



All Saints' Church

Sunday 24th May 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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The Parish Office closed.

Please log on to the All Saints' Website on Sunday morning for our recorded **Sunday Eucharist and hymns** <http://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/worship-with-us-at-home>

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/>

Thought for Today

In the period after Easter we might well sympathise with the disciples who experienced great joy that Jesus was still alive and appeared to them though in a different way from before but also total bewilderment as to whether and when he might next appear. At the Ascension they gazed longingly up to heaven as Jesus disappeared from sight but this was to look in the wrong place as everything now depended on them to continue Jesus' work after they had received the Holy Spirit to empower them for the task and we are their inheritors in carrying on Jesus' mission in the world. The following story (which I've used in school assemblies) captures this truth:

There is an old legend which describes Jesus' entry into heaven after the Ascension. He was met by the Archangel Gabriel who bowed low, smiled and greeted him as follows.

"Welcome back, my Lord. Have you completed what you set out to do?"

"I think so," replied Jesus.

"You successfully organised a church to carry on your work and teaching?" asked the Archangel.

"Well," said Jesus, "I left behind eleven men to start things moving."

"Eleven men!" gasped the Archangel. "Is that all?"

"That is all," replied Jesus quietly.

"These eleven men you chose," continued the Archangel a little hoarsely, "were they men of great importance and scholarship?"

"No!" said Jesus, raising his eyebrows and smiling. "As a matter of fact they were very ordinary working men."

"But what if they should fail?" asked the Archangel. "The whole enterprise will have been in vain! All that suffering on the cross will be wasted!"

The reply of Jesus was firm and confident, "I have made no other plans."

If that doesn't bring home to us the awesome responsibility of being the heirs of these eleven men and the Church of the present, perhaps it should.

Ruth Birnie

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Bible Readings for Sunday 24th May 2020 – seventh Sunday of Easter

New Testament: Acts 1:6-14

New Testament: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

Many thanks to those who gave to Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week. You can still give at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/coronavirus-emergency-appeal>

or

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Parish Breakfast by Zoom Sunday 24th May at 10:45 We will be hosting a 'parish breakfast' by zoom following our online service. If you would like to join us then please email Andrew who will send you the link. 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.

Cake to celebrate Pentecost Even in this time of lockdown, or especially at this time, we need opportunities to celebrate and there could be no better reason to celebrate than a birthday. Pentecost, often thought of as the birthday of the church, will be celebrated on Sunday 31st May. Although we will not be able to meet together, we could share 'cake time' in a virtual party. Everyone is invited to make a cake, decorate it and send an image to post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk where we upload to our website to create an enormous cake collage. If we all cut into our cakes at 3pm on Sunday 31st May, we can share cake and a beverage (of your choice) with the family of All Saints. **Lesley Atkinson**

Brain workout Are you looking for something to get your teeth into? Then have a look at our quizzes devised by **Ruth Birnie**. You can find them on our website under the Gosforth Community tab.

Another Zoom coffee morning will be arranged by Andrew for Tuesday 26th May at 11am for 40 minutes. Please email Andrew if you would like to join by midday Monday 25th and the link and password will be sent to you. 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. Andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Mindful Body Dance via Zoom! Free during Lockdown. Female Only. You will need to get a ticket to reserve your place using the link below. An email address is needed to receive confirmation with an embedded Zoom link. Four classers per week, with a slower paced class on a Sunday. To book your place visit: <https://bookwhen.com/mindfulbodydance>

JUST SING...

Do you long to 'step out' of your personal lockdown, even for just 30minutes?
Would you like to reconnect with your former self?

Music, and singing in particular, can give you the freedom to help you do just that.
Why not join us (11am next Friday) at our Zoom session to 'Just sing' for half an hour.
I guarantee you'll leave in a happier, more relaxed frame of mind!

Please take the first step by Emailing me for further details: dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk
You will be very welcome.

Plants at North Porch of Church: As we are unable, unfortunately, to get out and about, we would like to apologise for not being able to maintain the two stone troughs of plants outside the North Porch of the Church. We can assure you that as soon as we are able to do so, we'll be round there like a couple of spring lambs. Take care and keep safe and well. All best wishes. **Chris and Dee Matthews**

Gosforth Community. We now have a tab on our website called Gosforth Community. This is where all local news, advice, helplines and activities for you to get involved with will be added. This is updated regularly; there may be information useful to you or someone you know.

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 **uS**, a charity which aims to provide support and opportunities for young people with, or at risk of developing mental illness.

“Competition time for all Teens” (You could win a voucher worth £50!)

Do you fancy yourself as a viral smash hit dancer?

Time to strut your stuff and prove you have the moves!

Competition rules

- open to 13-18s
- Use the track available from All Saints' website - please go to allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth
- Upload your completed videos via your parent's email address to post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk



Closing date: Noon, 31st May

Dermott Killingley's poem 'Coronavirus Spring' If you enjoyed reading Dermott's poem in last week's newsletter, then you can **hear** him read it on our website:

<http://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/artwork-and-poetry>

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.

Many garden flowers are now

blooming. Would you like to send photos of flowers in your garden for a bright and colourful page on the All Saints' website? Please email post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Use the following link to our website to view the photos: <http://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/garden-flowers-2020>

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

Louise Waugh and Tricia Maylia have joined the Government's Job Retention Scheme from the 1st of May. They remain very much part of the team but under the requirements of the scheme will not be able to work for us. We do hope this will be for a very short time, for their work is invaluable and we will miss them greatly. Please could notices for the pew sheet still be sent to post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

From Thursday 7th May Andrew has been permitted to enter the church building on his own to say morning/evening prayer and film services but with the doors locked. We will keep you informed on guidance from the diocese.

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

Monday Tel: 0191 284 1393

Tuesday and Wednesday: 07989145610

Thursday and Friday: 0191 2845540

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, which is available from today, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Helpful resources for this time:

<https://togethernetwork.org.uk/uploads/shared/Prayer-booklet.pdf>

Self-isolation prayer booklet **Together network**

http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/creative_prayer_idea_wild_worship_field_guide.pdf

Out in the Wild Worship

<https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland/>

Church of England Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/archbishopofcanterbury/>

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Like many charities and businesses, churches are facing huge financial challenges during this time of lockdown and closure. All Saints' Church is a vital community hub serving Gosforth parish. We are usually open seven days a week, daytime & evening, for community groups, classes, support networks and events. During this time of closure our regular bookings have stopped and our income is severely affected. Although the church building is closed, we are continuing our vital ministry through online worship, phone support and outreach ministry.

If you are able to offer financial support to All Saints' during these difficult times we would be most grateful. Donations can be received online through bank transfer via BACS to:

Account Name: PCC All Saints Gosforth

Sort Code: 20-59-61

Account number: 00676314

Please contact the Vicar, Andrew Shipton, or the Treasurer, Fred Carr, if you have any questions about giving to All Saints'.

Thank you for your generosity and prayer at this time.

Prayers for those who suffer:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy, in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

For those who are ill

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care, those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience, to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Next Sunday is Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, come
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Lord, and take over my life
you are true love, love divine.

Flowing and glowing,
brightness in my darkness,
power in my weakness,
peace in my troubled life.

What beauty and purity,
sweet fragrance and harmony
what splendour and wonder,
such joy and glory, Lord.

You are so brilliant and illumining
so caring and comforting,
so gentle and renewing
so patient and liberating,
so motherly and wise.

You are true love, divine Lord,
come and take possession of my soul.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Amen.

Diana Ng-Sutherland

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