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## He is risen



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## Prayer corner

### Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness  
Transformed to the brightest light.  
The most dreadful end  
Became the most beautiful beginning.  
The depths of despair  
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.  
The curse of death  
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

*A contemporary prayer for Easter day from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)*

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### Cover photograph

Our thanks to Harry James who has sent us this delightful picture of sunrise over Holy Island, looking east over the harbour between the iconic boats on the island.

# Andrew Shipton

## From the Vicar

### The Ultimate Drama



**M**any of us have been watching a succession of powerful dramas on the TV over the last few months. “The Bodyguard” and “Baptise” come to mind.

In watching a gripping piece of acting on the television or at the theatre, we can find ourselves caught up in a story, with characters that we identify with or dislike, to such an extent that we lose ourselves and yet gain insight into the experience of others and our own. Looking back on my own experience of the theatre, I can remember being so affected by a play that I left the performance feeling that my perspective on life had changed.

In retelling the story of our Lord’s passion, death and resurrection, we are again entering into a narrative which can have a profound impact on us. During Holy week and at Easter we can be swept up into a drama with highs and lows which take us beyond ourselves, to struggle with the ultimate questions, to reflect on human nature, to face our own fears, and to marvel at divine power which cannot be defeated.

To experience the highs of Easter it is necessary to pass through the reality of Good Friday. The resurrection makes its true impact on us, when we see that it is God in Christ who experiences victimisation, discrimination, torture and death—horrors that remain with us in our world today—and that God does not give up on us. Whereas Good Friday bears witness to our human capacity to inflict cruel acts of violence and hatred, the empty tomb reveals that love cannot be extinguished. Love wins.

I like to think of the Resurrection as a great act of defiance against all that would diminish our vitality and humanity, and of

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Easter as a declaration of the power of God’s love to overcome and transform even the very worst and darkest aspects of human nature. This is the cause for such celebration. Once experienced—our lives can never be the same.

The first disciples of Jesus were living witnesses to the power of Christ’s risen presence flooding their lives with joy and wonder. But this only came after the shock and confusion of finding the tomb empty—today we might call it post-traumatic stress. The hope and new life that followed is still part of the genuine heartfelt experience of Christians more than 2000 years on. We can find ourselves moved to tears by the sadness of Good Friday at the foot of the cross but we can also find ourselves moved to tears of joy on Easter morning. I hope as many as possible will embark with me on the journey through Holy Week and to the Lord’s glorious resurrection. Our Lord’s story has to become part of our story. It’s a white-knuckle ride but it ends in joy and hope.

*Andrew*

## All Saints’ Amnesty Group

**E**very so often when we hear bad news and injustices around the world we feel completely frustrated and impotent that we as individuals cannot change any of it or do anything about it.

Writing letters for Amnesty once a month enables us to do something meaningful and worthwhile that often has good results and always raises awareness and holds those responsible for injustice and cruelty to account, and brings their inhumane behaviour to the attention of the world.

Recently a brave and fearless woman lawyer challenged her government once again to justify imprisoning women who had campaigned for the right to drive a vehicle (in the 21st century!).

Even though the government had bowed to world and internal opinion and allowed this great privilege to be granted soon, they pursued those who had asked for it, and the lawyer defending them, for disrespecting the laws and the government, and imprisoned them. Amnesty International tried to defend them in court, supported their families and publicised this behaviour throughout the world. They were not allowed to be locked away quietly to be taught a lesson with no adverse reaction from the inter-

national community. All the prisoners will be receiving letters (or at least the prison will—we hope they get through) so they do not feel forgotten.

Another woman lawyer in Iraq has been imprisoned for 38 years (the Republic doing the imprisoning has only been in existence for 40 years) for her courage in defending campaigners asking for the right to choose whether they wear the approved head-covering prescribed by the Government—38 years for doing a good lawyer's job defending women asking for the right to choose what they put on their heads! Again it is Amnesty—with impartiality and no diplomatic ties and no commercial contracts to worry about—who are leading the campaign for her release, showing how utterly appalled citizens all over the world are at such unfair and extreme decisions. The headlines will move on, the reporters will talk of other matters, but Amnesty and the letter-writers will hold fast, continue to raise the topic, and put on pressure with thousands of letters.

Please join in once a month and stand up for the principles we all want to believe in by writing a letter or going on-line and writing there if you prefer. It does make a difference, some prisoners are released and many others are comforted that someone cares enough and is interested enough to write on their behalf.

**Marion Anderson**

## Help keep our church open

**O**n Saturday 9th February, our church suffered from minor vandalism. Following advice from Northumbria Police the churchwardens reluctantly decided to lock the church while it was unattended.

A closed church prevents parishioners and others from visiting and using the church for private prayer. The full implications of this were considered by the PCC and a decision made to reopen the church from 18th March.

The more people who visit the church the safer it will be. If you find that you are near to the church please do drop by just to keep an eye on the place.

Thank you.

**Paul and Ros, Churchwardens**

**Stop Press!** Due to incident on Wednesday 27th March the Church is being locked.

## Welcome Beverley

**W**e are delighted to welcome Beverley Davies as our new curate, starting in September this year. Beverley's ordination will take place at the Cathedral on 29th June at 11.00, and members of the congregation are welcome to attend the service (which will be ticketed) in support of Beverley and her colleagues. Whilst Beverley will be living outside the Parish she will have a base in the All Saints' Centre, in the Augustine Room (see page 20). In addition to All Saints' Beverley will also serve as Curate to St Hugh's. Here she introduces herself.

I am delighted to be coming to All Saints', and to St Hugh's, as your Curate, and I am very much looking forward to meeting you all in September.

I believe God has always been calling me to ordained ministry, but I didn't want to listen to what he was saying, and so began a period of discernment of (but mostly running away and denying!) God's plan. I began seriously thinking and praying about ordained ministry in 2009, so I can safely say that I haven't rushed things!

I have studied through the Lindisfarne Theological College, and graduated from Durham University with them last year with a degree in Theology and Ministry.

I live in North Shields, and I am an NHS Paediatric Medical Secretary, with responsibility for Child Protection concerns at North Tyneside General Hospital. I have experience of Trust Management, and Substance Misuse in adults, and now work in Paediatrics.

As part of my ministerial training I have spent time on placement at HM Prison Northumberland (formerly Acklington) and the Freeman Hospital, both of which I found a huge privilege.

I am married to Gregory (22 years this year!) and have two children: Lucy who is 18, and Evie who is 13. We are all very excited and very much looking forward to being part of the church family and communities of All Saints' and St. Hugh's.

I am also very fortunate in that I will be spending, for the second time, Holy Week and Easter in the Holy Land as my summer school with Lindisfarne Theological College. I will be seeing the villages and towns Jesus went to; sail on Galilee; renew my baptismal vows in the Jordan; spend time in Nazareth, and pray in the Garden of Geth-



semene. I hope to share my wonderful experiences with you all, and wish you all a joyous and blessed Easter when it comes.

As I prepare for my ordination with both excitement and wonder, I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me and for us all at All Saints' and St Hugh's in the months and years to come.

With every good wish,

*Beverley*

## QR Codes come to All Saints'

**F**or some time readers will have seen the pixelated box at the back of our magazine. This is a QR (Quick Response) Code and these are being used increasingly to store information which can then be downloaded onto a smartphone or other device.

Once you have downloaded a QR code scanner (free of charge) you simply hold your phone against the code to read the information contained.

We are grateful to Peter Mitchell who has produced our first QR code guide within the church, next to the Galloway window (pictured on back cover). Simply scan the code to hear about this special window.



## From the Youth Worker

**L**ast month I talked about my cheese and bacon twists. These aren't the only treats I've been baking. Each month, Slightly Older Saints (SOS) has been doing a food-based activity.

Do you know how difficult it is to try and find an interesting enough baking project for teenagers, which also requires only 40 minutes of prep and between 15 to 25 minutes of cooking, all which you have to somehow draw a



Christian message out of? Let's just say that I have been needing to use every ounce of my creativity! But I thought I would share with you some of our recent projects and the messages we drew from them:

**November—Meringues**  
Can anyone think of a Christian message you can draw from making meringues? What if I told you that you were

not allowed to use an electric whisk? That's right! In November, the teens had to whisk up meringues using only their own elbow-grease. As Christians, we are told to persevere. Times will get tough, and you will sometimes feel like giving up. But, in those moments, keep going ... the end reward is a super-tasty dessert!

### **December—Gingerbread Men**

You may be wondering why we did gingerbread? Well, honestly, it's probably because I don't know how to make candy canes. Luckily, though, these worked well for discussing which Nativity, or Christmas, characters they could remember, and what part those characters played in the Christmas story. The teens baked the gingerbread men from scratch, and they smelt wonderful.

### **January—Gingerbread Houses**

You might be saying that this was simply because the gingerbread houses were significantly reduced in the post-Christmas sales...and you'd be right! But, more importantly, they were a great opportunity to talk about what is the house of the Lord? No longer the temple building, but the people! And what holds it all together? The icing, or in our case, we are held together by Jesus and the Spirit of God which dwells within us.

### **February—Mystery Box**

You've all seen this on shows such as MasterChef. The contestants are given a box and told to make something out of whatever is inside. Our "contestants", the teens, used their ingredients to make choc chip pancakes. And the first batch were really tasty. The second batch ... er ... perhaps better not to mention these ones. In our Christian journey we are all given different ingredients, or spiritual gifts, and it's our task to work out which ones we've been given, and also how to put them to work.

### **March—Soup**

Sticking to our themes of Spiritual gifts this month. Have you ever tried a spoonful of salt? I wouldn't suggest it. Have you ever eaten a raw onion? Better not to. Or how about raw garlic? No kisses for you! By themselves, these ingredients, or spiritual gifts, are not nearly as effective until they are combined into one yummy soup ... or church.

**Andrew Mason**

## The future of Seniors' Wednesday outings

**T**hese outings have been ongoing for many years; they came about when Sue Jackson, our previous Parish Secretary, gave up driving the bus for another group of people. I, with the agreement of our then Parish Treasurer John Norris, took up the vacant booking. Being already a driver for Gosforth Community Minibus, all I did was just give up my time for the second Wednesday each month. I picked up members of the congregation from their homes, taking them out for a trip to a place the members of the party fancied to go on the day, depending on the weather, and returned them to their own door at the end, all for a modest contribution to costs.

We have travelled in the past years to over 100 different places of interest, varying from Lindisfarne Island in north Northumberland to Bowes Museum on the border of North Yorkshire. We have visited places of interest, one-off events, sometime enjoying a walk in local parks, the grounds of historic houses, Cathedrals, or visiting markets, with a stop off for coffee or a lunch depending on the length of the journey; the variety is down to the imagination of the passengers.

As part of the team who have run the Gosforth Community Minibus over the last 10 years, I have felt that I had two responsibilities: that of keeping the facility open to all the residents in our area, and to those parishioners of All Saints' who enjoy having an outing with friends and are no longer able to drive, but enjoy going out once a month to places they enjoy visiting with friends.

In 2018 our numbers starting to drop on a regular basis, from the days when we had a full bus of 12 people down to as low as 4 regulars, who still enjoy the regular meetings and going to places they choose.

This month I was approached by the person who organizes the bookings to ask if we (All Saints') would be using the bus this month, and my answer was No. The reason for the question was that one of our drivers also helps out at Disability North (based beside the Freeman Hospital) and they are interested in using the facility. My reply was, on this occasion only, a one-off Yes. I know they are interested in using the bus on a regular basis, so the decision for all those at All Saints' is **USE IT**

OR LOSE IT. Please let me know your views by Phone 0191 2842834 or email keith kennils 241@btinternet.com by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Keith Kennils

## Christian Aid Week 2019



**I**t is almost May—it must be nearly Christian Aid Week! This year, CAW will take place from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May. The theme is “All mums should live”, with the aim of providing more health clinics and improving hygiene and medical training in Sierra Leone, where ten women die every day from giving birth.

For most people at All Saints’, Christian Aid Week is synonymous with house-to-house collections. In the words of Christian Aid, “*House-to-house collections have been, and still remain, hugely successful. They bring in a large proportion of Christian Aid Week fundraising and enable us to step out in a powerful act of witness in our communities.*”

However, house-to-house collections are increasingly challenging, and Christian Aid is aware of the need to change over the next few years. They are inviting supporters to contact them at [caw@christian-aid.org](mailto:caw@christian-aid.org) to voice their ideas and experience to help shape the future of the week.

Meanwhile, here at All Saints’, we need to be creative in our approach to the week. We have already established a tradition of starting the week with a Big Breakfast following the 8.00am and 9.30am services. A number of the congregation have said they never receive an envelope through the door, so we have ordered church-collection envelopes to distribute in church for those whose house is not included in street collections.

Finally, this year’s house-to-house envelopes will have a no-reply address label (the church office, or the collector’s details if preferred) already attached; this should make collecting easier for those who have time to deliver but less time to collect, as people who aren’t in when they call can send the donation directly to the address given, rather than the collector calling back.

The total amounts which we collected during Christian Aid Week have remained fairly constant for the past few years. This seems amazing,

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given the recent financial climate. Although the number of returned envelopes has reduced, those who give do so very generously. We want to enable such generous giving to continue. If you are able to help with the week this year by delivering, collecting or counting envelopes, please sign the sheet which will appear at the back of the church (where else?) or contact Lesley Atkinson tel 2847163.

Thank you.

Lesley Atkinson

## Safeguarding at All Saints’



Kath Davies, Parish Safeguarding Officer

**W**e hear a lot about safeguarding through many different forums, but what does it mean here at All Saints’?

Along with churches everywhere, we at All Saints’ must have a safeguarding policy, and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that policy is up to date, complied with, and reaffirmed annually.

On the front page of the Parish website, there is a safeguarding link, which takes you to our Safeguarding policy statement, along with how that policy is delivered by All Saints’.

As stated on that page, “Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility”, but no one need ever feel alone in that. Whether responding to an incident they have seen or has been brought to them, or just wanting to find out more or to talk over their own thoughts and feelings about safeguarding, there is always someone to talk to. Andrew, our vicar, myself as Parish Safeguarding Officer, or Dee Matthews, our Children and Vulnerable Adults Advocate, are always open and available to respond to any thoughts, queries or concerns.

Along with our own policy and procedures, there is a further link to the Newcastle Diocese website which again has lots of information about Safeguarding, including the Training Programme. There is also a link to the Church of England’s Parish Safeguarding Handbook which sets out

all requirements of Parishes. The parish office has a paper copy for anyone to read if access to a computer is not possible. The Diocese website has recently been redesigned and is well worth having a look at; the picture on the opening page, of Hadrian's Wall, is beautiful!

As a busy parish, we at All Saints' are lucky to be able to ensure good Safeguarding practice. This is helped by having a Safeguarding sub-committee which meets every two months. Each year we re-visit the safeguarding policy and ensure that an annual safeguarding audit is completed, from which an action plan emerges. The action plan is a requirement of us from the Church of England and informs us as to what we are currently doing well, what needs to be improved and what gaps are identified that need to be filled in the future.

I attend meetings at Church House every couple of months with fellow Parish Safeguarding Officers, chaired by the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Ruth Rogan. Linda Hunter, one of the main Safeguarding Trainers, is also in regular attendance. These are helpful opportunities to share practice and hear about upcoming developments, of which the recent push for Domestic Abuse awareness being raised in all churches is a good example. A Church of England initiative has led to collaboration with the Police and Crime Commissioners office to deliver awareness training on the issue of domestic abuse in all forms, with the encouragement for all parishes to identify a Domestic Abuse Champion. We are delighted that Alison Charlewood has agreed to explore this role, and more about her role will be publicised in the next few months.

There is always lots to discuss, but space is limited! Ensuring all involved with groups are DBS checked (Disclosure and Barring Service), especially where young people are involved, and training for us all, whether that is safeguarding specific or other issues, are ongoing and take time and commitment. Our thanks to Keith Kennils who is our DBS Parish Recording Officer. As Parish Safeguarding Officer. I really appreciate the support of everyone at All Saints' who work so hard at making our church safe for everyone. Thank you.

**Kath Davies**  
Parish Safeguarding Officer

## Electoral Roll

**W**e are to complete a new electoral roll this year. Application forms can be found at the back of church or please contact the Parish Office.

## Tales from the Tower

With Tower Captain Paul Cross



**L**ast summer we reported that the bell foundry inspection revealed that we needed urgent repairs to keep the bells in good ringing order.

An appeal was launched to help the PCC in finding the estimated cost of £10,729. This requirement fell at the same time that All Saints' was seeking funds to re-decorate the church and replace the lights.

We asked In Touch readers for help with two items: re-bushing all ten clappers (above), and replacing all ten roller boxes (right).

In the event we received a magnificent total of £5,619 in donations from individuals, including very handsome gifts from members of the congregation. Equally impressive were the generous donations from neighbours.



We also raised £409 from local fundraising efforts.

The cost of replacing the headstocks (below) at just over £4,000 was met by grants from charitable trusts Garfield Weston, Catherine Cookson, and the Durham and Newcastle Bell Repair Fund.

The PCC will now have to find less than £1,000 from church funds to cover the full cost of the project. So it's a big "thank you" from your bell ringers to all for the wonderful support.

The work is planned for early summer this year, and the bells will be silent for some six weeks.



**STOP PRESS:** A new problem with the 9th bell means that the back 4 bells will be out of action until it can be repaired with the rest of the work. In the meantime we shall be ringing only the front 6.

Paul Cross

## Sparkle and Shine

**W**ho remembers being a Cub, Scout, Guide or Brownie? The organisation is still going strong and the opportunities for the youngsters to explore new challenges are as varied as ever.

Ten young people from Central Gosforth Scout Group are looking to sparkle and shine along with over 100 other scouts and guides from the Newcastle area in this year's Gang Show at the People's Theatre. It's the longest running Gang Show in the world, and is good old fashioned fun, but don't take our word for it, join us from Wednesday 17th April to Saturday 20th April. You can book tickets at 01912655020 and check out details at [www.newcastlegangshow.co.uk](http://www.newcastlegangshow.co.uk). And, yes, it wouldn't be a Gang Show without "Crest of a Wave", along with lots of singing, dancing and some very funny sketches!

Jake Parker and Liam Whitelaw



Featuring Jake and Liam in the front row! Both attend Café Church, Evolution and the Cubs.

In the community

## Making for the Light



**T**his thought-provoking theatre performance will take place at All Saints' in 25th May at 7.30pm

The father who kneels before Jesus to beg him to heal his son has no doubt what is wrong with the boy. In the King James version, "He is lunatic and sore vexed and oft times he falleth into the fire and oft into water." Modern versions of the Bible replace "lunatic" with "epileptic".

Epilepsy affects around 600,000 people in the UK, and as part of Epilepsy Awareness Week, theatre company Operating Theatre will be presenting a performance piece, *Making for the Light*, which looks at the condition.

The performance is part of the public engagement sector of a groundbreaking research project in Newcastle University, using light to control the seizures of people with focal epilepsy for whom neither medication or surgery has proved suitable. The piece takes its title from a quotation from Vincent Van Gogh: "So let us go forward, quietly each on his own path forever making for the light," the painter being just one of the famous writers and artists with epilepsy whose thoughts on the condition figure in the piece.

*Making for the Light* uses extracts from the Operating Theatre play of that name performed at Live Theatre in the autumn, and also from *The Illuminated Self*, its performance piece which launched the project earlier in the year. It will also include some of the exploratory work in which Operating Theatre is currently involved, and which will form the basis of a new play on the subject of epilepsy in Spring 2020.

The performance will be followed by a post-show discussion about issues raised by the play.

For further information regarding the performance please contact: [post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

For further information on Operating Theatre's work please see: [www.operatingtheatre.org.uk](http://www.operatingtheatre.org.uk), or e-mail: [operatingtheatre@inbox.com](mailto:operatingtheatre@inbox.com)

In addition, Operating Theatre is offering a workshop at the church in which participants will be encouraged to think further about the issues, and in particular the use of such things as brain implants which are becoming part of modern biomedicine. This will be held in the week of June 10th; further information will be available at the performance.

## The Apothecary Café



Photo: Andrew Shipton

**T**he Apothecary Café has recently opened on Ashburton Road. Barbara Charlton, the owner, moved into the shop after the “Smile For Life” café moved into premises on the Great North Road.

Barbara previously ran a convenience store specialising in confectionery. The new business provides lunches, cakes and beverages, and a range of foods catering for vegans and those with food allergies.

The café is open from 10am to 5pm on a weekday and 10am to 4pm on a Saturday. Apothecary means healing and restoration, and Barbara hopes that the café will be an oasis of calm and refreshment for those living by, or passing through, the Ashburton Road area. Do call in if you are passing.

**Andrew Shipton**

## Columba and Augustine Rooms

**W**e are continuing to prepare the Augustine Room as an office ready for the arrival of Rev. Sarah Moon (covering Rev. Canon Andrew Shipton's sabbatical, June-August) and our Curate Beverley Davies, due in September (see page 8).

We are most grateful to Tricia Maylia and Diane Cooper for finishing a first-rate makeover of the Columba and Augustine Rooms—Tricia for painting and decorating, and Diane for making curtains, seat covers and cushions. Paul and I are continuing to deal with storage, furniture and IT matters. You are welcome to check out the improvements!

**Ros Place and Paul Wilkinson, Churchwardens**



Photo: Andrew Shipton

## Obituary

### Joe Hedley

**J**oe Hedley was brought up in Blyth, and attended St Cuthbert's Church, where he was an Altar Server and the Chairman of the Anglican Young People's Association. He subsequently attended Sunderland University, where he trained as a Naval Architect.

Valerie and Joe had nautical connections. Valerie's father was the Harbour Master in Blyth, and Valerie met Joe at Church. In 1962, after being married at St Cuthbert's, Joe and Valerie moved to Hampshire and to Basingstoke, where Joe was a Consultant Naval Architect. In 1966 he moved to work for the Board of Trade as a Ship Surveyor. The young family moved back to Newcastle in 1970, to Melton Park. Subsequently they moved to Scotland and to Dollar, when Joe became a principal Ship Surveyor. In 1989 they moved back to settle in Newcastle, when Joe became chief ship surveyor to the north-east region.

Joe was highly respected, a very capable and competent

professional, and clearly made steady and constant progress in his career. At the same time he was a loving and dependable husband and father.

Joe was always calm and thoughtful, and seemed to be without stress. He appeared to overcome obstacles and setbacks with ease. He enjoyed responsibility, he was a modest and generous man, family-centred, and a dependable presence through thick and thin. Joe had a dry sense of humour and could be relied on to give level-headed and practical advice, as he did when he and the family were once shipwrecked on a ferry, not far from Sweden! No panic—just an explanation as to how to evacuate the ship in safety!

When we hear about Jesus's stilling of the storm I cannot help but think of Joe; that stable and secure person who always tries to do what God does, bring order out of chaos and calm to anxious hearts. Unlike the disciples he would not have panicked as the storms of the Sea of Galilee raged. He may have slept like Jesus did; certainly like Jesus also he would have brought peace.

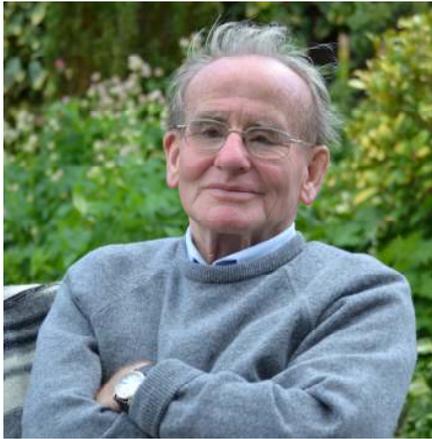
A theme of Joe's life was to ensure safety and the protection of others. His job was to certify that ships were fit to sail; as a husband and father he ensured that his family were protected and supported. That deep sense of security was of a spiritual nature which can be traced back to Joe's deep faith in God. His trust that ultimately everything is alright was rooted in his belief in God. God was for Joe the strong rock on which all was built, his fortress, and his anchor.

Joe was ill for some time, but continued to be a vibrant member of the Silverline Monday café and admired as a gentleman in the groups he attended. He was very well cared for by Valerie and the Lindisfarne Care Home and in later years felt himself safe and secure and well looked after.

We commend Joe to the God he trusted. He brought light to our lives; in his friendship and faithfulness we glimpsed God's eternal love, and it is into that eternal love that we commended him.

Our deep sympathy goes to Valerie, Nigel and Bryony and their families in their great loss.

**Andrew Shipton**



## Missions of the Month

**E**ach month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity agreed by the PCC, unless otherwise stated.

Gift Aid envelopes, when received from the organisations we support, are placed in the pews for those who feel able to increase their donations in this way. If there are no envelopes in your pew, please use a yellow All Saints' envelope by crossing out "All Saints'" and writing the name of the relevant Mission of the Month in its place.

### **April: The Church Mission Society (CMS)**

This is a pioneering mission community with roots dating back to 1799. They long to see the transforming fullness of Christ unfolding in every culture, and are committed to serious and sustained cross-cultural engagement. They strive to share the love of God with people of all races and to gather them into the fellowship of Christ's Church. Today, CMS supports nearly 900 people in mission in 26 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. We are continuing to support Tony and Katherine Paton and all the work they do in South East Asia.

### **May: uS**

A new charity, the aim of uS is 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 some these may be small but very significant. This North East Charity was founded by a former member of our choir, Dr. Mary-Jane Tacchi. And further information is available on their website <https://www.usactive.org.uk/>

### **Donations sent out since the last In Touch:**

January	The Cedarwood Trust	£1010.99
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Many thanks for all the continued contributions you give to all the organisations we support. Please don't forget to look at the Mission of the Month Display Board each month to find out more about each Mission we are supporting and do take away any literature supplied - the Board is situated at the back of Church. Acknowledgements from the supported organisations are also displayed on the board when they are received.

**Chris Matthews, Mission Secretary**

Charity Registration No: 1064890



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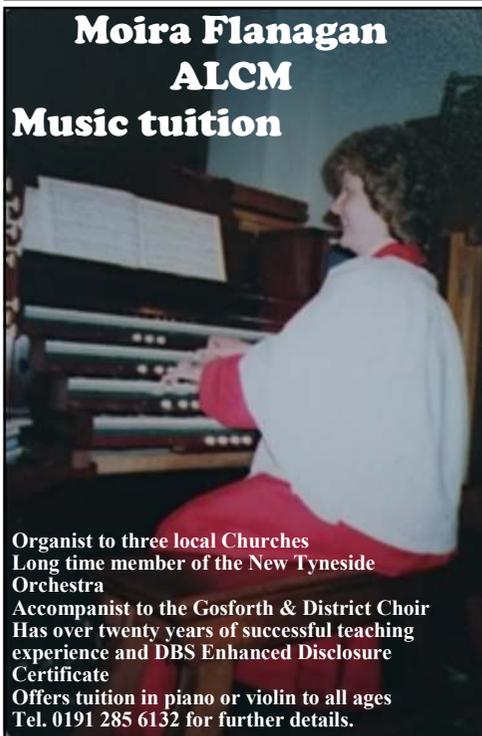
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**Making for the Light**



Saturday 25 May  
7:30pm  
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A moving piece about Art and Epilepsy.  
Performed as part of National Epilepsy Week.  
The performance will be followed by a post-show discussion about the issues raised.

The show has been developed in conjunction with Newcastle University and the CANDO project, a research project developing a new light based therapy for people with epilepsy.

Image from: 'Starry Night Over the Rhona', Van Gogh, 1888

# PCC Digest

At the PCC meeting held on 11th March 2019:

Andrew Shipton gave an update on **Archbishop Runcie First School**. The Governors have decided not to pursue the option to join the Newcastle East Academy Trust. The PCC pledged to support the school as it explores other options.

Fred Carr presented the **accounts** for the year ending April 2019. He expressed continuing concern for the general fund and hoped that those not already part of the planned giving scheme can be encouraged to join. A proposed fund raising campaign should help. Thanks were expressed for the excellent response from everyone who gave to the lighting, decorating and bell restoration appeals. Thanks also went to Fred for his invaluable work as Treasurer.

A proposal for **lighting** along the path at the west end of the church was accepted. This will allow safe passage for people walking between the Centre and West Avenue in the dark. The project will cost approximately £3,000, and will require fundraising.

Andrew confirmed the arrangements for **Lent and Easter** as printed in the leaflets available at the back of the church.

Insurance was approved for **youth trips**, including the youth week-end away, arranged for the summer term.

**Reverend Sarah Moon** will be at All Saints' from June until September, whilst Andrew is on sabbatical. **Mrs Beverley Davies** will start as Assistant Curate at All Saints' and St Hugh's in September.

Paul Wilkinson reported the circumstances of **vandalism** to the church which occurred during February. Subsequent joint action taken by the police and All Saints' resulted in the church being closed for a few weeks. Personal alarms have been issued to people who regularly work alone in the church and everyone is asked to be vigilant.

A second estimate of £8,000 has been received for **paving** around the church - a further estimate is to be requested. Congratulations were given to the person who painted the **church doors**.

Alison Charlewood is exploring the role of **Domestic Abuse Champion** (see page 15).

An eighteen-month strategy has been agreed to develop our music which includes reaching out to our young people groups.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on 25th April 2019.

**Dee Matthews, PCC Member**

*Full minutes of each PCC meeting are displayed at the back of the church following their acceptance at the next meeting of the PCC.*

## Voices of Faith

**V**oices of Faith was launched in 2012 as a forum for people of all faiths and none, to discuss matters in which faith traditions have important things to say, but often make conflicting claims.

Sessions take place in and around Newcastle, in alternate months, usually on a Wednesday from 6.00 to 8.30pm. They are often in places of worship, but sometimes in secular places. Topics have included the origin of the world, food and fasting, peace and war, medical ethics, crime and punishment, the use and abuse of the feminine, pilgrimage, and sacred and authoritative texts.

We normally start with a buffet meal. Sometimes it is provided by the faith community hosting the session, and gives us a taste of that community's cuisine, food rules and traditions of hospitality.

There are usually three speakers, from different faith traditions—which may include Humanism—chosen for their knowledge and experience of the topic. Each speaks for about a quarter of an hour, and then we separate into three or four groups for discussion. In the last half hour or more, we put questions to the three speakers, which often lead to further discussion. A member of the Voices of Faith planning group chairs the session. Attendance is around two or three dozen, and we would be glad to have more.

We aren't here to persuade, or win an argument, and we aren't here to agree either, or to reach cosy answers to difficult questions. We explore how and why we agree or disagree, so that we can disagree better, rather than misunderstand each other.

If you would like to find out more, or to be on our email list, please see me, or email: [dermot@grevatt.f9.co.uk](mailto:dermot@grevatt.f9.co.uk)

**Dermot Killingley**

## School news

### A regular update from Archbishop Runcie First School

**In September Archbishop Runcie Church of England VA First School welcomed Mrs Kate Massey as acting Headteacher. Her first appointment as Headteacher was confirmed later in the term. Mrs Massey reflects on a very busy year so far and reports:**

We have now appointed a new staff team who are all very enthusiastic and delighted to be part of our special school! During the last two terms, we have tried to give the school a “makeover”, and have been kindly supported by the families and friends of our school in painting classrooms, landscaping the central courtyard, and fundraising for new resources. This has been a brilliant opportunity for us all to roll up our sleeves and come together as a school community. Our PTFA launched the year with a “Welcome back BBQ” which was a brilliant opportunity to welcome new members of our school community to our special school.

In September 2018, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the school's opening. On the first day back the children discovered a time capsule with objects, photographs and documents related to the school's history inside. Colin Tait, a former grandparent, took us on a guided tour of Gosforth looking at the site where the previous school was located and talking to us about significant historical events and buildings. We even enjoyed a visit to Beamish warehouse to look at objects from the 1980s!

This topic gave us an exciting opportunity to talk about, and celebrate, all that we are proud of about our school, and to define how it is distinctive as a Church of England school. Children and staff are able to articulate the benefits of our strong Christian ethos.

Following our Ofsted judgement we have had support from NEAT, a mixed Multi Academy Trust in the East of the city which features a fellow Church of England school. This has proved invaluable. However, a recent consultation involving parents, staff, other Gosforth schools and church representatives from All Saints' and St. Nicholas' concluded that we should not enter into a closer relationship and become part of NEAT at this time. We hope that the conversations generated will be the beginning of stronger working relationships in order to ensure the brightest possible future for our wonderful school.

We continue to work closely with both of the churches that we serve,

and welcome both Andrew Mason and Canon Andrew Shipton in school to lead worship on a regular basis. In addition we are always looking for support for our school and would welcome any offers of time that any of you may have. We have a range of roles for volunteers; from photocopying and laminating, to listening to children read, gardening, or putting up displays. If you would like to be part of our team of volunteers, please contact Mrs McCloud in the school office!

**Kate Massey, Headteacher**

## 'Let it Be'

Let it be by Paul McCartney was sung by our Uniformed Organisations at our Mothering Day Service on 31st March. Our thanks to Ros Place for the idea and Diana Lavin for visiting the groups and practising the song.

## Mind your language

**Those of us who regularly produce (or receive) orders of service and other documents for the church are well aware of the pitfalls that can occur as a result of careless typing—or sometimes of over-zealous spell checkers.**

When clergy receive an invitation to a service and are asked if they would like to robe, one recurrent misprint is to refer to the “robbing clergy”. I have recently also read about the following:

- a version of the Lord’s Prayer that asked “deliver us from email”
- a prayer that asked to deliver us from “all the woks of the evil one”
- an invitation to a meeting that would “be gin with prayer”
- the familiar response to intercessions which requested “Lord, graciously heat us”—well, we know that heating can sometimes be erratic!
- an invitation after a carol service to “mice pies in the local pub”
- a version of Job’s declaration, well-known as an aria, that appeared as “I know that my Redeemer lies”
- and of course there is the ubiquitous Scotsman “Angus Dei”.

At the time of writing, there was to be a vote on the Christian Resources Exhibition website for the funniest error with the winner to be announced on March 13th. Watch this space!

**Ruth Birnie**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'

### **Palm Sunday 14th April**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Procession of Palms and Eucharist
- 3.00pm Holy Communion in the hall
- 6.30pm Devotional Service

### **Monday 15th April to Wednesday 18th April**

- 7.30pm Compline with devotional meditation

### **Maundy Thursday 18th April**

- 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with footwashing

### **Good Friday 19th April**

- 10.00am An informal children’s service
- 11.15am Act of Witness at Trinity Church
- 12.00–3.00pm A Service of preaching and devotion led by Canon Peter Kenney

### **Holy Saturday 20th April**

- 8.00pm Easter Vigil

### **Easter Day 21st April**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

## From the registers

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### Baptisms

10th February

**Ruby Olivia Morrin**  
**Ted Valentine Harle Wood**  
**Oliver Thomas Wright**

### Funerals

1st February:

**Cecil Walter Hancock**

14th February:

**Patricia Mansfield**

28th February:

**Joseph Alexander Hedley**

22nd March:

**Alison Bolton**

25th March:

**Brian Flanagan**

2nd April:

**Elizabeth Margaret Spaldin**



## Dates for your Diary

### April

Sunday 7th 6.30pm	A simple form of evening prayer with hymns and 10 minute address "My faith journey so far"
Sunday 14th 9.30am 3.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Parish Communion Service Afternoon Holy Communion in the Centre Stations of the Cross
Thursday 18th 7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing
Friday 19th 10.00am 11.15am 12 noon	<b>Good Friday</b> An informal Children's service Act of Witness at Trinity Church A 3 hour Service of preaching and devotion led by Canon Peter Kenney
Saturday 20th 8.00pm	<b>Easter Saturday</b> Easter Vigil
Sunday 21st 8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	<b>Easter Day</b> Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
Sunday 28th 11.00am	Annual General Meeting
<b>May</b>	
Saturday 25th 7.30pm	Theatre performance <i>Making for the Light</i> (see page 18)

## All Saints' Weekly Services

Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	Café Church (first Sunday of every month)
	6.30pm	Evening Service or Prayers for Healing. Evensong last Sunday of the month.

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Peter Mitchell has recently experimented with QR codes to give visitors an introduction to the beautiful Galloway window featuring local Saints John of Beverley, Hilda and Wilfred.

See page 9 for more information.

Photo: Christine Willoughby

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