



All Saints' Church

Sunday 2nd August 2020

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The Parish Office is closed.

Services this week:

The Holy Communion Service on Saturday 1st August can be viewed via our livestream at 6pm on <http://meet.google.com/ktg-whpc-xzv>

This will be a live broadcast and not recorded. Please be on mute and turn off your camera.

The Sunday Morning Service of Morning Prayer at 9:30am will be live

<https://facebook.com/allsaintsgosforth>

This Service will be recorded on Facebook

There will not be a pre-recorded YouTube Service this Sunday.

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

Readings for both Services:

New Testament: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Thought for today

Today's gospel from St Matthew starts with Jesus in need of time out. In the verses immediately preceding those we have just heard, he learns of the cruel death of John the Baptist. Jesus is hurt, grieving the loss of his cousin. He would be anxious, even frightened. Does he need time to consider what this mean for him and for his ministry? Certainly he needs space to get away and pray but the demanding crowds are completely unable to leave him alone. He takes to a boat –but there is no escape. I am moved that rather than snapping at those crowds – he has compassion. His care is seen in the next part of the story. The disciples think he should send them the crowd away. In response Jesus involves his disciples and says “You give them something to eat” and then (in St John’s account) out of the blue comes a child. We can hear the child saying “Pick me, I've got a packed lunch...pick me, pick me...” What happens next? Do the crowd share their food – do they have compassion for each other? I wonder if making selfish people generous is actually a greater miracle than producing bread?

Andrew Shipton

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Dear All,

It was a real joy to resume worship in church three weeks ago. We are returning slowly and cautiously to worship. This Saturday marks an important moment in moving forward, bearing in mind all we have learned over the last few weeks. On Saturday 1st August we will be able to break our long fast from Holy Communion with a 6pm Service. I know from the messages I have received that for some of us, it will feel too fast, for others not fast enough. Please note at this service:

- We will not be able to receive Communion in both kinds or hear the words of administration.
- Communion will be by wafer only. Please hold out and cup your hands so that the wafer can be lightly dropped into them. This will be at the end of the service.
- The sidespeople will guide everyone during communion.
- The celebrant will wear a mask and visor when distributing communion.
- Please feel free not to partake in the communion if you prefer.

There will be a Service of Morning Prayer at 9.30am on Sunday 2nd August morning followed by a Service of Morning Prayer at St Hugh's at 10.45am.

Both Holy Communion and the Morning Service will be live streamed. For Saturday evening Holy Communion please visit <http://meet.google.com/ktg-whpc-xzv> and for Sunday Morning Prayer service at 9:30 please visit <https://facebook.com/allsaintsgosforth>

On Sunday 9th August at 9.30am there will be Morning Prayer followed by a 10.30am Morning Prayer Service which will be less formal for younger groups - led by Isaac Wilkinson to whom we will be saying a sad goodbye. At both services we will introduce Jamie Donaldson our new youth worker. There will be a presentation to Isaac between the services.

On Sunday 16th August we hope to hold 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion services and an Evening Prayer in church at 6.30pm.

Best wishes,

Andrew



Your Sunday Service - here's what you need to know

Before

If you are unwell or have any symptoms of COVID19 – cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell – please stay at home.

If you've been near anyone with symptoms or who is unwell please stay at home

If you are in a group that the government defines as 'at risk' – e.g. aged 70+, pregnant, with an underlying health condition – why not watch the online service to reduce the risk to yourself of coming to a crowded place? However we respect your decision based on your health and situation.

There will be music but no singing. You will be in your pew for the full service.

Face coverings are now encouraged to wear in enclosed buildings.

Arrival

It will take longer to get in: we have lots of space outside but if its wet or cold dress accordingly. Doors will stay open in church for ventilation.

Everyone (or a 'lead' person for families) will be asked for their name & contact number to support NHS Track and Trace

You will be asked to sanitise your hands then escorted to a pew by a steward

You may sit alone or in family/household groups, not next to friends, this is to comply with government advice on distancing

During

Service sheets/booklets will be in the pews. Church stewards who have sanitised their hands will have put these out. Take them with you when you leave please

The clergy will welcome everyone and explain the new normality!

We'll all stay seated during the service.

The kids corner won't be in use, and any children who come will have to stay in pews for the full service. They are welcome to bring an activity with them.

The loos in the hall will be open. They are cleaned ahead of opening and again afterwards. There is no coffee in the hall.

After

At the end of the service stewards will escort you out, aisle by aisle. Please stay seated until asked to leave.

Please don't congregate on the paths or by the doors: there is more space on West Avenue to stand and safely talk to others.

If you feel ill or display any symptoms in the days after attending a service please inform the NHS and the clergy so we can help support the Track & Trace efforts

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Parish Breakfast by Zoom Sunday 2nd August at 11.15am following our online service. If you would like to join us then please email Ruth who will send you the link – ruthbirnie27@gmail.com
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.

Coffee Morning via Zoom Tuesday 4th August at 11:00.

If you would like to join us then please email **Andrew** who will send you the link Andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

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Dial a Service

We have introduced 'dial a service' feature where any member of the congregation who can't attend church can simply dial a telephone number and be able to listen to a service in full. We are conscious that not everybody has internet or a laptop/home PC. We hope to upload a recording of a service every week. Why not try it.? The cost is the normal charge for your line. The number is **0191 338 8867**.

Face coverings are now mandatory on public transport and in shops and in supermarkets. We are now encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces such as a place of worship. Relevant guidance on face coverings is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

The next Film Group Zoom meeting will be on Thursday 27th August, and the film for discussion will be The History Boys. **Please note – this is available on BBC iplayer, but only until 8th August.**

If anyone would like to join the group who hasn't taken part so far please let me know – there's room for more!

anncross060@gmail.com

Private Prayer in church on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays **has now been postponed until further notice.**

Sue & Paul Finkill have moved house
Their new address is:
35 The Fairway, Brunton Park, NE3 5AP

We are delighted that we will soon include children's activities as part of our Sunday worship. Isaac Wilkinson's last service with us at 10.30am on 9th August will be appropriate for children/young people and will be an opportunity to meet James Donaldson, our new Families and Youth Coordinator. During following Sundays, from 16th August, 45 minutes of safe activities and games will be organised for children on the church green during the 9.30 services. Volunteers are needed to help supervise activities such as a nature scavenger hunt, or simple ball games. All resources will be provided and the aim will be to have fun. If you can help, please email Lesley Atkinson l.atkinson1@btinternet.com or Andrew Shipton andrewshiption085@aol.com.

Lesley Atkinson

We would like to restart some kind of **All Saints Newsletter**.

This would be less formal than *In Touch* and more frequent if the contributions are there. Perhaps you have learnt a new skill over lockdown, nurtured your garden like never before, found new places to explore or found new ways of keeping in touch with friends and family. How has your experience of worship been or of the new zoom activities started by All Saints members or others?

Please let us know and share your experiences by emailing Allsaintsintouch@outlook.com or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley, Lesley Atkinson.

The People's Kitchen is in need of toiletries and non- perishable foods. 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.

Donations of the following would be particularly welcome:

- Tinned meats
- Tinned pies
- Jars of sauces and stir fry sauces and
- Tinned potatoes

These essentials are necessary for making up food parcels and are very gratefully received by all.



Congratulations to Isaac who, following his Bishop Advisory Panel, has been recommended for training for ordination. Isaac's last Sunday with us will be the **9th August**. In September he will begin training at Cranmer Hall, Durham. All wishing to contribute toward a parting gift please send contributions via the Parish Office in envelopes clearly marked "Isaac's farewell" **before the 5th August**.

We commend into God's care **Eric Parkinnen** and we hold his wife Jan, his daughters Sarah and Jules and all the family in our prayers.

Mission of the Month. Each month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity. We ask members of the congregation to consider putting away money and later giving to **PCDC (Practical Compassion for Destitute Children)**, an international charity with UK-based support for children in the Bible lands who have lost their parents or whose parents are unable to get work, to provide for example, school and hospital fees.

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**.

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

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