



All Saints Gosforth



**The 4th Sunday of Lent,
Mothering Sunday
14th March 2021**

9.30 am Parish Communion online - *Live streamed to Facebook*
The order of service downloadable from our website.

6.00 pm Evening Prayer on Sunday

For links to both services please visit

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

From the Vicar

Dear All,

I am delighted to announce that the church will soon be opening for public worship.

We have decided to restart on Sunday 21st March for 8am and 9.30am Communion Services.

Today on Mothering Sunday, please join us for worship via Facebook on our website at 9.30am. Please also see a programme for Holy Week and Easter on this Newsletter.

As you will see from this newsletter, despite the continued restrictions, we continue to function as an active church. We hope you will join us online or soon, in person.

Best wishes,

Andrew Shipton

Readings

Thought for the day

Mothering Sunday coincides with Laetare Sunday, also called Mid-Lent Sunday or Refreshment Sunday which was introduced in mediaeval times and was a day of relief and happiness from fasting at the midway point through the season of Lent. Christians historically visited their mother church - the church in which they were baptised, on Mothering Sunday and, it is a day when traditionally those who were working away from their family homes were allowed to return for the day to spend it with their mothers.

It is interesting to think of what the connection between Laetare Sunday and Mothering Sunday (now commonly known as Mother's Day in the UK) might mean for us in present times. There is an aspect, I think, of returning to the people around us who gave and give us life and have guided and protected us as children as well as in our adult years and we acknowledge their love and sacrifices made for us.

Mothering Sunday can be a difficult day for some for a variety of reasons. Whilst we may not all be mothers, we all have had one, if we don't have a mother in our lives, we may have a person in our life that took on that role, male or female, and sacrificed their own lives so we could go on to be the people we are today.

In this past year, we have seen the sacrificial role of those in our communities who have put our own needs, health and safety before their own, those working on the front line in hospitals, paramedics, care home staff and those who work in essential shops. Today, we give thanks not only for the love and care from the mother figures in our lives, but for those we are thankful to for caring enough about strangers.

At the foot of the cross, Jesus told the beloved disciple, 'here is your mother' and to Mary he said 'here is your son'; a reminder that we are all called to be mother figures to each other.

Beverley Davies

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 14th

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

Tuesday March 16th

Coffee morning @ 11am. Please contact Andrew Andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Wednesday March 17th

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

Fridays @ 11am – Just Sing #41

Do you know 'Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around' (an early spiritual)? Why not learn it with us this week? 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 your entry on 21st March. 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.

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 next Sunday 21st March.

Please see the latest edition of 'Keeping in Touch'.

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 on Sundays March 14, and 21, 2pm-3pm.

'Birthday greetings' this week to Hannah Watson on the 16th.

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 Register for Holy Week & Easter 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' – <i>reflections around The Cross.</i> (Live streamed)	
<i>Holy Saturday</i> Apr 03			8:00pm The Easter Vigil (outdoors on The Green). 'God acts in the Darkness'
<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 Register for Holy Week & Easter services all-saints-gosforth (wixsite.com)</i> No internet? Please leave a phone message on tel: 0191 213 0450	6:30 Choral Evensong

Lent Groups (via Zoom) Wednesday 17th 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. In this our last session, we will look at the remaining chapters of the book

- Transfiguration
- To be born again
- The rule of the algorithm
- Praying for Jerusalem
- Law and order
- The presence of the past
- Herd mentality

Andrew, Beverley and Ruth will share in leading the session where you are very welcome to share your thoughts and reflections on these chapters.

If you would like to join, please email the parish office post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

The Church will be open for 1 hour today and next Sunday (March 14 & 21) for prayer and reflection 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://www.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth)

The Reflection on 14th March will be delivered by Ruth Birnie

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, 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*

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.