



All Saints Gosforth



Sunday Services

30th May and 6th June 2021

8:00am	Holy Communion in church
9.30am	Parish Communion in church <i>Please see the Trinity Sunday YouTube Service on 30th May.</i>
6:30pm	Evening Prayer

For links to the Trinity Sunday YouTube Service on 30th May please visit

<https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/worship-with-us-at-home>

11.00am	Holy Communion at St Hugh's
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Tuesday

10.15am	Holy Communion
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Thought for Sunday 30th May

'Here am I; send me!'

At Pentecost last week we heard about how the disciples were empowered to go out and share the Gospel. It is interesting that the very first reading this week echoes this theme with Isaiah recalling his commissioning as a prophet. He dreams that he is before the heavenly throne and God asks 'who will go for us'? Isaiah's response is 'Here am I; send me!'

But first he must be prepared as he is a man of has 'unclean lips' and as yet unworthy. His transition is with a live coal rather than a tongue of fire but he is now and able to receive and transmit god's word as a true prophet.

But what about us, how can we be God's ambassadors?

St Francis said "Preach the Gospel using words only when absolutely necessary."

And how do we do that? Well I am reminded of those words of Micah:

"what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Readings: **New Testament:** **Isaiah 6:1-8**
 New Testament: **Romans 8:12-17**
 Gospel: **John 3:1-17**

Thought for Sunday 6th June

In today's Gospel reading we find Jesus facing challenges on two fronts: the hostile scribes and his puzzled and worried family. At the heart of his response is a concern with discerning and doing the will of God. Jesus had to cope with rumour and innuendo. Is he out of his mind? His own family have their doubts, and try to restrain him and this annoys Jesus. Then the scribes from the Jerusalem Temple weigh in. They try to discredit him. Jesus responds by making them appear illogical: their criticisms don't make sense. The message is Jesus' followers are invited to be a new community who (unlike his own family and the scribes) will recognise what God is doing and dare to join him in His work of overcoming evil in the world.

Andrew Shipton

Readings: **New Testament:** **Genesis 3:8-15**
 New Testament: **2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1**
 Gospel: **Mark 3:20 to end**

Upcoming Events

Zooms

Tuesday 1st June

Coffee morning @11–11:30am

Please contact **Dorothy Henderson** Dorothyhenderson48@gmail.com

Wednesdays @ 10:00

Sew Knit & Natter

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Fridays @ 11:00am - Just Sing.

Please contact: dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

Do you feel like trying out a collection of Carpenter's songs? If you do, then join us next week for 'Monday Monday' (on a 'Friday, Friday')! See you there!

News

Hallelujah! The Calvary sculpture has been found and returned. Andrew writes:

"There was great sadness and shock when the crucifix was taken. For more than half a century it has stood in a consecrated area next to our church where many ashes are buried, giving comfort as the lives of loved ones are remembered. Many of us feared we would never see the bronze statue again and we are so relieved and thrilled that it has been found and returned to us. There is some damage to it but we think it can be repaired. It is wonderful to have the statue back." Please see the new edition of **Keeping in Touch** for photos and details.

To view the diocesan Newspaper please go to <https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/news/link/>



Matthew Sharp 2nd June
Millie Aitken 8th June

Today Ruth is celebrating and preaching at 'The Ascension', Kenton and Andrew is leading the Service at St Mary's Fawdon.

The Office is closed until Monday 7th June.

Parish Breakfast meeting today after our 9:30am service. When you enter the hall, please take a seat and remain seated. Your tea and coffee will be brought to you. In line with current Covid regulations you are not permitted to move around from table to table, you must remain in your seat. Please be patient. We will be reviewing the way we hold Parish Breakfast over the coming weeks as restrictions are reassessed.

Funerals

Joan Summers at All Saints' on 4th June at 10.00am.

We pray for Judith and her family

Hugh Bain at Newcastle Crematorium on 4th June at 1.15am

We pray for Francine and her family.

Margaret Robson at All Saints' Church on 9th June at 10am.

We pray for Ian and Anne and families.

Ambrose Alan Brown at St Hugh's church on Friday 11th June at 12noon.

We pray for Mollie and her family.

We heard the very sad news last week that Constance Maselino-Okai died on Friday 21st May in Ghana. Constance was at the heart of our church life: in the choir and so helpful with catering. She was a generous contributor in study groups, a great supporter of Little Saints and the Tuesday afternoon tea club. We pray for her family and give thanks for all she gave to us. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Reminder of our Road Map ahead:

- Little Saints restarted on 11th May at 1pm but does not meet this week. Pre-registration will be necessary in accordance with the latest government guidelines. To book a place please see our website: <https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/little-saints>
 - A Service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 2nd June at 10.15am
 - Events and Lunch on the Green following the morning services on Sunday 4th July
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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 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 <https://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine> or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.

Amnesty Letter May 2021

Tran Huynh Duy Thuc, a successful entrepreneur, is serving a 16-year prison sentence, which is to be followed by 5 years' house arrest, for blogging about political and economic issues in Vietnam. At his one-day trial on 20th January 2010, he declared that he had been tortured into confessing. Eye witnesses say that the judges deliberated for just 15 minutes before returning with the judgement, which took 45 minutes to read out (indicating that it had been prepared before the hearing).

Tran Huynh Duy Thuc has advocated economic reform and has promoted education, democracy, reconciliation and transparency, with respect for human rights.

Please feel free to put the following letter to the Vietnamese Ambassador into your own words and either email or post it to him.

Specimen letter

His Excellency Mr An Ngoc Tran
Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
12-14 Victoria Road
London W8 5RD
officeldn@vietnameseembassy.org.uk

Your Excellency

Tran Huynh Duy Thuc

I am writing to you to express concern that Tran Huynh Duy Thuc, who was sentenced to 16 years in prison on 20th January 2010 to be followed by five years house arrest, remains in prison and I call upon the Vietnamese authorities to reduce his sentence.

At his one-day trial, Tran Huynh Duy Thuc declared that he had been tortured into making a confession. Eye witnesses say that judges deliberated for only 15 minutes before returning with the judgement, which took 45 minutes to read (indicating that it had been prepared before the hearing).

I implore you to agree to prison visits to him by foreign diplomats and to allow him regular access to his family and appropriate medical care. I also call upon you to ensure that he is held in conditions that comply with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

Yours sincerely

Prayer and Worship

Tuesday Holy Communion at 10.15am

Sunday 6th June Sunday Services 8.am, 9.30am and 6.30pm

Young Saints... are back!

Children's worship is back on the Sunday morning agenda at All Saints. For the time being, children aged 3-9yrs will remain in one group, so all-age activities will be offered either outdoors on the green or in the Centre. A maximum number of 15 will be allowed in one group; if we have more, we will be delighted to organise a second group!

Covid-safe restrictions will operate at all times but do let me or one of the church wardens know if there are any concerns.

(Children are welcome to stay in church with their adult but, if they choose to join Young Saints, we ask that they give their name to Track and Trace at the church door then go straight to the Centre. At the end of the service, we ask that adults collect their child/ren from the Centre, reducing the necessity for them to move in/out of the church building.) As soon as it is deemed safe to do so, children will be welcomed at the start

and end of the main services again. Meanwhile, leaders and helpers are very much looking forward to working with your children again.

Note - some activities might take place outdoors, so please ensure that children are dressed for the weather!

Lesley Atkinson

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.

Donations

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.

Our Mission of the Month for **May** is **uS**, (a local charity founded by Dr Mary Jane Tacchi) with the aim 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 more information please visit [About uS - uS active](#)

Our Mission of the Month for **June** is **Cornerstone, Benwell**. Cornerstone Benwell is a community charity in the heart of Newcastle's West End. Cornerstone has a long term commitment to serve the people of Benwell by working to include the excluded, empower the disempowered and encourage the discouraged, For more information please visit <https://www.cornerstonebenwell.com/>

Thank you for your continued support.

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>.

We will not be taking a cash collection during the services. To make a donation, please use the Tap to Donate machine at the back of the church using your debit/credit card.

Support

If you are finding these times challenging and would like a phone call or a stroll and a conversation do not hesitate to contact Andrew Shipton on 0191 2845540 andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk or Beverley Davies 07989 145610 bev.davies@allsaintsgosforth.org.uk

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.