



# All Saints Gosforth

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
Advent Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion followed by refreshments
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service and illumination of stars followed by mulled wine

For live and recorded services please visit  
[allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](https://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

## At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

## Thought for Today

Why combine a star festival with the marking of Advent in the Church? Advent is a period of anticipation, hope, and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It carries a profound sense of waiting in the darkness for a light to shine. I believe the heavenly spheres remind us that even in the ink-black darkness, light can be found, and with it, mystery and awe.

Stars draw our attention to the vastness of creation, revealing God's immense power and ever-present nature throughout the universe. A star festival during Advent and Christmas offers an opportunity to reflect on the cosmic significance of God's incarnation - His coming to us as a baby. It reminds us of the immensity of the universe and yet the intimate reality of His life among us.

Perhaps, too, from the Christmas story, we are reminded that stars symbolise God's guidance. They reveal that if we are prepared to follow, we can discover His purpose and direction for our lives.

*Andrew Shipton*

**Do come along this evening to see the stars specially illuminated.**

Today we light our first Advent candle. Each candle in the Advent wreath reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. Please join in the prayer:

Lord Jesus, Light of the World,  
Born in David's City of Bethlehem,  
Born like him to be a king:  
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,  
Be king of our lives today



**Old Testament:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**New Testament:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9 to end

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36

**8.00am Holy Communion**

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

**Hymns**

**Processional** Green 9 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

**Gradual** Green 3 Come, thou long expected Jesus

**Offertory** Green 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

**Communion** Green 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Recessional** Newsletter Christ be our light

**Anthem** O thou man

Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service**

**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 very welcome in church, and there is a dedicated Children's Corner at the back, with activities available for them to use there or take back to their pews.

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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.

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**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 to Thursday** 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by the South Porch

**Tuesday's Holy Communion** is at 10.15am in church

## **Christ be our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light!*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light!*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light!*

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light!*

Just before the dismissal the choir will sing the Advent prose

For centuries, it has been a tradition to chant or sing the text known as Rorate Caeli, or the Advent Prose, during services in the Advent season. This beautiful composition weaves together passages from various chapters of the prophet Isaiah. It powerfully expresses the deep longing of the Patriarchs and Prophets- and, symbolically, of the Church for the coming of the Messiah.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity for ever:  
the holy cities are a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house,  
where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen;  
that ye may know me and believe me:

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people,  
my salvation shall not tarry:  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:  
Fear not, for I will save thee:  
for I am the Lord thy God,  
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

## Notices

**Amendments to the newsletter** need to be sent to the office by 11.00am on Thursday.

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**The Star Festival:** we extend our heartfelt thanks to John Lewis and his team for assembling the net, as well as to everyone who contributed by creating stars and helped to display them.

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**The winner of the** Christmas Card Competition is Rosa Eckford aged 5. Congratulations Rosa.

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**Tony and Marilyn** would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent a greetings card to a prisoner of conscience last Sunday. With your help we were able to ensure that each prisoner will receive at least one card.

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**A memorial service** for Margaret Wilkinson is to be held at All Saints on Saturday 14th December at 12 noon. There will be a reception at the Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park to which all are welcome.

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**Help Needed for the** Welcomer Rota and Christmas Eve Carol services: We are struggling to fill the rota for people who are willing to act as Welcomers/Stewards at the 9.30 service each Sunday. It is not a very onerous task, just being there as a friendly, welcoming face to greet people as they arrive whether they are familiar faces or newcomers. Indeed if we had more volunteers, it would be no more than once a month. If you feel that you could do this, please speak to Louise, in the Office, or to Dana or Nick, as Church Wardens.

In addition to this, we must make the annual plea for people to act as stewards at the 4pm or 6.30pm Christmas Eve Carol services. Again, it is not an onerous task but an important one when we know that the Church will be very full. Volunteers please! *Dana Corso, Nick Glover*

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**Work on the organ** has been completed.

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**The next Fellowship Lunch** is today Sunday 1st December at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be eating alone, you are most welcome to join us for a pre-Christmas lunch and some good company. I hope you will be able to join us at this seasonal time of year, and we look forward to seeing you. *Pauline Gallacher*

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**The parish Christmas cards** are ready for posting. Our thanks to those who posted over the last week.

Advent Meditation Monday 2nd December at 2.00pm A series of reflections and meditations, using pictures and music led by Rev Ruth Birnie. All are welcome, in fact invite your friends! Refreshments in the Centre afterwards. Please see poster later in the newsletter.

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**Our next recital is** on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm.

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**Men's Group.** A reminder that the next men's group meeting will be at the County Hotel on the High Street on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 PM. All (men) welcome. paulcross505@gmail.com 07515 825367. *Paul.*

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**Christmas Arts and Crafts** on Saturday 7th December between 2- 4pm; please see the poster on this Newsletter.

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**Piano Concert:** Catch local lad Philip Christian before he leaves for Hamburg in the New Year! Please put 3pm Sunday December 8th in your diaries for a very special free piano concert (donations welcome) in church given by Philip Christian whose family have been in our congregation for years. The programme will include Brahms, Bach, Chopin and lots of Beethoven. Please pass this information liberally on to friends, groups and neighbours. Any volunteers to serve refreshments? Please see poster later in the newsletter. *Ros Place*

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**For Parish Carol Singing** on Tuesday, 10th December, at 6.00pm, we will meet outside the church and visit two care homes and Kenton Lodge. The singing will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the vicarage.

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**The PCC is** seeking a new Treasurer to oversee the church's finances from 1st January 2025. This role builds on the strong foundations established by Fred Carr and the careful work recently undertaken by Chris Bolland. The role is evolving and offers an opportunity to gain deeper insight into the mission and ministry of All Saints. Expressions of interest would be gratefully received by Dana, Nick (the churchwardens), or myself. *Andrew*

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**Food donations** Thank you for continuing to bring in donations for Kenton food bank. The staff always express their heartfelt thanks when we take along another carboot-full. Their most wanted items at the moment are UHT milk, jars of pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes and biscuits. Please remember they can't accept any out of date food. Thank you.

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**Mission of the Month for December** The Ripple Effect have been working on the ground with farming communities in Africa since 1988. Ripple Effect currently has country programmes in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, and works in partnership in Zambia. Their proven approach brings smallholder farmers together to learn more, grow more and sell more. They can feed their families nutritious food, and with a surplus to sell can invest in their farms, send their children to school and build sustainable agri-businesses.

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**Excitement is mounting**, not long to wait, **The Christmas Fair, December 7th, 11am -1pm.**

Contributions to the stalls will be much appreciated. Donations for the bottle stall can be left in the office between 9.30am-12.30, Monday to Friday.



Cakes, pies, jams, chutneys etc. will be very acceptable just prior to December 7<sup>th</sup> or on the day. Please do list the ingredients also indicate an approximate price for the product.

We are also asking for contributions to the garden stall, raffle prizes and gifts.

The church choir will be singing in the church along with other musical entertainment.

Coffee and biscuits will be served and the opportunity to catch up with friends, all

conducive to a happy and enjoyable occasion.

Please do spread the word. **Francine Bain , Valerie Farthing**

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## Regular Meetings

**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.

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**Little Saints Pre-School** Children and Parents Group Tuesdays 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

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**SING** at the Centre: Meeting as usual on **Tuesdays from 2:30** in the Upper Room for refreshments, to start at 2:50. NB 'Eothen' gig on the afternoon of Dec 03. Thank you. *Diana Lavin*

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**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.*

## Christmas Programme at All Saints

<b>ADVENT SUNDAY 1st December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Advent Carols and Illumination of Stars followed by mulled wine
<b>Saturday 7th December</b>	11-1pm	Christmas Fair
<b>Sunday 8th December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	6.00pm	Parish Carol Singing
<b>Saturday 14th December</b>	2.30pm	Space before Christmas - a time to pause, to remember, to pray and to be still
<b>Sunday 15th December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	3.30pm	Christingle service followed by refreshments
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	2.00pm	Carol Singing at Gosforth Shopping Centre
<b>Sunday 22nd December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	2.00pm	'Sing the Christmas Story' - a dress up event for children
	4.00pm	Carol Service
	6.30pm	Carol Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist of Christmas
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Christmas Communion
<b>Sunday 29th December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 5th January</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Epiphany Service followed by French-themed brunch
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

## Upcoming Events

**Our Advent Carol Service** is today at 6.30pm. Do come along to see the stars illuminated and listen to a special piece arranged by John Lewis called *Stars*. Please note that mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Parish Centre following the service.

**The Christmas Fair** is on Saturday 7th December from 11.00 - 1.00pm.

**Family Walk** along Jesmond Dene 29th December

**Trip to People's Theatre** 14th January

**Family Quiz** with Pancakes 1st March

## News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.

## 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>  
*Please note that cash 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. Thank you!*

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## Advent Meditation

All Saints' Church,  
Gosforth

Monday 2nd  
December  
2pm

A quieter service  
of reflection and  
meditation with  
pictures and music

All Welcome!  
Refreshments  
in the Centre  
afterwards.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families  
Division of Women's Work

**All Saints**  
Gosforth

## A Starry Ceiling this

### Advent and Christmas

To mark the beginning of Advent and the lead-up to Christmas, hundreds of stars, planets, and suns will be suspended from a netting across the pillars of our church, illuminated from below.

This display will serve as a reminder of the majesty of the heavens and the light of Christ entering the world.

The installation will be launched at the

### Advent Carol Service on

Sunday 1st December at 6:30 pm.

All Welcome

For further details please contact

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All Saints  
Gosforth

JOIN OUR

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

7th December 2024

11:00am to 1:00pm

All Saints Centre

West Avenue, Gosforth

Admission £2.50

(Includes Coffee/Tea & Biscuit)



## Philip Christian will play...



**Bach, Brahms, the Chopin B minor sonata & Beethoven** piano sonatas op.101 & 109

**Where? All Saints Church NE3 4ES**  
**When? 3pm Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

FREE ENTRY

Any donations would be gratefully received

Musicians keen to play at our free community events please let us know!



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The poster features a festive design with a red and white striped border. On the left, there is a large red ribbon tied in a bow, with several Christmas ornaments (red and green) hanging from it. The text is centered and uses a mix of fonts, including a cursive script for "Christmas" and a bold, sans-serif font for "ART & CRAFTS". The event details, including the date, time, location, and contact information, are clearly laid out in a clean, readable font.



# *Space before Christmas*

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER, 2:30-4:30PM  
SPACE TO PAUSE, REFLECT, REMEMBER, PRAY.

OPENING REFLECTION 2:30-2:45  
TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION 2:45-4:00  
QUIET SERVICE WITH PRAYER, READINGS AND MUSIC 4:00-4:30

ALL WELCOME. DROP IN AND OUT AS YOU LIKE.



# BIBLE Study

## PART TWO

### The Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

Back by popular demand! Five more Wednesday afternoons, starting January 15th, 2pm.

All welcome! Come to all five or drop in as you're able.

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