



Sunday 16^h February 2025
Third Sunday before Lent

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

Making Humanity Great Again

Today's Gospel follows on perfectly from the message we got from Canon Sue McCormack last Sunday. Her newsletter message was a helpful comment on the readings, but her actual sermon at the Parish Eucharist was full of stories of resilience and transformation in the face of adversity, in an area of significant deprivation. It's a privilege for us at All Saints to be supporting community outreach in her parishes, through our "mission of the month" commitment. St Luke's version of Jesus's famous "Beatitudes", which we shall hear this morning, is more down-to-earth than the better known version in St Matthew's Gospel. The blessings of the Kingdom are not for "the poor *in spirit*" but for "the poor." Not for "those who hunger and thirst *for righteousness*" but for "those who hunger." And to reinforce the point, Luke's four Beatitudes (rather than eight) are followed by four woes: "Alas for you who are rich now," and so-on. Which puts me in mind of Patrick Appleford's hymn:

**O Lord, all the world belongs to you
And you are always making all things new
What is wrong you forgive
And the new life you give
Is what's turning the world upside down**

As we enjoy this period of "Ordinary Time" between Epiphany and Lent, let's remember that "Ordinary" should not mean boring. It's time to live the true and proper ORDER that Christ is forging now and for eternity.

Happy Ordinary Time!

Adam Romanis

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Adam Romanis

9.30am Parish Communion

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Hymns:

Processional 333 All my hope of God is founded

Gradual Brown 196 O Lord all the world belongs to you

Offertory Green 338 At the name of Jesus, every knee

Communion Brown 164 Lord Jesus Christ (living Lord)

Recessional Brown 37 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Anthem View me Lord - Lloyd

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 96 **Hymns:** 52, 342, 472

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

Today, we begin publishing the banns of marriage for Adam Lloyd and Colette Pearson, who will be married at All Saints in April. Our best wishes to them as they prepare for the day.

Peter Brown has been honoured with an invitation from His Majesty King Charles III to receive Maundy Money at Durham Cathedral this Maundy Thursday. These specially minted silver coins are given in recognition of distinguished Christian service to churches and communities. Our congratulations to Peter.

The Winter Edition of Keeping in Touch is now available on our website and there are paper copies at the back of church.

Holy Communion is on Tuesday, 18th February, at 10.15am. The church is warm, offering a space for peace and quiet.

Faith @4 is at 4.00pm in the Centre next Sunday afternoon, 23rd February.

Choral Evensong with a short address is next Sunday at 6.30pm in the church.

Film Night Friday 28th February showing at 7.15pm ***Bruce Almighty*** - please see poster.

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 February Tyneside Welcomes, a local charity run by a small group of volunteers on Tyneside with no single political or faith-based affiliation. Their aim is to take on the responsibility for resettling Syrian refugee families on Tyneside through a Government approved Community Sponsorship scheme.

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!

The next Arts & Crafts workshop, for all ages is in the Centre on Saturday 1st March from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Raid your button boxes! We've had your empty chocolate boxes, now we need buttons. Any colour, any size, but they must have holes in - 2 or 4, it doesn't matter. A tin will be in the baptistery for donations. If anyone would like to come along and help at these sessions please do come forward. You don't have to be particularly 'crafty' but extra pairs of hands are always welcome. The next sessions will be on 1st March and 5th April, after which we have a break until the autumn. Thank you! *Ann Cross - All Together team*

Family Quiz Night with Pancakes! Have you got your ticket yet? Are you part of a team? If not, we can arrange some scratch teams on the night, but why not bring along members of your group - and there are plenty of active groups at All Saints! Or maybe you might like to bring a team from your family? More details on the flier at the end of this Newsletter. *Social and Events group*

World Day of Prayer This year's service will take place in church on **Friday 7th March at 1.30pm**. It has been prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands - a New Zealand territory in the Pacific Ocean. The theme is 'I made you wonderful' (from Psalm 139). These WDP services are for everyone - men and women. Refreshments afterwards at the back of church

Farmers' Market 2025 I'm pleased to say we've now been granted a licence for up to 30 stalls (requested only because it gives us the potential to expand without an endorsement that would incur extra cost). We first started with 8! However, it is most difficult finding traders so I'm asking for your help, if you will. I know many of you are often out and about visiting other markets, so if you see some produce that we might be interested in, please would you kindly ask for a business card and explain why to the stall holder? (No pre-bought produce, although some people try.) It's totally thanks to some of our parishioners that, for instance, we located the glass artist and the hummus producer. FACT: We make most £ from our very own stalls, so if you would like a stall, perhaps as a one-off, or wish to contribute to a stall, please let us know. Please see the poster at the end. Thank you! **Diana Lavin, Marian Cave**

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.

Easter is late in 2025! This year Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on 5th March. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 13th April. Easter Day falls on 20th April (and this is one of the years when the date is shared by the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches). Trinity Sunday, concluding the first half of the Church's Year, falls on 15th June.

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.

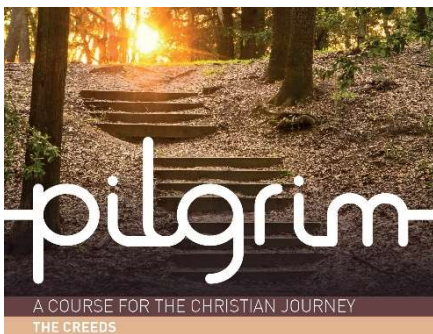
A key aspect of this process involves one-to-one meetings, typically lasting about 40 minutes. In these meetings, each person shares something of their story, passions, significant relationships, and gifts, while also listening to the same from their conversation partner.

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

Our congratulations to Enid on her 102nd birthday



Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2025.



This year, as we journey through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, our focus be on God!

In particular, we take the opportunity to reflect on an important historical milestone—the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

This was the first time bishops from across the Christian world gathered to discuss the nature and identity of Jesus, affirming His divine and human nature.

The Lent course from the pilgrim Series will hopefully deepen our understanding of the Creed and the role of creeds in the life of the Church. It's easy to use and lead - no expertise is required only a willingness to explore and engage with what we affirm each Sunday'. If you would like to join a group or offer a venue to meet or lead a group, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church. *Andrew*

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 Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.

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>

Contact us

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Gosforth

Text to Donate

Text **SUPPORTASC**
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amount to **70580**

Thank you! Your donation is no small thing and helps support not just our congregation, clergy, and historical buildings, but our continued **mission** and **ministry** in your community.

Pancake Makers needed!

Could you make & bring along

some pancakes for

Sat 1st March?

If so,

tell the Social & Events Team

by 18th Feb please!

FILM CROUP

Friday 28th February
showing at 7.15pm

The Upper Room, (All Saints Centre)

This month's film is **Bruce Almighty**

This film has been described as a "side-splitting comedy that proves beyond a doubt that heaven has a sense of humour." Despite his popularity and the love of his girlfriend (Jennifer Aniston), local TV reporter Bruce Nolan (Jim Carey) doesn't think that the world is treating him fairly. Then, after his worst day ever, Bruce angrily rants against God for ruining his life and mismanaging the universe. So God (Morgan Freeman) responds and endows Bruce with all of His powers to see if Bruce can do a better job. All hilarity breaks loose when a little divine intervention lets Bruce spend a week playing God.

All welcome, do bring a friend.

**Entrance is free, but a donation
(suggested £1.00) is invited towards costs.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025
Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!

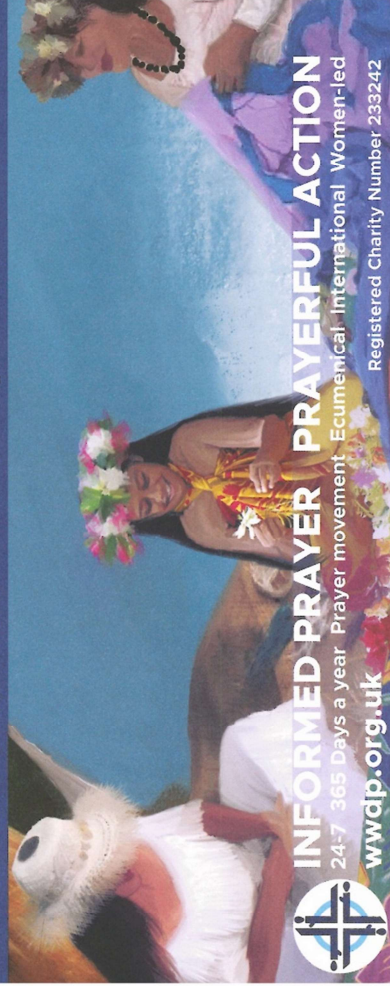


All Saints Church
West Avenue, Gosforth

1.30pm

Refreshments

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*



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FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 1ST MARCH

6.30 - 9.00 pm

PANCAKES AND SOFT DRINKS

PROVIDED

BYO wine or beer

No charge but ticket
entry only, from:

All Saints Centre, Linden Road,
Gosforth

0191 2130450

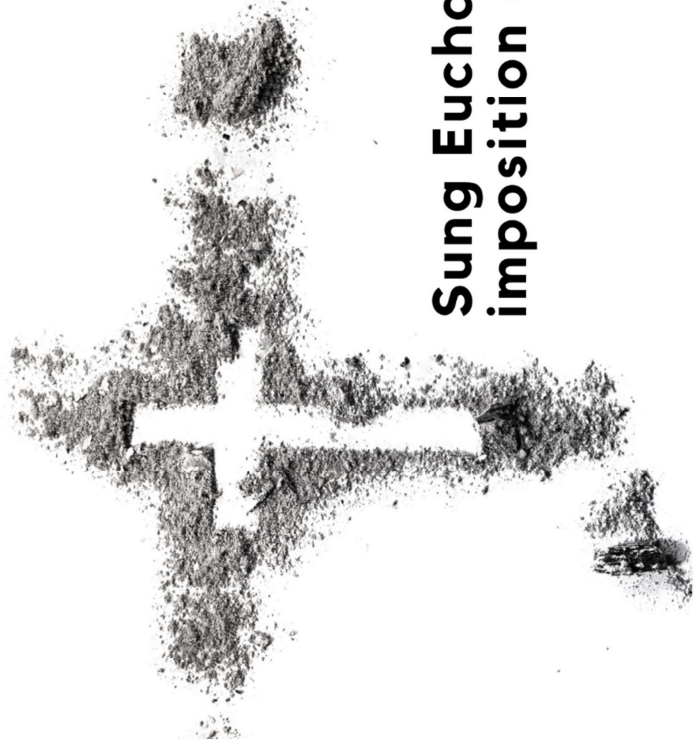
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Ash Wednesday

5th March 2025

7.30pm



Sung Eucharist with
imposition of ashes

All Saints Church, West Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4ES

Farmers' Market

Save the Date!

Mar 15

May 17

Aug 16

Sept 20

Nov 15

10am - 2pm

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"Fresh & Local, That's Your Market!"

