



## All Saints' Church

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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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/>

### **Bible Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for the online Eucharist.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13

New Testament: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### **For Morning Prayer in Church**

Deuteronomy 28.1-14

Acts 28.17-end

### **Thought for today**

Parables are not clear and not very rational, nor easily explainable, nor are they particularly about good behaviour. Rather they are about the deep, mysterious themes in life, such as who is God, what is God like, and what love and justice means.

One feature of the story of the sower in the Gospel reading set for today's Eucharist is the sowing: the utter wastefulness of the sower. In the parable, the sower just keeps throwing out seeds persistently without apparent regard for the kind of soil or where the seeds are landing. And he does not stop seeding. It is as though the supply of seeds is limitless. We can assume that God is like the sower. The grace of God comes to us almost recklessly and wastefully. The very heart of God is relentless despite the fact that some will never grasp the truth, others will lose it by discouragement or neglect, while others will respond. At God's heart is the scattering of seeds of grace and mysteriously even in us, those seeds can grow and flourish, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

*Andrew Shipton*

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Dear All,

We are delighted to be able to return to church for public worship on Sunday 12th July at 9.30am.

This is however not a return to normal—there are measures in place to ensure safety, and these will impact what we are able to do together. As stated in last week's pew sheet the service will not be Holy Communion but Morning Prayer.

All are welcome, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or not. We are able to have 45 people in the congregation at present. This is so we can space out two metres apart. However, with members of the same household or in a bubble who do not need to social distance from each other, the number of places can stretch to a maximum occupancy of 70. Families are welcome, but we cannot provide any special provision for children yet.

You will find specific measures are in place, including sanitiser stations, social distancing, and a one way system, and also a special service sheet. For the time being, there can be no singing - so, sadly, no choir and no hymns. We won't be able to sit in our 'normal' seats. All are welcome but we are asked to remind you that the risks are dependent on your own situation. It is important that those who are shielding, or who are in a vulnerable group, should feel under no pressure to attend and consider their own situation. Online worship will be available this Sunday.

Nothing should be too taxing or complicated, and churchwardens and stewards will welcome and will guide you. Please be assured that everything has been thought through carefully. If you have any questions or concerns about what to expect, please be in touch.

We look forward to welcoming you. Please note the following page 'advice to attendees' for more information.

Best wishes,

*Andrew Shipton*



## Your Sunday Service is back at All Saints – welcome! It's a new experience for us all – 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.

Services, for now, will be morning prayer. There will be music but no singing. You will be in your pew for the full service.

You don't have to wear a face covering or mask, but you can do

### 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 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. It will have prayer and readings. At this time there is no communion or singing.

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

**Parish Breakfast by Zoom Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020** following our online service. If you would like to join us then please email **Ruth** who will send you the link. 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. [ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**Tea & Chat on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July** we are holding an afternoon Zoom session for 30 minutes for those who attended the 9:30am service in church. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and comments on how you found the experience of coming to the service. For an invitation, please email Andrew [Andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:Andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk) *making it clear that your request is for the 3:00pm session*. Please do not pass on the link or password to others.

**Coffee Morning via Zoom Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00.** If you would like to join us then please email **Beverley** who will send you the link. Email [bevdavies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:bevdavies@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.

**Virtual Film Night** will meet again on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**, the film to watch beforehand is **Citizen Kane**, said by some critics to be the best film ever made. This is available now on BBC iplayer and streaming for a whole year, so there's plenty of opportunity to watch it!



### **Tyne & Wear Citizens: "Lockdown Listening" 2020**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 70 of us from Churches, Mosques, Schools, Universities and Charities across Tyne & Wear got together on Zoom to relaunch the Tyne & Wear Citizens Listening Campaign for 2020. Listening had just been getting going back in March when it was overtaken by Lockdown. Or was it? Just as we in All Saints' have been listening and responding within and beyond our membership, so have our friends in the various organisations making up Tyne & Wear Citizens. When we asked each other on Zoom what we had all been doing in Lockdown, the same phrases were repeated from across the alliance: "providing food and meals; congregating virtually; mutual aid; new relationships; kindness". It should be no surprise to us, who were in Lockdown as we followed the story of Holy Week, that so much good has come out of it.

I hope now that these unexpected and new experiences can refresh our listening campaign. We are no longer just asking "What makes life difficult for you, your family or your community?" but much more immediately "What has made Lockdown life difficult for you, your family or your community?" Before Covid-19 hit, Tyne & Wear Citizens had grouped the most quoted issues from our listening into six areas: Environment, Housing, Work, Racism, Police response to crime and Effects of austerity. All of these themes have been emphasised in some way during the Covid crisis, so this is a great opportunity to understand the issues more fully as we return to listening.

Now it's over to you. I think almost all of us will have been listening in new ways during Lockdown. Perhaps calling someone who might be isolated on the phone; using video calls of some kind to keep in touch with family; answering the All Saints helpline, or joining the virtual Parish Breakfast. Can you capture important concerns that you have heard? Can you be sensitive to such concerns as we reconnect and start to share experiences of Lockdown? Can you think of a new way of listening, perhaps in a new group that has formed in response to Covid? Please jot down what you hear and post, email, phone, text or Whatsapp it to me or a member of the Clergy Team.

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The July edition of Link (the Diocesan newspaper) can be downloaded from this page  
<https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/link/?fbclid=IwAR2v1vVaNr8vxxL6KQCdnMksK0Sh 3NZ-y8gUU3FO9hyg3BD Qf6eEK0CUU>



We have received information about the  
**British Red Cross Emergency Carers Card.**

The Carer's Emergency Card offers free emergency support to adults living in Newcastle or Northumberland whose carer suddenly becomes unable to return and offer them care in the usual way. This could be because of a personal crisis such as sudden illness, accident or other emergency which occurs while they are away from home. The scheme supports carers to draw up an emergency contact plan or keep safe an existing plan. It is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, providing a rapid response in the event of a personal crisis as well as additional planned support to allow the carer to attend personal appointments.

Registration for the scheme differs depending on which area the cared for person is living in.

If the cared for person is living in **Newcastle upon Tyne**, there is a registration form which **Andrew Shipton** can send to you.

**The People's Kitchen** is in desperate need of toiletries and non-perishable foods. At present they are only operating Tuesday to Friday 12:00 – 16:00. They are making up food parcels for the temporary housed homeless. 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.

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

The Church **Annual General Meeting** will be on **Sunday 18th October.**

**Just Sing..**

...our zoom session continues to thrive. Every Friday at 11am.

*Is this you -*

you like to sing but think you've not much of a voice?

You've thought of coming but changed your mind?

Never mind the 'buts'. No audition, no solos, no lifetime membership fee, just a range of popular music for you to relax to from 1920s up to the present day, from George Gershwin to George Ezra (including show tunes that you'll have probably heard before). Join this friendly group and allow me to bring the piano and the songs right to you in the comfort of your own home. I'll even send you the lyrics. How can I better that?

Why not show up on Friday and give it a try? (You know you want to) and I'm sure you'll think it's 30 mins well spent! Email me for further details: [dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk)

**Plastic-free July** Trying to be plastic-free can be a struggle at the best of times and especially now if we buy online and cannot refuse the plastic packaging, and if we use face masks, wet wipes and plastic gloves for protection. This makes the annual 'plastic-free July' all the more challenging but all the more essential. If you have never taken the challenge before, do give it a try. There are a number of websites which give you simple ideas to start with, some of which you can find on the All Saints Eco-page. Is there one plastic-wrapped item in your cupboard that you could swap for a plastic-free one next time you shop? **Ann Cross** is making washable plastic-free face coverings for £5 each (proceeds will help support three local charities) - contact Ann for further details.

**All Saints Eco Team**

**Angela Crabtree** thanks all who sent cards and letters following the loss of Alan. All messages were much appreciated.



**Happy Birthday** for this week to **Noah Jenkins** on the 13th July. Have a great day!

**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 **Mission to Seafarers** which gives huge support to all seafarers around the world, especially those stranded in a strange country, and victims of piracy.

#### **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](http://www.facebook.com/pg/taize)

Please could notices for the pew sheet still be sent to [post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**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

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