

'The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith'.

**Sunday 5th March 2023**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion

 6.30pm Evening Prayer with address from

 Revd Daniel McCarthy

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**At St Hugh’s**

 11.00am Holy Communion

 4.00pm Family @4

**Thought for Today from the Gospel reading**

Nicodemus is a respected Pharisee and a leader of his people. He is drawn to, but confused by the itinerant preacher Jesus. Nicodemus thought he was already in God’s tribe by being born an Israelite but Jesus tells him that he needs to be ‘born from above’.  Jesus says that Eternal life is not the natural birthright of a nation. It is rather the gift to a people who encounter and are possessed by the generosity of God.  This is an experience of mercy, compassion, love, generosity, and joy which sets them free from all regulation and external conformity.  The Spirit relates to the heart.  Nicodemus had to let go of certainties and to live by faith. We don’t know how he responded to Jesus’ words but later in the Gospel story he advises the Jewish ruling council not to take action against Jesus without giving him a fair hearing (7.45-52), and he reappears at the end of John’s Gospel among those who bury Jesus’ body (19.39). Nicodemus seems to understand in the end.

**Andrew Shipton**

**Readings:**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**New Testament:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Gospel:** John 3:1-17

**8.00am Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**Hymns**

**Processional:** 67 Forty days and forty nights

**Gradual:** 461 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy

**Offertory:**  64 Be thou my Guardian

**Communion:** 215 Peace, perfect peace

**Recessional:** Booklet page 16 Nothing less than love has saved us

**Anthem:**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer with address from Revd Daniel McCarthy**

 **Psalm 135 Hymns 420, 294, 339**

**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.

**We are delighted to** **welcome children into church at the start of the service**. They can go to their group with their leaders after the first hymn and return to be with their parents/carers in time for a blessing at Communion. Children will also be invited show what they have done at the end of the Service.

**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:** www.allsaints-gosforth.co.uk/youtube

We pray for Bishop**Helen-Ann as she prepares for her Installation**on Saturday 22 April at 3pm**as 13th Bishop of Newcastle at St Nicholas Cathedral.**

**Notices**

**Sundays in Lent Evening Prayer at 6.30pm**

A simple form of evening prayer with hymns and 10 minute address on ‘The Christian Gospel in a nutshell for today’.

5th March – Daniel McCarthy

12th March – Syd Connolly

19th March – Miriam Jones

**The Christian Meditation Group** meet today 5th March 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

**The New Website** is now available at [www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](http://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/). If this does not work please clear your web browsing history.

**We are pleased to say that lifts** are again required to church. If you could help on a monthly rota please let the clergy or the office know.



**Happy Birthday this week to**

**Lee Corso (8th)**

**Keeping in Touch** To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please *email*[*h*ttps://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine](https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine) *o*r pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.)

**This year's Lent course** takes as its starting point Rembrandt's painting 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'. Drawing on the work of the 20th-century priest, writer and theologian Henri Nouwen, we will explore the painting, and the Biblical story it is based on, in five sessions: 'The younger son leaves home'; 'The younger son returns'; 'The elder son'; 'The father'; 'Living the painting'. As we study this parable, we are invited to see aspects of our own stories reflected in each of its characters, and learn to love as the father and be loved as the son. If you would like to join a group, please write your name on the sheets at the back of church. It’s not too late.

**All Saints features in the March Diocesan Newspaper** ‘The Link’. Please see page 3

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**We are collecting for the West End Foodbank**: Please leave donations of non-perishable foods at the back of church. The foodbank’s current most needed items are tea, coffee, rice, soup, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and tinned meatballs.

**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.

**We plan to send out a glossy Easter Card to** the homes of the Parish showing all the services and events happening at All Saints over Easter. Children aged 12 and under are invited to design the front picture for the card. The design should show what Easter means to the young person (i.e. you) and relate to the real meaning of Easter. Entries can either be p given to a leader or to a teacher at Archbishop Runcie First School. **Entries should be in by Monday 13th March.**

**An afternoon service** will be held in the All Saints’ Centre on **Palm Sunday, 2nd April** for people who cannot come along to our regular morning services. The service will be followed by tea and entertainment by the Semitones Orchestra. Help will be needed to transport guests, provide cakes, welcome guests and serve tea. if you could offer to help in any way, please sign the list on the table at the back of church or speak with Lesley Atkinson Tel 2847163.

**News from St Hugh’s ...**

* Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
* Family @4 at 4.00pm today
* On Wednesdays during Lent the church will be open for private prayer 4-5pm, with a short service of Evening Prayer at 4.45pm

**Upcoming Events**

**Prayer and Worship**

Sunday Services 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm

Monday - Thursday 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday’s Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church. The church is open for reflection from 10.00am.

**There will be a Open Deanery Synod** (non members as well as members are very welcome) this Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm at St Thomas's in the Haymarket.

**A Service for the burial of ashes of Ronnie Robson is on Friday 10th March at 2.00pm.**

**A Service for the burial of ashes of Doreen Ashworth is on Tuesday 14th March at 3.00pm**

**Coffee and Conversation**. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the 'WARM' Centre at 10.30 - 11.30 am every Monday morning.

**Little Saints on a Tuesday** 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre

**SING** at the **Centre**

Next meeting is Tuesday March **07** from 2:30

Some comments from the pancake participants on the Shrove Tuesday event:

*“Thank you for the pancakes; It was fun; Great songs!”*

**Thank you.**

***Diana Lavin***

**Tuesdays All Saints Centre, 6pm- 7pm (previously known as Evolution)**

Royalz is a space where young people (aged 8 – 13) can step into and discover more about themselves and grow in character and stature through faith-based activities, interactive discussions and healthy friendships. A place where they can come as themselves and add to what and who they already know. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter. *Jaddai*

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**Mothers’ Union** The next meeting is on Monday 13th March at 2.00pm in the main hall. Our guest speaker will be Revd Dr Miriam Jones who well tell us about her journey in faith. Everyone welcome, no need to be a member.

**Mothering Sunday is on March 19th 9.30am** The theme being ***Who cares …***  Please tell friends & neighbours we are looking forward to a Mothering Sunday service on Sunday March 19th at 9.30. Members of our uniformed organisations will be there taking an active part in the service, the second of our new series of All-Age communion services so with something for

everyone!

**The rededication of the Calvary Cross** will be on 26th March at 2.30pm by The Right Reverend Mark Wroe, Acting Bishop of Newcastle.

**We will be welcoming the community** to celebrate the restoration and the beginning of the work on the green and also offering refreshments in the centre after the Service. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

**We need to work out how best to celebrate** the coronation of King Charles.  A party and worship that might go with this is yet to be agreed. Please let the clergy know how we can mark it in style!

**Dates for your diary**

26th March Rededication of the Calvary Cross at 2.30pm

2nd April Palm Sunday

9th April Easter Day

14th April 12 noon Wedding of Robert Matthewson and Sarah Makepeace

15th April Farmers’ Market

**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>

**Thank you for your donations.**

Please note that cash put on the plate goes to our Mission of the Month, money put into the yellow envelopes goes to pay for the work of All Saints.

**Contact Us**

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***Thank you,* for looking at our news today.**

**LENT STUDY GROUPS**

**The Prodigal Son**

During this five-week programme we shall reflect on the course **The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.**

**Monday Afternoon 2.00pm**

First Session 27th February 2023 Last Session 27th March 2023

Venue: 41 Balmoral Terrace, South Gosforth

**Wednesday Evening 7.30pm**

First Session 1st March 2023 Last Session 29th March 2023

Venue: 29 Kenton Road Gosforth

**Thursday Afternoon 2.00pm**

First Session 2nd March 2023 Last Session 30th March 2023

Venue: 9 Elgy Road, Gosforth

**Friday Afternoon 2.00pm**

First Session 3rd March 2023 Last Session 31st March 2023

**Venue: 18 Salters Road Gosforth**

**Holy Week Services at All Saints, Gosforth**

**Palm Sunday 2nd April**

 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 3rd April**

 7.30pm Compline and Address: Insights into Holy Week

**Tuesday 4th April**

 10.15am Holy Communion

 7.30pm Compline and Address: Insights into Holy Week

**Wednesday 5th April**

 7.30pm Compline and Address: Insights into Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday 6th April**

 7.30pm The Eucharist of the Upper Room

**Good Friday 7th April**

 10.00-10.45am Informal Service (followed by Hot Cross buns) in the Centre

 11.15am Act of Witness at Trinity Church

 12.00—3.00pm Three Hours of Devotion led by Revd Bryan Vernon in Church

**Holy Saturday 8th April**

 8.00pm Easter Vigil and lighting of the Easter Candle beginning in the Centre

**Easter Day 9th April**

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion

 6.30pm Choral Evensong

