



Sunday 22nd December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

Advent Challenge, Christmas Gift

Last Sunday, reflecting on the message of John the Baptist, the Vicar spoke to us of the work of repentance. Very necessary in Advent, and all too easily squeezed out. We can't be serious about the Kingdom of God, without acknowledging our need for change and transformation. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with ME!" How can we expect to receive God's gifts, without making space for the Lord in our hearts and communities?

But today there's a change of gear. We turn from the severe demands of John to the blessedness of Mary. Jesus comes to her out of the blue, as a pure unearned gift. Mary forbids us to be snooty about the throngs who will flock to Carol Services but who never come any other time. Soon there will be the joy of those who get just what they want for Christmas. Better still, the delight of those who receive surprises they didn't expect. And these will be true expressions of the Magnificat in children's faces and many a worn out heart.

Of course Mary ("full of grace," according to Gabriel) and John (whose name, communicated by Gabriel, means "God is gracious") are not strangers to each other. With the coming of Christ, the prophecy of the Psalm is fulfilled: "Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Our repentance may be half hearted, but the reward is Christ, who does not do half measures

Adam Romanis

Today we light our fourth 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,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours:
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your
children who long for your coming.



Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

New Testament: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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Hymns

Processional Green 11 O come, O come Emmanuel

Gradual Brown 249 The Angel Gabriel

Offertory Green 186 Tell out my soul, the greatness

Communion Brown 274 (Wait for the Lord (Taize))

Recessional Brown 122 I the Lord of sea and sky

Anthem A Great and Mighty Wonder - M Praetorius

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 145:17 to end **Hymns:** 297, 52, 339

All Saints

Christmas Eve

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The clergy and staff thank you for your Christmas cards and wish all a very joyful Christmas and very Happy New Year.

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: 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by South Porch

There is no Tuesday Holy Communion this week

Notices

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

Decorated bottles: there are still some of these decorated and illuminated bottles left, they make good Christmas decorations - and presents as well! They will be on sale in the Hall after the 9.30 am service on Sunday, and donations will be given to the mental health charity MIND.

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 Shoemith, Helen Langley, Ann Cross, Diana Lavin & Rosamund Place

Men's Group: Street Pastors is a church-based charity whose volunteers play a vital role in keeping people safe when they enjoy a night out in the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights. Between 10.00 pm and 4.00 am they support those who have become vulnerable due to alcohol or drugs, work closely with the police and other organisations, and generally help to maintain the safety of both individuals and the city in general. Their co-ordinator, Paul Waugh, is coming to speak to our Men's Group on Wednesday 8th January at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room. For further information please contact Paul Cross at paulcross505@gmail.com or 07515825367

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

The following meetings are planned for January

- Youth Committee: Monday, 13th January at 7.30pm in the Columba Room.
- Safeguarding Committee: Tuesday, 14th January at 7.30pm in the Columba Room.
- All Saints PCC: Wednesday, 15th January at 7.15pm in the Upper Room.
- St Hugh's PCC: Sunday, 19th January at 11.45am.
- Meeting of Leaders of the subcommittees of the All Saints PCC: on Friday, 24th January at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

Regular Meetings

Coffee and Conversation returns on 6th January.

Little Saints Pre-school Group returns on 7th January.

Sew, knit & Natter returns on 8th January.

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
- There are Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- There will be no Sunday Service at St Hugh's on Sunday 29th December.

Upcoming Events

Family Walk along Jesmond Dene 29th December at 1.30pm

Trip to People's Theatre 14th January *And then there were None – Agatha Christie.*

There will be a Family Quiz with Pancakes 1st March at 6.30pm

Christmas Programme at All Saints

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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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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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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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9.30am Christmas Communion and Praise



Epiphany Service

5th January 2025

at

9.30am

followed by French-themed brunch

