



All Saints Gosforth



Sunday Services 2nd May 2021

5th Sunday after Easter

8:00am	Holy Communion in church
9.30am	Parish Communion in church & <i>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's Gospel reading offers us another of Jesus' "I am" sayings, this time "the true vine" an image that would be familiar to the disciples as throughout the Hebrew Scriptures the vine is used to refer to Israel, chosen, planted and nourished by God in the expectation that it would produce choice fruit to his glory. However, as we read the historical books and the prophets, we learn that the people so often fell short of that expectation, producing "wild grapes" and not good fruit.

Jesus now offers himself as the "true vine" and invites the disciples to be rooted in him as the sure foundation for fulfilling God's will. The penalty for failing to produce good fruit is being cut off and destroyed as happens to unfruitful branches on any plant and we have seen examples of the need for such pruning in recent investigations in the church into cases of sexual abuse and instances of racism.

Perhaps more challenging is the declaration that even good branches need to be pruned in order to be more fruitful – perhaps a lesson for us that there might be things we need to let go as a church and in society, particularly if we are being too inward looking in order to look outwards and serve others better.

Ruth Birnie

Readings: New Testament: Acts 8:26-end
 New Testament: 1 John 4:7-end
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

Upcoming Events

Friday 7th May

The funeral of James (Jim) Keegan will take place at 11.45am at Newcastle Crematorium

Zooms

Sunday 4th May @11:15

Parish Breakfast

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

Tuesday 4th May

Coffee morning @11–11:30am

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

Wednesdays @ 10:00

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

Fridays @ 11:00

Just Sing.

Session 47 – only 5 weeks before we celebrate a whole year online.

I must say a very big '*thank you*' to not only those who have joined us when they can, or perhaps to enjoy some seasonal music but especially to those who are 'regulars'. You may not know it but you help to enrich each other's Fridays and ours of course!

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News

“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 1pm. Pre-registration will be necessary in accordance with the latest government guidelines.
 - A Service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 11th May at 10.15am
 - Ascension Day Service on Thursday 13th May at 7.30pm
 - A simplified Parish Breakfast beginning on Sunday 23rd May.
 - Events and Lunch on the Green following the morning services on Sunday 27th June.
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9th - 16th May will be Christian Aid Week. All Saints has a strong tradition of supporting Christian Aid and this year is no different. Although we will not make any house-to-house collections, All Saints has created an e-envelope so that we can donate and encourage friends and family to donate digitally. Next week's parish newsletter will include a link to make a donation towards All Saints' target of £1,000. Traditional paper envelopes will be available in church on 9th May for those of you able to attend church in person. If you would like a copy of a Daily Devotional for the week, please let me know so that I can pop one through your door. Lesley Atkinson tel. 2847163

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*

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 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

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.

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](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

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

The clergy would be pleased to be contacted for support or for just a chat about experiences.
(Please see below for all contact details.)

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.