



Weekly
News

All Saints Gosforth



21st March 2021
The 5th Sunday of Lent.
Passion Sunday

8:00am	Holy Communion in church
9.30am	Parish Communion in church <i>also livestreamed to Facebook</i>
6.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>Please note, online only</i>

For links to both services please visit
[Worship with us at Home | all-saints-gosforth \(wixsite.com\)](https://www.all-saints-gosforth.wixsite.com)

From the Vicar

Dear All,

I am delighted to announce that the church will open for public worship this Sunday 21st March for 8am & 9.30am Communion Services. We will follow our updated Covid Risk Assessment policy. The 9.30am Parish Communion Service will be live-streamed and an Evening Service can be downloaded from the website. Please also see our programme for Holy Week and Easter on the website and below.

Marie Curie have named 23rd March, the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown, a National Day of Reflection to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future. On Tuesday at 12 noon we will mark the end of the one minute silence in church by tolling a bell at 12:01. A short Service of Midday prayers will follow.

We hope you will join us online for our main services or in person soon.

Best wishes,

Andrew Shipton

Please note: Until Monday 29th March, exercise and recreation is allowed outdoors only with our own household or one other person and so we are not permitted to mingle before or after services today.

Readings: Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 New Testament: Hebrews 5:5-10
 Gospel: John 12:20-33

Thought for the day

We return to church on Passion Sunday.

The story in the gospel today is unique to John. It concerns foreigners in Jerusalem at Passover who want to see Jesus, probably to talk to him about his message. They come to Philip, who tells Andrew. They go to Jesus and they find Jesus deep in thought. Jesus speaks about his hour having come. He speaks of being like a seed that must fall into the ground and die if it is to be fruitful.

Jesus says that if anyone wants to see him, they must follow him, and be prepared to die for or with him; but these statements seem to overwhelm him and suddenly he is praying.

We see Jesus' obedience here. He admits it would be wrong to ask his father to save him from death. He would be putting an end to God's plan. We gain insight here into his internal struggle, the source of the anguish and tears as displayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He did not contemplate his suffering and death with stoical calm. He was appalled by what lay ahead of him. Jesus even said 'My soul is troubled'. He sought comfort in his hour of need. Does this give us hope in our low moments? There is no need to pretend that we are made of granite.

Andrew Shipton

Upcoming Events



National Day of
Reflection
23 March

Tuesday 23rd March 12 noon Midday Prayers. *See below for further details*

Zooms

Sunday March 21st

Parish Breakfast @ 11:15.

Please contact Beverley bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Tuesday March 23rd

Coffee morning @ 11am.- 11.30am

Please contact Andrew andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Fridays @ 11am

Just Sing #42.

We are meeting this week and also next (March 26) when we'll be singing some music from 'Godspell', the musical. However, as you'd expect, we are taking a respectful break on Good Friday, April 02.

Please contact dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

News

At its last meeting, the PCC, (noting the continuing need for streaming post-lockdown and the importance of streaming as a valuable form of worship for people unable to get to church), voted for us to work (on the basis of a quotation) with Blaydon Communications to install portable high quality cameras into church. (This development will be complementary to the work of Peter Mitchell.) The package will be a flexible system, allowing filming from any point in the church and enable streaming to YouTube and Facebook platforms on our website. The cost of equipment and installation will be approx. £7.500. A grant has been received for £3.350; PCC has committed £1.500 from its accounts so we need approximately £2.500 to begin the project. We are asking members of the congregation for donations. These can be sent to the office or donated into our account which is:

Parochial Church Council All Saints Gosforth

Sort Code: 20-59-61

Account Number: 00676314

NB The reference should be 'for the Camera system'

Thank you,

Andrew, Christine and Paul

The **APCM** will be on Sunday 18th April at 11am in church.

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised beginning on 21st March ending on 29th March. You can check today. A revised copy will be available from 2nd April

There will be the election of Churchwardens and PCC members as well as the presentation of the 2021 Annual Report.

There will be a short PCC meeting next Sunday.

There will be a *Confirmation Service* on Sunday 5th September at All Saints. This is an opportunity to take faith to the next level and recommit your life to God through Confirmation. There will be a course concluding with the Confirmation Service. If this is of interest to you, please contact Andrew, Beverley or Ruth. Four candidates have already come forward.

As we receive our Covid-19 vaccination, free from the NHS, many of us may be reminded both of our good fortune and of the challenge faced by lower income countries. GAVI (the Global Alliance on Vaccination and Immunisation) has recently made it possible for us to make individual donations to support COVAX, the UN/WHO sponsored initiative to provide access to safe and effective Covid-19 vaccine in 92 poorer countries, regardless of ability to pay. In this way we can all celebrate our first or second vaccination with a very practical contribution to the efforts to defeat the pandemic: "Get One = Give One". Please donate here <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/index:payment.html>

Please see our new All Saints Magazine called '**Keeping in Touch**'. You can view the latest edition [here](#) or by accessing our website. You will see it's less formal than 'In Touch' and will be more frequent depending on contributions.

To send in an article of no more than 400-500 words please email allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.

West End Foodbank collection during Lent

This is an opportunity to leave food for the West End Food Bank this Sunday 21th March, 2pm-3pm.

'Birthday greetings' this week to:

Xanthe White (22nd)
Teddy Webster (25th)

Alice Warneford (23rd)
Max Coomer (25th)

Zara Cartmell (25th)
Matthew Quant (27th)

Prayer and Worship

The Programme for Holy Week and Easter 2021.

<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mar 28	8.00am - Holy Communion 9:30am – Parish Communion (Live streamed)	<i>Please pre-book your seats by going to our website Book Palm Sunday & Easter Day services all-saints-gosforth (wixsite.com)</i> No internet? Please leave a phone message at the parish office tel: 0191 2130450	Evening Service 6:30pm <i>Stations of the Cross in church</i> (Live streamed)
<i>Holy Week</i> Mon Mar 29	8:45am Morning Prayer		7:30 Recorded Compline & Address on the website - <i>a reflection by a member of the congregation</i>
Tues Mar 30	8:45am Morning Prayer		7:30 Recorded Compline & Address on the website - <i>a reflection by a member of the congregation</i>
Weds Mar 31	8:45am Morning Prayer		7:30 Recorded Compline & Address – <i>a reflection by a member of the congregation</i>
<i>Maundy Thurs</i> Apr 01	8:45am Morning Prayer		7:30 The Last Supper <i>Holy Communion in Church followed by a Vigil. (This Service will be Zoomed.)</i>

<i>Good Friday</i> Apr 02	10:00am Family Service (outdoors)	2:00pm The Last Hour 'The cost of Love' – reflections around The Cross. (Live streamed)	
<i>Holy Saturday</i> Apr 03			8:00pm The Easter Vigil (in the Centre, outside and in church).
<i>Easter Day</i> Apr 04	08:00am Holy Communion 09:30 Parish Communion (Live streamed)	<i>Please pre-book your seats on our website</i> Book Palm Sunday & Easter Day services all-saints-gosforth (wixsite.com) No internet? Please leave a phone message on tel: 0191 213 0450	6:30 Evening Prayer with hymns

Today (Sunday March 21) the church will be **open** for 1 hour for prayer and reflection 2pm-3pm.

Tuesday (23rd March) **12 Noon Midday Prayer.**

Marie Curie have named March the 23rd a day of reflection on the first anniversary of lockdown, (see above). A short service of midday prayers will take place in church after the bell is tolled at 12.01pm.

Sunday Evening Services in Lent

A series of reflections entitled: "It made me think: breakthroughs in my understanding" is available on Facebook at 6pm on Sunday. *Please visit* our worship with us at home page on our website:

[Worship with us at Home | all-saints-gosforth \(wixsite.com\)](#)

The Lenten reflection today, our last one, will be delivered by Isaac Wilkinson, at present training for ordained ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham.

Young Saints - update

Although children have returned to school, we are not permitted to arrange separate out-of-school worship activities for children on Sundays 21st and 28th March.

From 29th March, we can arrange outdoor activities for children (weather permitting).

A Good Friday Children's Service will be held on the Green, Friday 2nd April at 10:00am.

This will be a service outside on the church green with prayer stations and reflections.

From 12th April, subject to confirmation, we will be able to arrange activities as normal for all children.

Children are always welcome to stay with their adults in church for all services.

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a free-to-use telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Please let people know who might benefit – especially those who are not online.

Dial a Service Why not try this feature? Any member of the congregation who does not have access to the internet can simply dial a telephone number and listen to a service in full with hymns. The cost is the normal charge for your line. The number is 0191 8147244

Donations

Donating to All Saints

We are keeping a very close eye on the cost of running All Saints and have cut back on much spending, to minimise the impact on the budget set for the year. A very big thank you to all Planned Givers, who donate on a regular basis online. If you would like to join the scheme, please go to <https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/stewardship>.

Mission of the Month.

Each month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity. All Saints underwrites the donations so that each nominated charity receives 5% of our unrestricted income. During the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 donations for the Mission of the Month have reduced so dramatically that there has been significant additional expenditure in order to fulfil our underwriting obligation.

In order to manage the situation better, those not currently attending church services can make donations in the form of cash, personal cheques and CAF cheques for Mission of the Month by posting or delivering by hand to the parish office mailbox for the attention of the treasurer. Also donations may be made by online transfer into the All Saints' bank account with the name of the appropriate charity as a reference. It should be noted that any donations sent directly to the charities cannot be taken into account when considering All Saints' underwriting guarantee.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mission of the Month.

Our mission for the month of March is **Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe** a project supporting a hospital treating many who live in poverty. This is our 15th year of support.

Please visit [Friends of Murambinda Hospital UK Charity 1073978 – FMH, Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Murambinda, Buhera L, CMMission Hospital, Zimbabwe, Elective CARC](#)

Support

If you are finding these times difficult and need support, and would like someone perhaps to have a stroll with you around the Gosforth Central Park, do not hesitate to contact Andrew Shipton on 0191 2845540 andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk or Beverley Davies 07989 145610 bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

The clergy would be pleased to be contacted for support or for just a chat about experiences:-

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Mondays: 0191 284 1393 *Ruth*

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 07989 145610 *Beverley*

Thursdays and Fridays: 0191 2845540 *Andrew*

Please also see 'contact us' details below:-

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The Parish Office is closed.

Thank you, for looking at our news today.