



All Saints' Church

Sunday 28th June 2020

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You can download the order of service, please go to: <http://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/worship-with-us-at-home>

Please also log on for **Sunday Evening** Prayer with address on <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.co.uk/recordings/>

Bible Readings for Sunday 28th June 2020

Old Testament: Jeremiah 28:5-9
New Testament: Romans 6:12-end
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-end

Thought for today

Dear Friends,

Christ had been raised. The great commission had been given. The Spirit had come with wind and fire. The church has been called into being. So now what? For the church to fulfil its calling it had to learn to open its eyes to the people who surrounded it. Welcoming is mentioned six times in the Gospel reading. The mission of the church is presented in terms of relationship, not in terms of dogma. Notice how mission is to be pursued as a community, not by independent contractors. Relationships dependent on listening, on being humble, on dialogue and respect. The disciples and early followers of Jesus are to embody their message and their success depends on their authenticity. How they receive others will dictate how they are received. I will never forget, many years ago, hearing a bishop from New Zealand telling a group of young people that Jesus is 'a Gentleman'. I wondered at the time what this meant but now I see that being gracious and generous is at the heart of our calling.

Every good wish,

Andrew Shipton

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Following the Government announcement that church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, providing physical distancing remains in place, the Archbishop of Canterbury said:

"It's wonderful that we will soon be able to gather again for worship in our churches. This is an important moment and I wanted to share some thoughts:

Over the coming weeks I'll be praying for clergy and congregations, especially those who for whom returning to church will not be straightforward, and for all those who we are called to love and serve.

During lockdown we've found new ways to walk together with Jesus and love our neighbours. As we give thanks to God that we will soon be able to gather again in churches, let's reflect deeply on what God has taught us over these months.

As we prepare to gather together again, we do so knowing that many will be returning bearing new burdens of grief and anxiety. Others will be filled with hope and excitement.

But we do not gather just by ourselves. We are gathered in the embrace of God who holds our griefs, fears and hopes, and who walks with us into this new and uncertain future, lighting our path along the way. So please pray, not just for our return to our beloved buildings - with all the safety precautions that we must get right - but also for our return to each other. As we meet again, pray that we do so in the knowledge that God is calling us anew to be communities that truly care for one another, support those in need, work for justice and the common good, and boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus.

And if you have been exploring faith with us online during lockdown, you will be so welcome to join us in church over the coming months if that's right for you."

Dear All,

As we heard on Tuesday, from the 5th July, church buildings are able to reopen for public worship, providing social distancing remains in place.

It will take some time to work through the practical implications of the reopening for public worship. As we begin to return, we will want to ensure we are offering the warmest of welcomes but doing so seeking to ensure the health and safety of all who choose to attend. This will call upon our understanding and patience.

We are hoping to hold our first services in church on **Sunday 12th July**. The theme of the 9.30am Service will be a reflection on what we have learned over the last three months. Full details of services will be available next Sunday's pew sheet and on the website.

If you are not yet ready to return to church, how can we enable you to feel a full member of the All Saints' community?

Please let us know your thoughts and feelings. Also, whilst we have been isolating, some of us have been keeping a diary, maybe writing notes to ourselves about what we have experienced and discovered (We know Dermot Killingley did as he conveyed this through his wonderful poem). If you would you like to share some of your reflections even if it's just a sentence or two and anonymously, these would be most welcome. Could any of these openers help you to speak about what you've learned?

It made me think of....

It was like...

I just thought of a hole...

This is tough but I know I'll be alright because...

What is happening to...

Will I ...

Did I start to think outside the box because I realised...

I hadn't written for years and then...

These could be sent to: post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk
or posted to the Vicarage 33 Brackenfield Road, NE3 4DX

Andrew

Parish Breakfast by Zoom Sunday 28th June following our online service. If you would like to join us then please email **Beverley** who will send you the link. For security and safeguarding reasons please do not pass on the link or password to others. You will first need to download the Zoom App on your PC, Phone or Lap Top. bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Coffee Morning via Zoom Tuesday 30th June at 11:00.

If you would like to join us then please email **Andrew** who will send you the link. Email

andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

For security and safeguarding reasons please do not pass on the link or password to others. You will first need to download the Zoom App on your PC, Phone or Lap Top.

Isaac Wilkinson, our Ministerial Assistant is having his BAP (Bishop's Advisory Panel) interviews this week.. These interviews are held over the course of three days to discern if Isaac is to begin training for the Priesthood in the autumn. Please hold Isaac in prayer as he prepares for the interviews and of course, during the period of interviews and time afterwards while he awaits the decision. If you wish to send Isaac a card or note of encouragement then please send to:
The Vicarage, Humsaugh, Hexham, NE46 4AA

Three of our bell ringers were using ringing as a Skill for their **Duke of Edinburgh Award**, but of course this was cut short at the start of lockdown. With a bit of imagination, and since they had all successfully completed the practical side of their challenge, they were set some theory tasks which they all passed with flying colours. This has meant that **Lily McCabe** and **Max Fuggle** have both completed their Skills at **Bronze Level** and **Grace McCabe** has completed the first half of her **Gold Level Skill**. **Well done to all of you, and we look forward to seeing you back in the tower in due course!**

Paul Cross



We have received information about the
British Red Cross Emergency Carers Card.

The Carer's Emergency Card offers free emergency support to adults living in Newcastle or Northumberland whose carer suddenly becomes unable to return and offer them care in the usual way. This could be because of a personal crisis such as sudden illness, accident or other emergency which occurs while they are away from home. The scheme supports carers to draw up an emergency contact plan or keep safe an existing plan. It is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, providing a rapid response in the event of a personal crisis as well as additional planned support to allow the carer to attend personal appointments.

Registration for the scheme differs depending on which area the cared for person is living in.

If the cared for person is living in **Newcastle upon Tyne**, there is a registration form which **Andrew Shipton** can send to you.

Church will be open for **Private Prayer 1pm – 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.** **Please observe the following:**

If you are 'vulnerable' please stay safe at home

Before you come: Please wash your hands and bring your mask and hand sanitiser if you wish to.

When you're here: Observe social distancing at all times.
Keep the touching of surfaces – door handles etc - to a minimum – thank you!
Wait for someone to leave if 8 people are already in church.
Follow the green one-way system, please.
Avoid red areas and covered materials.
Sit only in places marked with a green cross.

When you leave: Continue to stay safe, and wash your hands when you get home.

If you see anything that concerns you, please let either churchwarden know:

Rosamund Place: 0191 2857244

Paul Wilkinson: 07397984396

**The church will be cleaned with disinfectant before each open session.
We seek to ensure people feel like they are coming into a safe space but also a holy space.**

Plastic-free July Trying to be plastic-free can be a struggle at the best of times and especially now if we buy online and cannot refuse the plastic packaging, and if we use face masks, wet wipes and plastic gloves for protection. This makes the annual 'plastic-free July' all the more challenging but all the more essential. If you have never taken the challenge before, do give it a try. There are a number of websites which give you simple ideas to start with, some of which you can find on the All Saints Eco-page. Is there one plastic-wrapped item in your cupboard that you could swap for a plastic-free one next time you shop? **Ann Cross** is making washable plastic-free face coverings for £5 each (proceeds will help support three local charities) - contact Ann for further details.

All Saints Eco Team

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GOSFORTH AMNESTY LETTER JUNE 2020

The diversion of communal grazing land by the government to commercial cattle farmers in Southern Angola has caused widespread hunger, malnourishment and starvation among the Vanyaneka and Ovaherero pastoralist groups. Since the end of the Angolan civil war in 2002, the government has allowed the ranchers to occupy 67 per cent of this fertile area in Gambos municipality without due process. The Vanyaneka and Ovaherero are now struggling to provide enough food for themselves and the cattle on which they depend. Their plight has been exacerbated by a severe drought which started in November 2018 and which affects more than 2.3 million people in southern Angola and a further 500,000 in neighbouring Namibia. Communal grazing land has historically played a key role in mitigating the impact of droughts in this semi-arid region.

For details of the specimen letter to send to the Embassy of the Republic of Angola please visit
<https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth>

Go to the 'more' tab and scroll to 'Amnesty Group'

All Saints' Amnesty Group

Just Sing...

Do you long to.....

Would you like to reconnect.....

Music, and singing.....

Don't take my word for it, look at some of the feedback:-

- 'Great experience!'
- 'I felt liberated, relaxed and in a good mood for the rest of the day'
- 'We enjoyed it so much'
- 'It was really good, I'll be 'walking on sunshine' for the rest of the week-end
- 'It was great fun'
- 'We enjoyed it so much'

Why not try it for yourself at 11am on Fridays? Email me dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

Mindful Body Dance via Zoom, Unfortunately has been postponed and will hopefully restart in July.

Updates will appear in future newsletters.

The People's Kitchen is in desperate need of toiletries and non- perishable foods. At present they are only operating Tuesday to Friday 12:00 – 16:00. They are making up food parcels for the temporary housed homeless. All donations would be most welcome. **Graeme** at **Ashburton News, 21 Ashburton Road** has very kindly offered to be the drop off point where these can be left. Donations can be made from Monday to Friday.

Taking in bottles of milk during the lockdown I was thinking how inter-related the elements of our lives are, how much we depend on simple transactions and things for our lives to be possible, for the milk even to be there on the doorstep. I remembered reading a passage by the Vietnamese Zen Buddhist Master Thich Nhat Hanh which I've translated from the original French here - it may be translated better into English in a book called 'Peace is Every Step' but I don't have the book. **Ros Place**

INTEREXISTENCE

If you are a poet you will see clearly that a cloud is floating in this sheet of paper. If there were no clouds there would be no rain – no rain, no trees; and without trees we cannot make paper. So the cloud is essential for the paper to exist. If the cloud isn't here the sheet of paper can't be either. We can say then, that the cloud and the paper inter-exist. 'Inter-existence' is a word that is not yet in the dictionary, but if we combine the prefix 'inter-' with the verb 'to exist' we gain a new verb, 'to inter-exist'.

If we look more deeply into this sheet of paper we can see sunlight there. Without sunlight forest cannot grow. In fact nothing can grow without sun. Consequently we understand that sunlight is also in this sheet of paper. The paper and the sunlight inter-exist. And if we keep looking, we can see the lumberjack who cut the tree down and took it to the mill to transform it into paper. And we sense wheat. We know the lumberjack cannot exist without his daily bread and consequently the wheat that became his bread is also in this sheet of paper. The lumberjack's father and mother are in there too. If we pursue this approach we can see that without all of these elements this sheet of paper cannot exist.

Taking our thinking further we can also see ourselves in this sheet of paper. This is not difficult to understand as when we look at a piece of paper vision is only part of it. Your thought is in it and so is mine. So we can say that everything is contained here within this sheet of paper. We cannot find anything at all that is not in this piece of paper – time, space, the earth, rain, minerals from the ground, sunlight, cloud, the river, heat. Each element co-exists in this sheet of paper. That's why I think the word 'inter-exist' should be in the dictionary. 'Being' becomes 'inter-existence'. We cannot simply *be* on our own. We inter-exist with everything. It's because the other things exist that this sheet of paper exists.

Without the elements separate from the paper such as our mind, the lumberjack, sunlight etc there would be no paper. Even though it is so thin, this sheet of paper contains in itself all the elements of the universe.

We have also been working hard to get **St. Hugh's Church** ready for opening. We have cleaned the inside of the church and rearranged the seating to comply with social distancing. Thank you to **Stuart Henderson** for his help with the lawnmowing.



Mission of the Month Each month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity but with services suspended this is not possible. Instead we ask members of the congregation to consider putting away money and later giving to: this month is **Cornerstone**, a very worthwhile local project which continues to "include the excluded, empower the disempowered and encourage the discouraged", but will suffer from lack of local grants.

Broadcast Services from the BBC

- Live Sunday Morning Worship (BBC1 – 11.30am)
- Songs of Praise (BBC 1 – Sunday – 1.15pm)
- Prayer for the day (BBC Radio 4 – Daily – 5.43am)
- Sunday Worship (BBC Radio 4 – 8.10am)
- Choral Evensong (Radio 3 – Wednesday – 3.30pm)
- Daily Service 9.45-10am weekdays 198 Long Wave only.

For those who love the songs and prayers of the Taizé Community in France they will be live streaming prayers every evening at 7.30pm our time, so do join them at:
www.facebook.com/pg/taize

Please could notices for the pew sheet still be sent to post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

The Church **Annual General Meeting** will be on **Sunday 18th October**

We are planning a get together for **young people** on **Sunday 26th July at 2pm** on the church green.



Happy Birthday for this week to **Grace Partis** on the **29th June** and **Tristan Haswell** on **4th August**.

Belated greetings also for these birthdays which we missed earlier in June:-

Millie Aitken, **Henry Stewart**, **Rory Cartmell** and **Hugo Barratt**.

Help. If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 we can help with picking up shopping, posting mail, a friendly phone call or urgent supplies. Just call and we will do our best to help you 2pm-4pm

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