



All Saints Gosforth



Sunday Services 10th January 2021

9.30 am Morning Prayer on line (*Live streamed to Facebook*)

Evening Prayer (*Available on Facebook only at 6pm on Sunday*)

For both the morning and evening services please visit
<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsgosforth>

Dear All,

We had hoped to meet (as set out in the earlier edition of this Newsheet) for Communal Worship on Sunday 10th January but with the announcement this evening of many more COVID deaths and increasing numbers of infections together with evidence that increased mask wearing does not prevent contagion by the new variant, we have reluctantly concluded that our worship on Sunday should be online and only those with a specific role in the broadcast should attend. I much regret this but I hope you will be able to participate online.

We continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic, those unwell and their families and supporters. We also give thanks for the courage, skill and dedication of medical and nursing staff and all who are giving themselves generously to care for others in such anxious times.

Best wishes,

Andrew 8/1/2021

Readings Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-5
New Testament Reading: Mark 1:4-11

Thought for Sunday 10th January 2021

The crib is still in church, the wise men visited last week and have now gone on their journey back home by another way. Today we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Of course he was baptised not as a baby but as an adult.

We associate a New Year with a new beginning so, I wonder, is it a coincidence that we hear the story of Jesus baptised in the River Jordan at this time of year? Baptism signifies the dying to an old way and a rising to a new way to live life and Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth but signified the end of that of John the Baptist.

Jesus chose to go to the river to be baptised with the people he came to serve. He publicly shed the old self and rose from the river ready to face His new life with the heavens opening, the Spirit descending and the reaffirming words 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased'.

Of course, we have now put Christmas behind us, the decorations are back in the loft and the Christmas chocolates are eaten. We are slowly turning towards Lent where today's baptism and everything we hear Jesus say and do from now until Easter has the shadow of the cross creeping upon it.

Through the cross, we experience the true extent of God's love. This we share through our own baptisms in which God calls us and loves us all equally and says to each one of us 'YOU are my beloved, with you I am well pleased'.

Beverley

Upcoming Events

12th January 2021

PCC Meeting 7.30pm on Zoom

Zooms

Sundays – *Parish Breakfast* – Sunday 10th January @ 11.15am please contact Ruth Birnie. (See below)

Tuesdays @ 11am - Coffee morning. Please contact Andrew Shipton

Fridays @ 11am - *Just Sing* – A Happy New Year to everyone reading this advert! Back zooming from Friday Jan 08 at 11am – can't wait to see you all again. Newcomers always welcome.

Please contact dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

News

There will be a Confirmation Service on Sunday 5th September at All Saints.

Please see our new All Saints Magazine called '**Keeping in Touch**'. The 6th December edition is out now.

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.

Alert re Covid Vaccinations

Please note that when attending for a Covid 19 vaccination you are required to bring with you your NHS number to have to hand, ready. This number can be found on any NHS correspondence you may have or from the NHS website.

Prayer and Worship

Due to Lockdown requirements, sadly, *Young Saints* is not running this Sunday. We hope to be back soon. 'Watch this Space'.

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 – which 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 We have introduced 'dial a service' feature where any member of the congregation who can't attend church can simply dial a telephone number and listen to a service in full. The cost is the normal charge for your line. The number is 0191 8147244

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>.

Cessation of Issue of Planned Giving Envelopes As nearly all those who were donating by Planned Giving envelopes have now changed over to donating by Standing Order, Planned Giving envelopes will not be issued this January.

Mission of the Month.

Each month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity. All Saints' underwrite 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 continuing support.

Charity of the Month

The Charity of the month for January is the Cedarwood Trust - at present working with local food banks and outlets to provide free food and free meals to those who need it.

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