



## All Saints' Church

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

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**The Parish Office is closed.**

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>  
On the 14<sup>th</sup> June the service comes from St Hugh's. On the 21<sup>st</sup> June the service comes from All Saints'.

**You can download the order of service for the 21<sup>st</sup> June.** 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/>

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are coping well as we continue through this challenging and anxious time, brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. In March the church, together with the government, took drastic measures to mitigate the spread of the virus but, now that permission has been given for the opening of churches for private prayer and for funerals in church buildings from the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, we can begin to move towards restoring church services.

I want to say that every effort will be taken to ensure that the guidance given by the government and diocese for this limited opening for private prayer is fully observed. For example, by ensuring that social distancing is maintained and that people clean their hands when entering and exiting the church. This will take some time to organise. We would like to be able to open our building for prayer very soon, but will only do so when we are sufficiently assured that it is safe to do so. We have a team working hard to complete the risk assessments and other necessary preparations and precautions. We need to clean the church before it opens each day, purchase suitable cleaning materials and organise a team of volunteer cleaners.

As we look to the future, we may need to make long-term changes to our worship, for example, by ceasing the use of our normal service booklets and by making adjustments when receiving Holy Communion. So the future will look different but I can assure you that much thought and prayerful reflection is going into planning; we are investigating ways of streaming services live from the church and exploring how we can safely welcome groups back to the Centre.

We continue to lift up to God all those who are affected by COVID-19 and those who struggle with isolation. We pray for the protection of health and social care workers, for wisdom and guidance, for researchers to develop an effective treatment in combating this pandemic, and also for the government as it gradually begins to relax lockdown restrictions, while enforcing appropriate steps to halt the spread of the virus.

We remain steadfast in faith and hope, surrendering all our fears and uncertainties to our Lord.

Every good wish,

*Andrew Shipton*

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Old Testament: Exodus 19:2-8a  
New Testament: Romans 5:1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Old Testament: Jeremiah 20:7-13  
New Testament: Romans 6:1b-11  
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

## Thought for Today – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

This week our readings seem centred around ‘being sent out,’ being commissioned, or going out to the world by God. Not it seems, perhaps the most relevant message when we are told to stay inside due to the risk of Coronavirus.

But scratch a little deeper and we begin to ask who, what when and why are people commissioned by God? One of the great juxtapositions of our Christian faith it seems to be that all people are both sinful *and* fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God. How then can someone be good enough to be commissioned or sent out somewhere?

So this week we are going to explore in a bit more detail who the 12 named disciples really were. What can we know about them historically? And what does that mean for us? Hopefully, my prayer for us is that coming away from this investigation, we will be doubly encouraged of our own worth and capability.

*Isaac Wilkinson*

## Thought for Today – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Today’s readings aren’t exactly encouraging as Jesus says he has come to bring “not... peace but a sword” and that following him and spreading his word will result in conflict and division even within the most intimate bonds of the family. This has always been the fate of those who respond to the call from God to preach a message which people need to hear but which they often resist because it makes too many demands on them and requires sacrifices that they aren’t prepared to make. It’s all a question of where our ultimate loyalty lies and following what God has called us to do may well mean seeing other commitments as of lesser importance.

We are not all called to make radical changes in our lives but we have the examples of those who have e.g. Francis of Assisi who gave away the material from his father’s warehouse and stripped off his clothes in public to sever his ties from his family before embarking on a life of radical poverty. There are also those who have been martyred for following God’s call to speak out against social injustice e.g. Oscar Romero and Martin Luther King.

We aren’t likely to be persecuted for our faith but Christians in many parts of the world are and in Europe there are appalling examples of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. In the face of this we have the reassurance with Jeremiah that God will deliver “the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers” and that they will be given the strength to endure whatever happens to them.

*Ruth Birnie*

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**Parish Breakfast by Zoom Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10:45** following our online service. If you would like to join us then please email Andrew who will send you the link. [Andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:Andrew.shipton@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.

**Coffee Morning via Zoom Tuesday 16th June at 11:00.** If you would like to join us then please email Ruth who will send you the link. [ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:ruth.birnie@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.

**and**

**Coffee Morning via Zoom Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11:00** will be hosted by **Beverley**. Again, do not pass on the link or password to others.

[bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**Isaac Wilkinson**, our Ministerial Assistant is having his BAP (Bishop's Advisory Panel) interviews **week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June**. These interviews are held over the course of three days to discern if Isaac is to begin training for the Priesthood in the autumn. Please hold Isaac in prayer as he prepares for the interviews and of course, during the period of interviews and time afterwards while he awaits the decision. If you wish to send Isaac a card or note of encouragement then please send to:

*The Vicarage, Humsaugh, Hexham, NE46 4AA*

**Virtual Film Night Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm.** Several people have already expressed their interest in this, and if you would like to be included please email me at [anncross060@gmail.com](mailto:anncross060@gmail.com) The evening will be hosted by Vic Spong. The film to watch is **Made in Dagenham** and is available on BBC iplayer until 13<sup>th</sup> June. Watch the film before we meet. Please let me know if you need any further information. **Ann Cross**

**Christian Aid Week** Thank you to everyone who donated or encouraged others to donate. Whilst we won't have a grand All Saints total this year, many of you encouraged your family, friends and neighbours to make direct, individual donations. Christian Aid would like to know how you got on and whether or not you see e-envelopes and other virtual events as the way forward. I know that one street raised a record total amount by contacting everyone through its WhatsApp group. Do let me know what you found successful (or not) and if you think that virtual donations are the future for Christian Aid. **Lesley Atkinson**

**Just Sing...**

Do you long to.....

Would you like to reconnect.....

Music, and singing.....

Don't take my word for it, look at some of the feedback:-

- 'Great experience!'
- 'I felt liberated, relaxed and in a good mood for the rest of the day'
- 'We enjoyed it so much'
- 'It was really good, I'll be 'walking on sunshine' for the rest of the week-end'
- 'It was great fun'
- 'We enjoyed it so much'

Why not try it for yourself at 11am on Fridays? Email me [dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

**Mindful Body Dance via Zoom, Unfortunately has been postponed and will hopefully restart in July.** Updates will appear in future newsletters.

**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. They have a list of items that they are running short of for donating over the next four weeks. **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. **The following would be particularly welcome: Sauces, stir fry sauces, jars or tins of sauces and tinned Potatoes.**

With these donations the staff can ensure people get a main meal as part of the food parcel.

There will be collections on Friday's. Gill Smith passes on a huge thank you for your response.

**Planned Giving.** We wish to thank members of the **Planned Giving scheme** for their donations during this difficult lockdown period. Your continued financial support has been invaluable to All Saints'. We have also received several one-off donations for which we are very grateful.

**Mission of the Month** Each month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity but with services suspended this is not possible. Instead we ask members of the congregation to consider putting away money and later giving to: this month is **Cornerstone**, a very worthwhile local project which continues to "include the excluded, empower the disempowered and encourage the discouraged", but will suffer from lack of local grants.

**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)

**Louise Waugh and Tricia Maylia** have joined the Government's Job Retention Scheme from the 1st of May. They remain very much part of the team but under the requirements of the scheme will not be able to work for us. We do hope this will be for a very short time, for their work is invaluable and we will miss them greatly. Please could notices for the pew sheet still be sent to [post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

**The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line** as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, which is available from today, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

**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

**Like many charities and businesses, churches are facing huge financial challenges** during this time of lockdown and closure. All Saints' Church is a vital community hub serving Gosforth parish. We are usually open seven days a week, daytime & evening, for community groups, classes, support networks and events. During this time of closure our regular bookings have stopped and our income is severely affected. Although the church building is closed, we are continuing our vital ministry through online worship, phone support and outreach ministry.

If you are able to offer financial support to All Saints' during these difficult times, we would be most grateful. Donations can be received online through bank transfer via BACS to:

**Account Name: PCC All Saints Gosforth**  
**Sort Code: 20-59-61**  
**Account number: 00676314**

Please contact the Vicar, Andrew Shipton, or the Treasurer, Fred Carr, if you have any questions about giving to All Saints'.

***Thank you for your generosity and prayer at this time.***

**Helpful resources for this time:**

<https://togethernet.org.uk/uploads/shared/Prayer-booklet.pdf>

Self-isolation prayer booklet **Together network**

[http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/creative\\_prayer\\_idea\\_wild\\_worship\\_field\\_guide.pdf](http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/creative_prayer_idea_wild_worship_field_guide.pdf)

Out in the Wild Worship

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Church of England Facebook

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**Stop Press!** It is hoped that church will be open for **Private Prayer** beginning **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10:00am-3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.** **Please observe the following:**

If you are 'vulnerable' please stay safe at home

**Before you come:** Please wash your hands and bring your mask and hand sanitiser if you wish to.

**When you're here:** Observe social distancing at all times.  
Keep the touching of surfaces – door handles etc - to a minimum – thank you!  
Wait for someone to leave if 8 people are already in church.  
Follow the green one-way system, please.  
Avoid red areas and covered materials.  
Sit only in places marked with a green cross.

**When you leave:** Continue to stay safe, and wash your hands when you get home.

If you see anything that concerns you, please let either churchwarden know:

Rosamund Place: 0191 2857244

Paul Wilkinson: 07397984396

**The church will be cleaned with disinfectant before each open session.**

### **Prayers for those who suffer**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy, in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

### **For those who are ill**

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care, those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **For hospital staff and medical researchers**

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience, to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **The Prayer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity from the Book of Common Prayer**

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **The Prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity from the Book of Common Prayer.**

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them who thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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