



Sunday 15th December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| 3.30pm | Christingle |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer |

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

The passage from Philippians 4:4-7, which serves as our Epistle for today, was also chosen by Margaret Wilkinson to be read at her memorial service.

In this passage, Paul calls for constant joy in the Lord—a joy that is not dependent on changing circumstances but rooted in confidence in God's sovereignty and goodness. He encourages us to demonstrate gentleness and patience toward one another, even in times of stress. Paul also urges us to let go of anxiety and not be consumed by worry. Instead, he points us toward a profound peace that surpasses human understanding—a peace that comes from an experience of the Lord that can be found in reading the Bible, receiving the sacrament, and listening to Him in prayer.

Happiness or stability dependent on external factors is fragile. Those who inspire us so often have known an inner source that has kept them going. We give thanks for them and seek to dare to be open to that divine grace which changes everything.

Andrew Shipton

Today we light our third 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, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near:
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.



Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14 to end

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Hymns

Processional Green 5 Hark! a herald voice is calling

Gradual Green 443 Rejoice the Lord is King

Offertory Brown 174 Make way

Communion Booklet page 11 Here is bread, here is wine

Recessional Green 7 Hills of the north rejoice

Anthem The Truth from Above - R Vaughan

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

3.30pm Christingle

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 80:1-7 Hymns: 433, 10, 336

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 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.

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

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church

Notices

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

At 3.30 pm today, we will hold our Christingle service, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All welcome

Special Christmas Coffee and Conversation with festive treats on Monday 16th December at 10.30am for everyone including ALL volunteer helpers. Looking forward to seeing you all. Taking a break for the holidays but will meet again on 6th January in the New Year.

All welcome to join Gosforth Central Middle School as we sing carols in the Shopping Centre outside Sainsbury's on Monday 16th December at 2.00pm.

There is a rehearsal for Carol Service Readers on Wednesday 18th December at 6.00pm in Church.

Archibald First School have their Christmas Service in Church on 19th December at 1.30pm.

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.

The Social Committee is organising a Winter Walk for families on Sunday 29th December. More details on poster and at the end of the Newsletter.

Starting from 1st January 2025, Dana Corso, Alison Charliewood, Felicity Shoesmith, with Louise Waugh will manage our finances. This is a short-term arrangement, and we are actively seeking additional assistance. If you know someone with an accountancy background who could help, please get in touch with the clergy. Tom Barber has kindly agreed to take on the role of Fees Treasurer from the New Year. Our heartfelt thanks go to Chris Bolland for all he has accomplished in the role of Treasurer. Andrew

On Epiphany Sunday 5th Jan 2025 we are holding a parish brunch after the 9.30 service marking the arrival of scholarship / wisdom from a foreign country but having baulked at Persia on this occasion we're going with a French theme. Catering is provided - but so far we have not found a baker to bake a galette des Rois. Do we have a candidate to bake one for us, please? Please contact members of the All Together Team if you are willing to help prepare food & drinks on Sunday 5th Jan. You are under no obligation to wear berets & strings of onions but will not be barred if you do. We hope it will be a fine chance to catch up after Christmas festivities!
Felicity Shoesmith, Helen Langley, Ann Cross, Diana Lavin & Rosamund Place

Mens' Group. The next meeting of the Mens' Group will be on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the upper room. Paul Waugh will give an illustrated talk on the work of Newcastle Street Pastors. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbour.

Please see the notice about the Bible Studies on the Psalms in January.

Francine and Valerie want to express one last message about our 2024 Christmas Fair. We both feel relieved that it went well in spite of the weather. And we are both overwhelmingly of the opinion that we could not do it without the help and Goodwill of many many people, both old hands and new people at All Saints some of whom gave over and above their remits. A big thank you to you all!



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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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.*

News from St Hugh's –

Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.

Upcoming Events

Family Walk along Jesmond Dene 29th December at 1.30pm

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Trip to People's Theatre 14th January

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Family Quiz with Pancakes 1st March

Christmas Programme at All Saints

Sunday 15th December

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
3.30pm Christingle service followed by refreshments
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 16th December

2.00pm Carol Singing at Gosforth Shopping Centre

Sunday 22nd December

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Christmas Communion

Sunday 29th December

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
1.30pm Family Winter Walk
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th January

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Epiphany Service followed by French-themed brunch
6.30pm Evening Prayer

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!

Contact Us

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH
GOSFORTH

FAMILY
Winter Walk

Sunday 29th December

A gentle stroll along
Jesmond Dene to blow
away the cobwebs!

Meet outside Millfield
House Cafe 1.30

Scavenger Hunt for Children

for further details please contact
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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. For more information, contact:

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