



# All Saints Gosforth



## Sunday Services 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

8:00am	Holy Communion in church
9.30am	Parish Communion in church & livestreamed to Facebook
6:30pm	Evening Prayer <i>also live streamed to Facebook</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)*

11am	Holy Communion at St Hugh's
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## Thought for the day

On this Sunday before Pentecost, we hear of Jesus' prayer for his disciples. He speaks these words on the night before he died, asking for God's protection for his closest followers. He prays for them that they may be one as he is one with the Father. He asks that they may be protected. These words were written by John when Christians were undergoing violent persecution. Jesus is not naïve about the difficulties his disciples and those who come after them will face. He himself is about to die because of his teaching, and he knows that they will face a similar fate. No wonder he prays for them! Today we consider the implications of these mysterious words for us.

*Andrew Shipton*

<b>Readings:</b>	<b>New Testament:</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17, 21 to end</b>
	<b>New Testament:</b>	<b>1 John 5:9-13</b>
	<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>John 17:6-19</b>

## Upcoming Events

### Weddings

*Sarah Neill and Scott Carey* 22nd May at 3pm.  
*Laura Smith and David Harding* 29th May at 12.30pm

We pray for them as they approach their special day

### Funerals

*Mary Patricia Irwin* at Newcastle Crematorium on 25th May.  
*Joan Summers* in Church on 4th June.

The death of *Bishop Alec Graham* was announced this week. Bishop Alec was appointed Bishop of Newcastle in 1981 and served the Diocese until his retirement in 1997. He was much loved by many throughout his time in Newcastle. He had a deep love of the Northumberland countryside and was often seen hill walking in the Cheviots accompanied by Zillah, his Golden Labrador.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Zooms

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May @11:15

Parish Breakfast

Please contact Ruth: [ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Coffee morning @11–11:30am

Please contact Dorothy: [Dorothyhenderson48@gmail.com](mailto:Dorothyhenderson48@gmail.com)

#### Wednesdays @ 10:00

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#### Fridays @ 11:00

Just Sing.

Session 49 – **'Countdown'** - only 1 week to go to a whole year online.

Apologies everyone, I misled you last week (the very thought!). Next week is exactly one whole year online (50 sessions completed, not yet 52 because we paused for Christmas and Good Friday). Next week it has to be celebratory so an appropriate programme will be a must. Why not 'come in' for a one-off, you'll be very welcome. You know what to do...

Please contact: [dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk)

## News

Many of you will have heard and seen that the much-cherished six foot high bronze Calvary crucifix, situated in the remembrance garden, has been stolen. It had been in place since 1965 and became an important feature of the garden which has been used by many local families to remember loved ones. It was a great shock to find that it had gone and a cause of considerable sadness. Our thanks to Paul Wilkinson and Peter Brown who have placed a temporary Cross in its place.

## A Reminder of our Road Map ahead:

- Little Saints restarted on 11th May at 1pm. Pre-registration is necessary in accordance with the latest government guidelines. To book a place please see our website: <https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/little-saints>
  - A Service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10.15am
  - A simplified Parish Breakfast begins next Sunday (see below)
  - Events and Lunch on the Green – more news soon.
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**Parish Breakfast** is returning after our 9:30am service on Sunday, May 23.

*Please note that it will be different.* You will need to bring along your own cup and biscuits. When you enter the hall, please take a seat and remain seated. Your tea and coffee will be brought to you. In line with current Covid regulations you are not permitted to move around from table to table, you must remain in your seat. Please be patient. We will be reviewing the way we hold Parish Breakfast over the coming weeks as restrictions are reassessed.

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## 'Happy Birthday Wishes' -

William Longstaff, Ethan Lowe and Thomas McGowan, all celebrating a birthday this week.

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**9th - 16th May will be Christian Aid Week.** All Saints has a strong tradition of supporting Christian Aid and this year is no different. Although we will not make any house-to-house collections, All Saints has created an e-envelope so that we can donate and encourage friends and family to donate digitally. The link to make a donation towards All Saints' target of £1,000 is <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/all-saints%E2%80%99-church-gosforth-?channel=email>



*Traditional paper envelopes are still available in church.*

Lesley Atkinson tel. 2847163

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There will be a *Confirmation Service* on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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>

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**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-saintsgosforth/in-touch-magazine](https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saintsgosforth/in-touch-magazine) or pass to Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.*

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Today we extend our gratitude to Peter Mitchell, who during the first lockdown provided Sunday Evening Prayer. He has continued to make services accessible via livestreaming each Sunday since July. His continued resilience, occasionally in the face of unexpected obstacles, has been much appreciated. Our thanks also to those who have given so generously to the Blaydon Communications system. We hope to have news on its installation very soon.

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## Prayer and Worship

**Holy Communion Tuesday 18 May at 10.15am**

**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Pentecost!**

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### Young Saints... are back!

Children's worship is back on Sunday mornings at All Saints. For the time being, children aged 3-9yrs will remain in one group, so all-age activities will be offered either outdoors on the green or in the Centre. A maximum number of 15 will be allowed in one group; if we have more, we will be delighted to organise a second group!

*Covid-safe restrictions will operate at all times but do let me or one of the church wardens know if there are any concerns.*

(Children are welcome to stay in church with their adult but, if they choose to join Young Saints, we ask that they give their name to Track and Trace at the church door then go straight to the Centre. At the end of the service, we ask that adults collect their child/ren from the Centre, reducing the necessity for them to move in/out of the church building.) As soon as it is deemed safe to do so, children will be welcomed at the start and end of the main services again. Meanwhile, leaders and helpers are very much looking forward to working with your children again.

**Note** - some activities might take place outdoors, so please ensure that children are dressed for the weather!

*Lesley Atkinson*

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**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.

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## Donations

### ***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.

Our Mission of the Month for **May** is **uS**, (a local charity founded by Dr Mary Jane Tacchi) with the aim to provide support and opportunities for young people with, or at risk of developing mental illness, to help them identify and achieve personal goals. For more information please visit [About uS - uS active](#)

*Thank you!*

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## 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>.

We will not be taking a cash collection during the services. To make a donation, please use the Tap to Donate machine at the back of the church using your debit/credit card.

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## Support

If you are finding these times challenging and would like a phone call or a stroll and a conversation do not hesitate to contact Andrew Shipton on 0191 2845540 [andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk) or Beverley Davies 07989 145610 [bev.davies@allsaintsgosforth.org.uk](mailto:bev.davies@allsaintsgosforth.org.uk)

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**Thank you,** for looking at our news today.