

## Today's Services

### Bible Readings Communion Services:

Old Testament	Malachi 3:1-5	Pew Bible/OT p904
New Testament	Hebrews 2:14-18	Pew Bible/NT p216
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40	Pew Bible/NT p56

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Early Communion</b> Revd Canon Andrew Shipton
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

*For hymns please see Service Book*

<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Café Church in the Centre</b>
<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Christian Meditation Group</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <b>Psalm 122; 132 Hymns: 476, 333, 334</b>

### We pray for

- those who live in communities shattered by conflict.
- those who live in fear of daily abuse.
- those who live lives are overwhelmed by stress and worry.
- those who live with the fear of the coronavirus.
- those who live with the isolation of mental illness
- our mission of the month: NIDAS (Newcastle Integrated Domestic Abuse Service)

### All Saints' Mission Statement

Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints' at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate and outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care and encouragement for all and where diversity is welcomed and our worship inspires us to transform the world.



## All Saints' Church

'The Community of All Saints': **living**, **thoughtful**, **caring faith**'

### In Touch Weekly

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

Candlemas

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## Thought for Today

Today many people may not be aware that on Candlemas we celebrate an ancient feast, common to the Church of both East and West, which used to have a great significance in the rural calendar. It has pagan origins and is that time of the year which naturally forms a transition period in winter, for Candlemas comes halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox.

In the Christian calendar, from at least 543, it became a festival set aside to commemorate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem. In the reading Simeon calls Jesus "a light to enlighten the Gentiles". Accordingly this day was made into a feast of candles. Yet for many it is the 'bitter-sweet' nature of what it celebrates which is most meaningful. The child is greeted by Simeon and Anna with rejoicing yet the prophetic words of Simeon, which speak of the falling and rising of many and the sword that will pierce, lead on to the passion and to Easter. These words make Candlemas a kind of pivot in the Christian year. At the end of the Service we take one last look back to Christmas, and then turn towards the cross.

**Andrew Shipton**

*Welcome to All Saints' especially to all those visiting for the weekend, or worshipping with us for the first time. Children are especially welcome. There is a Children's Corner at the back of church where younger children may like to go during the service with books, work-sheets etc, which may be taken back to pews. There are children's activities during the Service in the Centre. We may take photographs during the service to add to our website. Please let the office know if you do not want your photograph taken.*

<b>We welcome today Jade Brown from 'Changing Lives', our charity of the month.</b>	
<b>Enjoy homemade scones and biscuits at parish breakfast today.</b> Proceeds will go towards spring planting in the Garden of Remembrance and surrounding areas.	
<b>A Parish Away day has been booked at Shepherds Dene</b> for Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2020. More details in the forthcoming weeks.	
<b>We will be soon seeking to recruit a new Children's, Youth and Young Families Co-ordinator.</b> There will be new names for our Young Saints and we hope to make changes to help our children feel more involved in Services.	
<b>Loss Adjusters</b> The next meeting will take place today meeting at 12noon at Barluga	<b>Book Club</b> meet on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Columba Room
<b>Keys-</b> do you have keys to the church or the Centre? We need a complete list of key holders for Insurance purposes. Please let the Church office know which keys you have and if you have keys you no longer need please can these be given to the clergy or the churchwardens (Paul Wilkinson and Ros Place) or dropped off through the letterbox in the office door.	
 <b>Schools Week – Date for your Diary</b> Moses @ All Saints will take place from Monday June 1 <sup>st</sup> until June 5 <sup>th</sup> . Please put the date in your diary. New faces are always welcome. See you then!	
<b>There has been confusion over the Safeguarding training session on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5.30pm until 8pm in the All Saints' Centre.</b> We have been informed that the course is now for those who work with children and vulnerable adults rather than for all involved in church life, and that there are 30 places. The Safeguarding committee encourages those working with children and vulnerable adults to attend (or a member of a group who could cascade the information to other volunteers). Please inform the office if you wish to book a place. Although the course is not mandatory to all volunteers, it would be best practice to complete. There will be a waiting list for another training session for those who cannot attend and we will publish information on how to complete the course online. Andrew	
 <b>In mid-January 2020 the PCC voted unanimously</b> to accept the offer to our church of a grand piano on loan for music events and concerts (please see the Feb/March <i>In Touch</i> magazine for more details). Does anyone have an <b>adjustable</b> piano stool we could have, please*? Please see Diana Lavin or Rosamund Place (churchwarden) if so. Thank you! *(In black would match our lovely instrument!)	
<b>Mothers' Union at 2.00pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the Columba Room. AGM and planning ahead</b>	

## During the week

<b>Monday</b>	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	1.45pm	Mindful Body Dance
	2.00pm	Hymn Singing in Moorfield House
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.15am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Little Saints
	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea Club
	6.00pm	Evolution
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.30pm	Book Club
	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Sew, Knit & Natter
	3.15pm	Painting for Fun
<b>Thursday</b>	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir Practice

## Friday

### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Third Sunday before Lent

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Early Communion</b>
Presiding:	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton
Preaching:	Revd Beverley Davies
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
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<b>11.00am</b>	<b>PCC Open Meeting</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>

### Bible Readings for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 9.30am.

Old Testament	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)	Pew Bible/OT p698
New Testament	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Pew Bible/NT p163
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20	Pew Bible/NT p4

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NEWCOMERS? – Please complete a green Contact Card and place it in the box provided, or hand it to one of the clergy or churchwardens. MOBILITY? – Please let a steward know if you need assistance going up for communion, or would like communion to be brought to you. LOOP SYSTEM? – If you use a hearing aid, please switch it to the 'T' position to use our loop system.

## Mindful Body Dance

Dance, movement and meditation inspired by: Music from Past Eras 1920s – 70s – World Dance – Jazz, Contemporary – Ballet - Yoga Monday's 1.45 – 2.45pm (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every month). **Suggested donation £4** (all proceeds going to All Saints' Church) but please **donate as you are able**.

An hour of informal dance, with no former dance experience required. Open to all ages and fitness levels. Seated/Supported participation welcomed. For more information please contact Dawn: [dawnyeamans@live.co.uk](mailto:dawnyeamans@live.co.uk)

**Next class 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March and so on**



**We are continuing to support the Peoples Kitchen** throughout the year. On Sundays, donations of food and other goods can be left in one of the red boxes in the north and south porches. During the rest of the week, a red donations box will be situated in the baptistery.

A list of suitable donations is attached to each box or you can pick up a list from the Churchwardens' table near the north door. We do hope that we can count on your continued support.

### **"Listen, then, if you have ears!" Open PCC Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

At our open PCC next Sunday we will be joined by Rev Dr Simon Mason, an Anglican Priest who has been involved in Citizens since it's UK foundation in London 1996. We will learn more about the **Tyne & Wear Citizens Listening Campaign**, launch the listening in our parish, and hear about how we can join with others in our alliance to decide the next priorities for action by Tyne & Wear Citizens. Please come along to learn more. For more information contact me on 07949523016 or [andrewcole@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:andrewcole@blueyonder.co.uk).

Thank you, Andrew Cole.

**The Annual Confirmation Service** will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Please contact the clergy if you are interested in being Confirmed.

**Christmas Trees** – Christmas trees can be retrieved from the North Porch after the Candlemas Service today. Thank you for your participation. *Dee*

## Come to All Saints' for refreshment!



Paul and I would like to extend our most grateful thanks to those who have provided refreshments to hundreds running into thousands of people over the last year. We have noticed how much audiences, congregants and visitors appreciate the fact that they are offered refreshments, usually in proper cups and glasses, in themselves a treat and so eco-friendly, of course. We are conscious that people who serve refreshments often order and fetch food and drink, come to the Centre early, leave events before intervals, final hymns / items on the programme, and then clear and wash items ready for the next team to use.

Ros noticed last Heritage Day that several people spent over 20 minutes by the refreshment table over a cup of tea before they headed off around the church – what an illustration of the value of a simple welcome!

We wish to acknowledge the generosity and kindness of people who host, but may we also mention that on occasions contributions to the cost of refreshments add up to a useful sum particularly when events in church have been free of charge, as people tend to show their appreciation back in that way.

**So a big thank you! Let's raise a glass of wine or a cup of coffee to our refreshments providers!**

Paul Wilkinson and Rosamund Place, churchwardens