announce that Helga Beatty died last Monday. We give thanks for her life and witness and pray for Stefan, Dietrich, and Monica and the family in their grief.

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**A big THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated to Christian Aid Week.** If you have not yet been able to do so, there is still time. You can leave your envelope (plus donation) on the collection plate or return it to the church office before the end of May. *Thank you*

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**Please update your** phonebook with Tricia's (Caretaker) new contact details:

Email: [asccaretaker@gmail.com](mailto:asccaretaker@gmail.com)

Tel: 07754 367376

Do not use the old telephone number or email address and calls/emails will not be answered.

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**Thank You** for your valuable help towards Farmers' Market #17. It was very much appreciated! There were 10 people in all who made a terrific contribution in some way to the event, whether hammering in banners, hanging posters, drawing plans, marking pitches, prepping items to be sold, manning stalls, brewing coffee for the traders, booking performers, collecting £ whilst keeping people happy and **BIG** thanks to you all.

I think the day went well and a good atmosphere was generated that was appreciated by all. Thank you too, not only to Tricia for setting/clearing up, and Louise for Facebook advertising and printing and Andrew for his support too.

We had 3 regular stalls absent due to medical issues and a sick van but the traders who came were happy overall. Our own Garden stall made £115, and Kitchen recycle circa £100 - very well done! This is where our real monetary success lies, as when the traders have paid their pitch fee, we have no more to gain from them. Perhaps you could think of another albeit occasional own stall we could perhaps run in November? Let me know your suggestions and whilst you're thinking, could you encourage others to help out on market day? Tell them what you did and what the experience was like.

The musicians were popular - did you realise some of them are snapped up by the visiting audience for other events, so we are actually enabling future experiences for them.

'Daft as a Brush' were so happy we'd invited them - they're finding things tough at the moment and were pleased with their cash donations, although the stall didn't sell so much. On July 18 our charity stall will be Newcastle Chronicle Children's Sunshine Fund, and on September 19 I've already booked to host another Macmillan Cafe alongside the market following last year's £400+ success.

Next Market, we'll hopefully have a full stall turnout plus a new flower stall (home grown of course).

Please let me know if you've any stall suggestions for the future.

I'll be sending out a zoom request in the next week via WhatsApp inviting you to a post-market review. I'd be grateful if you can spare 30m or less time to contribute and if you'd like to send me your mobile no if you're interested in participating.

Thank you again, *Diana*

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## Homes for Ukraine – Request for Sponsorship

A local Ukrainian family is seeking help through the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

A young married couple, both aged 24 and currently living elsewhere in Europe, hope to come to the UK so they can be reunited with close family already settled in Newcastle. At present, sponsorship through the Homes for Ukraine scheme is the route available to them.

The couple are described as kind, responsible, respectful, and eager to build a safe and independent life here. What is needed is someone able to offer a spare room for a few months while they settle, find work, and arrange longer-term accommodation.

The government currently provides financial support to sponsors, and practical support with the process would also be available locally.

If you feel you may be able to help, or would simply like to know more about what sponsorship involves, please get in touch with Andrew.

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Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 7th June** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be dining alone, or would just enjoy some good company, please do come and join us. We look forward to seeing you. *Pauline Gallacher*

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**The next Mothers' Union** meeting will be on Monday 8th June at 2.00pm in the parish centre. Short service, updates, fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is always welcome to come along and join us - no need to be a member. *Pam Taylor, Branch Leader.*

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**Volunteers Week** has been celebrated in the UK since 1984, and this year runs from 2nd - 8th June. The week acts as a focal point for volunteer recognition and recruitment, highlighting the enduring importance of giving back to the community.

At All Saints many members of the congregation are heavily involved in voluntary activities, from roles with the church and other local and national organisations to looking after those in their community who may need help, for example with shopping or gardening.

Do take a moment to look at our 'button picture' in the north porch, read a little about why this is week is important to us, and remember in our prayers those who give so much of their time and skills to help others and support vital causes in their communities.

*Ann Cross*

P.S. This coming week at All Saints a group of us will start to repaint the railings that border the Garden of Remembrance. If you would like to join us please speak to me!

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There will be a **Pray for Peace** event for women and children (men accompanying their families are welcome) at St. Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond, on Saturday, 13th June at 2:30 pm. The event is organised by Christian and Muslim women and will feature readings from the Bible and Quran, followed by refreshments in a nearby parish hall. For more information please email [interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk)

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**SING** at the **Centre** (from 2:15 Tuesdays).

Our singers will lead two 'Memory Reflection' Community events with Tea and Cake on 23 June at St Hugh's and 30 June at All Saints. There'll be a minimal charge for these ABBA afternoons. (The Eco Group may like to know that we no longer print any music /lyrics and will display the songs via projection at these events.) Further details from June 05.

If you'd like to give a hand with refreshments on either date, please get in touch with me, or any singers you may know. Thank you!

*Diana Lavín*

## Messy Church dates and Themes

31st May Theme: **Pentecost:** Joy and encouragement brought by the Spirit

28th June Theme: **Miracles:** Feeding the 5000

26th July Theme: **Jesus by the Seaside:** Encounters with Jesus by the water



## News from St Hugh's:

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today

### Mission of the Month for May

**May: US Active**, a North-East charity founded by a former member of our choir, Dr Mary-Jane Tacchi, to provide support and opportunities for young people with, or at risk of developing mental illness, to help them identify and achieve personal goals.

[www.usactive.org.uk](http://www.usactive.org.uk)



**Win a £1,000 donation for All Saints** throughout May, just by doing your usual TESCO shop OR shop with [Tesco or F&F Clothing online](#) and you're in the

prize draw. Every qualifying shop counts as an entry.

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

## 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 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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**All Saints**  
Gosforth

# Celebrate Pentecost

at

## Messy Church

Join us in the All Saints Centre on  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 3.00-4.00pm

Crafts, food and the story of the  
Holy Spirit coming down

Tel 0191 2130450  
for more details

**Local and International Musicians at  
All Saints Church Gosforth NE3 4ES  
Summer 2026**

**Sun 14 June Church Music Sunday  
hear John Lewis MD + choir pieces at the  
9.30 morning service**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July 1.00pm Italian Classical Guitar  
Duo Giulio Tampalini & Daniele Fabio back  
by popular demand tickets £10**

**Sat 4th July 7pm Concert Felling Male Voice  
& Swingbridge Choirs**

**Sat 18 July 10.00 – 2.00pm Waiting for any  
amateur musicians who'd like to perform in  
church during the Farmers' Market. Please let  
us know!**





# ABBA

# SINGALONG!

YOUR FAVOURITE ABBA HITS



30TH JUNE 2026



SINGALONG FROM 2.30



ALL SAINTS CENTRE,  
NE3 4ES



REFRESHMENTS

