



All Saints Gosforth



The Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021

9.30 am	Parish Communion online - <i>Live streamed to Facebook</i> <i>The order of service can be downloaded from our website.</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer on Sunday

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,

The church will be opening for public worship soon!

We have decided to restart on Sunday 21st March for 8am and 9.30am Communion Services. Next Sunday we will be broadcasting Mothering Sunday worship via Facebook at 9.30am. Please join us online for services today (details above). Please also see (below) a proposed programme for Holy Week and Easter.

As we move through Lent we are imagining and planning different scenarios for the next few months. We are aware that as restrictions ease, people may need to re-build their confidence to venture out and mix with others again.

As you will see from this newsletter despite the continued restrictions we are still very much a functioning church and maintain our prayer for all those affected by the pandemic and those who care for them,.

Best wishes,

Andrew Shipton

Readings	Old Testament:	Exodus 20:1-17
	New Testament:	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
	Gospel:	John 2:13-22

Thought for the day

Corruption!

The Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was designed to be a place of prayer. Indeed, many Jews viewed the Temple as God's dwelling place, the meeting point of heaven and earth, a home for all the nations to encounter the living God. Tragically, instead of being a sacred house, it became a place to exploit those who had travelled great distances. The authorities who oversaw the building must have 'lost the plot', got lazy and let their principles slide.

Corruption may have worked its way into the system starting with small things that could hardly be noticed by those looking on. It grew because no one was watching, no one was paying attention.

Sadly, there seems an in built tendency in institutions for things to become corrupt. The very organisation here that was to enable an encounter with the true God, got in the way.

No wonder Jesus was angry.

Andrew Shipton

Upcoming Events

Lent groups. We are looking at themes from Rowan Williams' book 'Candles in the Dark, Faith, Love and Hope in a Time of Pandemic'. If you are interested in joining us for an hour our next meeting is Wednesday March 10th at 7:30pm please email the parish office post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Zooms

Sunday March 7th

Parish Breakfast @11:15. Please contact ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Tuesday March 9th

Coffee morning @ 11am. Please contact Beverley bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Wednesday @ 7.30pm Lent Group (See below for further details)

Fridays @ 11am – Just Sing.

How can we possibly link Fats Waller with Simon and Garfunkel, Bill Withers, The Beatles, Joni Mitchell and Don McClean with his American Pie? What sort of theme is that you may ask? Well we can so why not is the answer (FYI, 'American Pie' was a request prompted by a recent Shrove Tuesday quizzer.)

Please contact dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

News

We will reopen church for public worship on Sunday 21st March for 8am Holy Communion and 9.30am Parish Communion.

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.

For our younger members: Please see a petal design at the end of the newsletter to colour in and add a message/prayer for Mothering Sunday to express our thanks to mothers and to all who give themselves generously. If these could be put through the post box of the All Saints Centre by midday 10th March these will be made into flowers and displayed on Mothering Sunday (14th March). A short prayer of thanks would also be welcome. This could be written on the back of the picture.

'Happy Birthday' for last week to Roo Davies and Dexter White both birthdays on the 3rd

'Birthday greetings' this week to Leo Corso (8th) and twins James and Amelia Clarke (12th)

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 – an opportunity to leave food for the West End Food Bank on Sundays Feb 21-March 21, 2pm-3pm

Prayer and Worship

A Proposed Programme for Holy Week and Easter 2021.

<i>Palm Sunday Mar 28</i>	8.00am - Holy Communion 9:30am – Parish Communion (Live streamed)		Evening Service 6:30pm <i>Stations of the Cross in church (Live streamed)</i>
<i>Holy Week Mon Mar 29</i>	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>

Maundy Thurs 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>
Good Friday Apr 02	10:00am Family Service (outdoors)	2:00pm The Last Hour <i>'The cost of Love' – reflections around The Cross.</i> <i>(Live streamed)</i>	
Holy Saturday Apr 03			8:00pm The Easter Vigil (outdoors on The Green). <i>'God acts in the Darkness'</i>
Easter Day Apr 04	08:00am Holy Communion 09:30 Parish Communion (Live streamed)		6:30 Choral Evensong

Lent Groups (via Zoom) Wednesday 10th March at 7:30pm reading '*Candles in the Dark*' by Rowan Williams. The book is based on a series of daily reflections arising from messages posted in a church in Cambridge over the past year.

Leading on from our session last week, we will be looking at the next 6 chapters:

- Second Nature
- Meditative Walking
- Power to be Free
- Behind the Mask
- At Home in the World
- Liturgy in Life

This week we may want to think about:

- Will our experience of lockdown and isolation in the past year help us become more aware of each other, our differences and our needs? How has this transformed us?
- As we enter another very different Holy Week and Easter, how can we make our surroundings a significant place to encounter God?
- How does 'power' and 'freedom' speak to you in light of the past year. Do you think differently now to pre-covid?
- How easy is to recognise and accept who we really are? Do we try to hide our real selves? Has wearing a face covering given you any insight to the way you see yourself and how others see you?
- Has there been a lightbulb moment for you in this past year when you have suddenly understood God's creation and how you can share effectively in that?

You are very welcome to share your own thoughts and reflections on these chapters. If you would like to join, please email the parish office post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Beverley

The Church will be open for 1 hour on Sundays during Lent both for prayer and reflection
Sunday only, Feb 21 - March 21, 2pm-3pm

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 \(wixsite.com\)](http://Worship with us at Home | all-saints-gosforth (wixsite.com))

The Reflection on 7th March will be delivered by Beverley Davies

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' underwrite 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

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Ann Shaw and her family with the loss of Bill. Bill's funeral will be tomorrow Monday 8th March in church at 10am. Unfortunately numbers are restricted but the Service will be live streamed onto Facebook on the church website.

May Bill, *'Rest in peace and rise in glory'*.

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

Support

All Saints pre-school and young people's groups are closed. 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

Since the start of this latest lockdown, we have been thinking how we best support each other. We would be pleased to be contacted for support or for just a chat about our experiences.

2.00pm – 4.00pm

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The Parish Office is closed.

Thank you, for looking at our news today.

