



Sunday 12th January 2025
The Baptism of Christ

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

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At St Hugh's

11.00am	Parish Communion
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Thought for Today

The story of Jesus' baptism appears in all four Gospels and marks a significant starting point in his life. It is the moment when he begins his mission and receives assurance and affirmation from his heavenly Father.

The scene is humble, taking place at a river in a remote location, witnessed by ordinary people. God does not choose a grand announcement but speaks quietly in this simple setting. His words affirm Jesus, not for what he has done or will do, but for who he is: "the beloved." This public declaration must have been a source of great encouragement for Jesus. He would have felt God's closeness, as if God were reaching down, squeezing his hand, and saying, "You will be alright. I am so pleased with you. Now, go for it!"

I like to think that this moment of affirmation and reassurance would have stayed with Jesus as he faced trials in the desert and began his ministry - healing, teaching, and freeing people from their burdens.

Andrew Shipton

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

New Testament: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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 353	Dear Lord and father of mankind
Gradual	Brown 169	Love is His word
Offertory	Booklet page 8	I am the light
Communion	Brown 18	As we are gathered, Jesus is here
Recessional	Brown 66	From heaven you came
Anthem	Torches - John Joubert	

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 46; 47 **Hymns:** 420, 431, Brown 246

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

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in Church

Notices

We were all very saddened last Sunday to hear of the loss of Charles Foister. His funeral will be held at The Northumberland Woodland Burial and Crematorium, Felton, NE65 9QJ, on Monday, 27th January, at 12:30 pm. We pray for Jill, Lawrence, Mary, Joanna, and their families in their grief.

The funeral of Raymond (Ray) Trainer will take place on Thursday, 16th January at 1:30 pm at West Road Crematorium. We remember in our prayers his children, Kevin and Lyn, and his sisters, Val Taylor and Carol Ridley, who are members of the St Hugh's congregation.

Our thanks to Ros and the team who provided the wonderful Epiphany Brunch last Sunday. *Andrew*

Starting from 1st January 2025, Dana Corso, Alison Charliewood, Felicity Shoesmith, Louise Waugh are managing 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*

The first Fellowship Lunch of the New Year is today Sunday 12th 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*

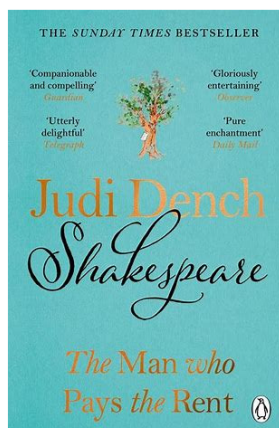
The Mothers' Union meetings resume tomorrow (13th Jan) at 2.00pm in the church centre. Wave of Prayer, AGM, updates and refreshments. Everyone welcome - no need to be a member.

The PCC meets on Wednesday 15th January at 7.15pm One of the main items on the agenda is a consultation, ending at the end of January, on the proposal to end church attendance as a qualification for admission to Archbishop Runcie Church of England First School. With admission based on geographical distance from the school. All Saints, rather than St Nicholas Church, would be most affected by this change. This could mean that families who attend All Saints may not be able to secure a place in the future. The PCC would appreciate your views on this matter. *Andrew*

There will be no Evening Prayer at All Saints on Sunday, 19th January at 6:30 pm. Instead, a united service will be held with the churches of Gosforth to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service will take place at St. Charles Roman Catholic Church at 6:30 pm.

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.



All Saints Book Group January Meeting - Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays The Rent by Judi Dench.

A witty, insightful journey through the plays and tales of Shakespeare. For the very first time, Judi Dench opens up about every Shakespearean role she has played in her seven-decade career, from Lady Macbeth and Titania to Ophelia and Cleopatra. She reveals her behind the scenes secrets; inviting us to share in her triumphs, disasters, and backstage shenanigans, all brightened by her mischievous sense of humour and striking honesty. We will meet to discuss the book on Thursday 30th January at 4pm in Café Nero on Gosforth High Street. We are a friendly, welcoming group and are always keen to have new members. You don't have to commit to read every book but you never know, you might find an unexpected gem!

Advance notice: February's book will be Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry on 27th February.
Karoline Wellborne

The following meetings are planned for January

- Youth Committee: Monday, 13th 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.
- Safeguarding Committee: Tuesday, 21st at 7.30pm in the Columba Room.
- Meeting of Leaders of the subcommittees of the All Saints PCC: on Friday, 24th January at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening 22nd January 7.00pm at St Mary's Catholic School, NE7 7PE. Booking is essential. Telephone 0191 2433316 or email interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

Any empty chocolate boxes? Lids and bases please, for the next Art and Craft session in the Centre on 1st February. Large or small. I'll put a box at the back of church or you can give them to me. Thanks! Please see the poster later in the newsletter for more information. *Ann Cross*

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.

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

SING at the Centre Happy New Year! Meeting again after the Christmas break from Tuesday Jan 14 from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments, to start at 2:50. Thank you. Diana Lavin

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

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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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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THE PSALMS
PRAYERS OF THE HEART
EUGENE H. PETERSON
12 STUDIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS



All Saints Centre, Linden Road, Gosforth

Hello
February!

**Art and Crafts in the
Centre**

2.30 - 4.00 pm

Saturday 1st February

**Make a winter picture -
decorate a candle
holder - enjoy
refreshments - have
fun!**

**(All ages welcome, no
charge)**

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