



Sunday 26th January 2025
Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	Faith @4 in the Centre
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

Here's a little homework exercise you may care to try.

We're coming to the end of the Christmas-Epiphany season, a season of firsts: Jesus appears for the first time on earth to his family (Mary and Joseph) and then the working people of Bethlehem (according to Luke.) He then appears for the first time to the diverse peoples of the world, represented by the Magi (according to Matthew.) At his baptism, he is made known to his first disciples (all four Gospels.) He works his first miracle (according to John.) And today, we hear his first recorded sermon (according to Luke.)

What other "firsts" might it be worth reflecting upon? How about Jesus's first recorded words, in each of the Gospels? Jesus is, after all, the Word made flesh - so these words must be of significance. Begin by taking a while to see if you can remember or work out what Jesus's first recorded words are. Then consult the Gospels to see (if you've got one of those Bibles with Jesus's words in red, that'll make it very easy.) Did you manage to do it out of your head? But if not, don't worry. The most important thing is to consider the context and meaning of those utterances. How do the words and associated stories make you feel? Any surprises? Hopefully so. And there will be many more in store, as we continue to journey with Jesus.

Adam Romanis

Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

Hymns

Processional Brown 258 The Spirit lives to set us free

Gradual Green 377 Immortal, invisible God only wise

Offertory Brown 232 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Communion Brown 22 Be still

Recessional Brown 77 Go forth and tell

Anthem Christ is the World's true light - Stanton

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Psalm: 33 **Hymns:** 52, 49, 368

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

Charles' Foister's funeral service will take place tomorrow Monday 27th January at 12.30pm at :
Northumberland Woodland Burial and Crematorium, Brockenfield Wood, Felton, NE65 9QJ

A live stream of the service can be accessed on the day at the following link

<https://watch.obitus.com>

Username: hajo7352

Pin: 095438

Following the service the funeral reception will take place at:

City of Newcastle Golf Club, Great North Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2DR

For those that wish, in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charles can made on line to the following charities:

The Linda Norgrove Foundation (helping women and children in Afghanistan)

<https://lindanorgrovefoundation.org/donate/>

Maggies (cancer care)

<https://www.maggies.org/get-involved/donate-maggies/>

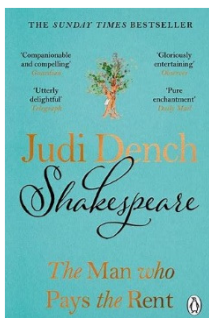
New Eco Group. Following our recent success in applying for a Bronze Eco Church award, we are looking for members of a new Eco Group to help All Saints work towards a Silver award. Interested in finding out more? Join us during coffee after the 9:30 service this Sunday to hear about the Eco Church program and what you can do to help.

Faith at 4 is 2! All welcome to join us at 4.00pm today Sunday 26th January for a special Faith@4 looking back on 2 years of exploring faith together, and looking 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 PCC recently discussed the proposal to end church attendance as a qualification for admission to Archbishop Runcie Church of England First School. Under the proposed changes, admission would be based largely on geographical distance from the school. This change would affect All Saints more significantly than St Nicholas Church and could mean that families who attend All Saints may not be able to secure a place at the school in the future.

We greatly value your input on this important matter. Please email the clergy with your views, which will be shared with the Governors. The consultation period closes on 30th January 2025.

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their comments – there is still time to have your say!



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

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

First Aid at church events. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as the designated First Aider at church events. If you would be willing to be trained for this role and be available to help at various church events throughout the year, please could you let me know via email or text message. PCC is prepared to contribute to the costs, so please don't let this put you off. Details of where and when the training will take place to be determined once expressions of interest have been received. Thank you. *Miriam Jones.*

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*

Our celebration of Candlemas will be next Sunday - 2nd February. This marks the conclusion of the Christmas season as we bid farewell to the stars, Christmas trees, and crib.

There will be a **Sale of Secondhand books** on Sunday 2nd February after the 9.30 am service in the Centre. Please note, we are only able to take cash payments. *The Book Group*

Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 2 February 2025** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be eating alone, please do come and join us for a light lunch and some good company. We look forward to seeing you then. *Pauline Gallacher*

The next Mothers' Union meeting on Monday 10th February (2.00pm in the centre), will be open to anyone who would like to hear Pam Taylor's talk about her recent trip to Dubai. Refreshments and fellowship afterwards. All welcome.

Another trip to the People's Theatre! We've made a provisional booking for 20 seats for *Pygmalion* on Thursday, 20th March at 7.30 pm. Some of these have already been allocated, but if you would like to go please could you contact anncross060@gmail.com
The Social and Events Committee

All Church of England Parishes across the country are required to prepare a **new electoral roll** this year. This means that everyone on the existing roll will need to re-apply in order to be included: names are not automatically carried over onto the new roll.

You will see a notice near the main door of All Saints which is to be displayed at least two months before our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 11th May. During this time anyone leading services is to make an announcement that the new roll is being prepared and all reasonable efforts should be made to contact those on the existing roll so that they are able to re-apply.

Applications are made by filling out the form, available at the back of church. The preparation of the roll needs to be completed by 20th April and the completed roll will be put up near the main door on the 27th April so any corrections can be made.

Community Organising Since November, I have been participating in a national community organising course, with the hope of using this approach, among other things, to encourage church growth. The aim is to further develop a relational culture at All Saints, fostering listening both within the church community and in the wider community, alongside bottom-up planning.

A key aspect of this process involves one-to-one meetings, typically lasting about 40 minutes. In these meetings, each person shares something of their story, passions, significant relationships, and gifts, while also listening to the same from their conversation partner.

Andrew Cole and I will be sharing more about this in the months to come. *Andrew Shipton*

All Saints Receives Eco Church Bronze Award! This award recognizes the steps we have taken as a church to care for God's earth: in our worship and teaching, in how we manage our buildings, energy use, and grounds, in supporting eco initiatives locally and globally, and in promoting sustainable individual lifestyle choices. Eco Church is one of the many ways we are putting "living, thoughtful, caring faith" into action, demonstrating the love of God through care for creation. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this achievement!



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 Tuesdays from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments, to start at 2:50 - 4.00. 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

- There will be a Family Quiz with Pancakes 1st March at 6.30pm
- Trip to the Peoples Theatre to see *Pygmalion* on Thursday, 20th March at 7.30pm

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

Vicar of All Saints and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's Rest Day: Saturday	Andrew Shipton	284 5540	andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
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BIBLE Study

PART TWO

The Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

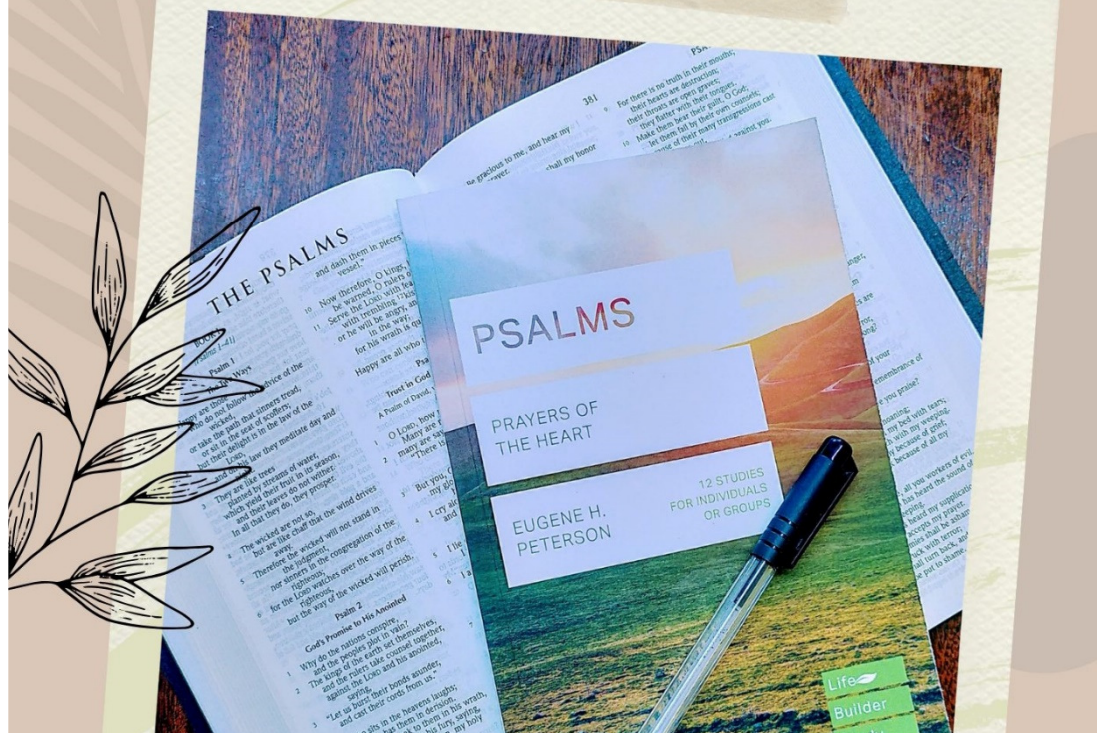
Back by popular demand! Five more Wednesday afternoons, starting January 15th, 2pm.

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

For more information, contact:

Miriam Jones (miriam.jones@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

Claudia Newbegin (claudianewbegin@doctors.org.uk)





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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