



All Saints Gosforth



Sunday Services 25th April 2021

4th Sunday after Easter

8:00am	Holy Communion in church
9.30am	Parish Communion in church <i>and livestreamed to Facebook</i>
6.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>also live streamed to Facebook</i>

For links to both services please visit
[Worship with us at Home | all-saints-gosforth \(wixsite.com\)](https://www.all-saints-gosforth.wixsite.com)

Thought for the day

Today we hear one of Jesus' 'I am' sayings. 'I am the good shepherd'.

In John's gospel, we hear Jesus say that he is many things; some are profound such as 'I am the resurrection and the life', but most are very grounded and ordinary – sayings that the readers of the time would understand, such as bread, vine and light. These down to earth sayings are not elusive heavenly ideas of a God made flesh, they are of this world, talked about in the basic things of our day-to-day living.

The Jesus we encounter in John's gospel offers us the most ordinary things possible for our wellbeing and survival; the ability to see where we are going, inner nourishment, never ending refreshment and a shepherd who not only cares for his sheep but protects them from those who would break in and hurt them.

John presents Jesus to us as a God who isn't other worldly – God is very much present with us, fully human; who understands our needs and concerns and the dangers we can fall into. Jesus is the great 'I am' who can provide us with everything we need to navigate the world outside of the sheepfold.

Beverley Davies

Readings: Old Testament: Genesis: 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13
New Testament: Acts 4:5-12
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Upcoming Events

Zooms

Sunday 25th April

Parish Breakfast @ 11:15

Please contact Ruth: ruth.birnie@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Tuesday 27th April

Coffee morning @11–11:30am

Please contact Andrew: andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

Fridays @ 11am – Just Sing.

We are looking at some Irving Berlin, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Carole King and Marvin Hamlisch this week. The 'door' is always open for anyone who'd like to join us.

Please contact: dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

News

St Hugh's Annual General Meeting take place today after the 11am Service conducted by Andrew.

The next **PCC** meeting at **All Saints** will be on Monday 10th May at 7.30pm on either Zoom or in the church

“Community Organising in the North East: An ecumenical conversation”

Wednesday 5 May 2021 18.30 – 20.30hrs

Over the last five years Christians have been working alongside people of other faiths, and none, to challenge the injustices that shape our communities in the North East. During this online event we will hear stories of how together we have empowered people to tackle low wages, mental health provisions, hate crime, free-school meal access and climate change. Along with the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, and the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Robert Byrne, we will be asking how community organising is part of our faith journeys. Storytelling is at the heart of challenging injustice and we hope these stories will engage and inspire you.

Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/147983904843> and login details will be sent out the week before the event.

Our Road Map ahead:

- *Little Saints* restarts on 11th May at 12:30pm. Pre-registration will be necessary in accordance with the latest government guidelines.
- A simplified Parish Breakfast beginning on Sunday 23rd May.
- Lunch on the Green on Sunday 27th June.
- Tuesday morning Communion on Tuesday May 11th at 10.15am

All Saints Amnesty Letter 2021

This letter can be sent as an email to Mexico or by post with a £1.70 stamp. Alternatively (or in addition) you can email their Charge d'Affaires in London or send a letter by first or second class mail using the address in the specimen letter below.

On 28th October 2012, **Karla Pontigo** was found severely injured in her workplace and died in hospital the following day. The Attorney General of San Luis Potosi concluded that the death of the 22-year-old was an accident. But the injuries were inconsistent with this and the autopsy recorded evidence of sexual assault. In November 2019, the National Supreme Court of Justice ordered the Prosecutor's Office to open a new investigation, taking into account the fact that Karla's gender may have been one reason for the killing. The investigation has yet to begin. Mexico has a long-established pattern of impunity for violent crimes against women.

Specimen letter

Attorney General San Luis Potosi
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Ministro

Karla Pontigo

I am writing to ask you to open the investigation into the death of Karla Pontigo which was ordered on 13th November 2019 by the National Supreme Court of Justice but has yet to begin.

On 28th October 2012, Karla Pontigo was found at her workplace severely injured. She died the following day and the Attorney General of San Luis Pontigo concluded that the death of this 22-year-old woman was an accident despite the fact that her injuries were inconsistent with the alleged accident, with the autopsy recording evidence of sexual assault.

I implore you to order that this investigation takes place as soon as possible and that those responsible are brought to justice.

Yours sincerely

Details of Charge d'Affaires

The Charge d'Affaires
Embassy of Mexico
16 St George's Street
London W1S 1FD
Email: mexuk@sre.gob.mx

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*

We commend Ida Marshall in to the care of God. Ida died on 10th April. We pray for her sons Johnny and Stephen and all the family as they prepare for her funeral on Thursday 29th April.

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-saintsgosforth/in-touch-magazine or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.

Prayer and Worship

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 of 15 'attendees' will be allowed in one group; if we have more than the allowed number of children, 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 you have 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 to join the Young Saints group. At the end of the service, we ask that adults collect children from the Centre, reducing the necessity for them to move in and out of the church building. Children will be welcomed at the start and end of the main services again just as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. 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

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.

Our Mission of the Month for **April** is the **Church Mission Society**. We have just heard that our CMS mission partners Katherine and Tony Paton will be ending service in south East Asia with CMS later this year. CMS have written to us encourage us to continue our partnership with the missionary society and to say they will be writing a little later in the year to recommend other mission partners who are looking for churches like ours.

Please visit: [Home \(christianmissionsociety.com\)](http://christianmissionsociety.com)

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@allsaintsgosforth.org.uk

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.