



Sunday 29nd December 2024
First Sunday of Advent

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

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At St Hugh's

There will be no Sunday Service at St Hugh's today

Thought for Today

Today's lectionary readings fit well together – accounts of two boys dedicated to God's service from birth and growing into fulfilling their vocations, both with mothers who had to make sacrifices and to let them go to carry out their vocations. Yesterday we marked the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, sadly still the fate of many children in that part of the world with the grief that causes to their parents.

It's striking how stories from the Old Testament are in the background of many New Testament accounts and it's more than likely that the story of Samuel was in Luke's mind when he wrote his account of the young Jesus in the Temple.

Another interesting connection is between the reference to Samuel's mother making him "a little robe" each year – obviously a larger size – and the invitation to the Colossians to "clothe yourselves" with the qualities that Jesus demonstrated in his life. This is an invitation to us hopefully, like Samuel, to grow in understanding as we continue on our Christian journey.

Ruth Birnie

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Luke 2:41 to end

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching Revd Ruth Birnie

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Adam Romanis

Preaching Revd Ruth Birnie

Hymns

Processional Green 33 Of the Father's heart begotten

Gradual Green 28 In the bleak mid-winter

Offertory Green 42 While shepherds watched their flocks

Communion Green 25 God rest you merry, gentlemen

Recessional Green 29 It came upon the midnight clear

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 123 **Hymns:** 39, 333, 29

There is no Morning Prayer or Tuesday Holy Communion this week

Sunday 5th January 2025

Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion - Epiphany
followed by French-themed brunch
6.30pm Evening Prayer

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for today

Today we celebrate the Epiphany. This title comes from the Greek word meaning 'showing forth' or 'revealing'. Many of the Jews believed that Christ would only be for their own Nation: they were the chosen people and no other. Today we hear how non-Jews recognised Jesus. And having worshipped Christ, the Magi returned to their own country by another route. This suggests not just a new geographical route, but a new mentality. Having met Christ and heard his Gospel, we too will travel through life by a different route. We will have different attitudes, different values different goals. St Paul also tells us that God has revealed his secret plan to us. It is that God sent his Son to be not just Saviour of the Jews but Saviour to all peoples and a light to the nations. We are to make Christ 'manifest' in our day.

Andrew Shipton

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching Revd Dr Miriam Jones

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 96; 97 **Hymns:** 49, 47, 36.

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

Week beginning 5th January Monday – Thursday 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by the South Porch.

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am

Notices

The Parish Office is closed until 6th January.

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

Mission of the Month for January St Paul's Community Partnership in Willington Quay. The aim of the Partnership is to enable Willington Quay to be a better place in which to live and work, for the flourishing of the community in this very deprived area through offering different groups, resources and help through the centre.

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.

Faith at 4 phase 2. All welcome to join us at 4.00pm on Sunday 26th January for a special Faith @4 looking back on 2 years of exploring faith together and forward to imagine what Faith @4 could be in the future. There will be cake. If you would like to send any thoughts, comments, memories, photos ahead of time please send them to Miriam.jones@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk.

The following meetings are planned for January

- Youth Committee: Monday, 13th January at 7.30pm in the Columba Room.
 - Safeguarding Committee: Tuesday, 21st 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.
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The first Fellowship Lunch of the New Year is on Sunday 12 January 2025 at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be eating alone, you are most welcome to join us for a light lunch and some good company. I hope you will be able to join us at the beginning of the New Year, and we look forward to seeing you. *Pauline Gallacher*

Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This will be held at St Charles RC Church on Sunday, 19th January at 6.30pm.

Regular Meetings

Coffee and Conversation in the Centre **returns on 6th January** 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 Group **returns on 7th January** Tuesdays 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

Sew, Knit and Natter returns on 8th January. 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 –

- Invited to All Saints Church on 29th December.
- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship on 5th January

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

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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Epiphany Service

5th January 2025

at

9.30am

followed by French-themed brunch



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
post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
0191 2130450

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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