



# All Saints Gosforth



## The Second Sunday before Lent 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

9.30 am                      Parish Communion online - *Live streamed to Facebook*  
*The order of service can be downloaded from our website.*

Evening Prayer            Available on Facebook only, at 6pm on Sunday

*For both services please visit*

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsgosforth>

### From the Vicar

Dear All,

The rules of the current national lockdown allow public worship to continue in churches and other places of worship. However, bearing in mind the seriousness of the situation, we have decided to close the church for all public worship (with the exception of funerals). So please, stay at home and join us online for services (details below).

We much regret this decision after working so hard to ensure worship is as safe as it could possibly be, and we know just how important attendance at church, fellowship and receiving communion is to many. At the same time, we have to acknowledge that the NHS is under great pressure and the way each of us can help is to stay at home, both to avoid the risk of infection and any accidents which might require hospitalisation.

We are still very much a functioning church and 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 Shipton*

**Readings**    Old Testament:    Proverbs 8:1, 22-32  
                  New Testament:    Colossians 1:15-20  
                  Gospel reading:        John 1:1-14

## Thought for the day

Two of the readings today raise fundamental questions about the origins of the universe. They do not attempt to answer these questions in abstract philosophical or scientific terms, but instead offer us a series of pictures and images that draw us into a new way of looking at them. These remind us that although this is a world where pathogenic viruses thrive, it was created by God with a purpose and we can catch more than a glimpse of that purpose with the eyes of faith.

Against what has happened over this last year, we read that in the person of Jesus, the creator of the universe became flesh and lived among us, bringing the light and life. In his life on earth Jesus struggled to alleviate suffering and never colluded or was complicit with the chaos of his time.

It is hard to come to terms with the pandemic, but after reading Paul's words in Colossians we see that we can have no resignation, no silence in the face of this suffering, but only inspired resistance to the virus. We strive not to infect others and offer help and encouragement to those affected by it.

*Andrew Shipton*

## Upcoming Events

**Shrove Tuesday Quiz Night** Tuesday 16 February – *Watch this space for more information next week*

**Café Church** 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am - *We are pleased to announce that our Café Church service will recommence at the end of the month. This service will be via Zoom. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Beverley.*

### **Zooms**

**Sundays** – *Parish Breakfast* – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 11.15am.

*Please contact Beverley [bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)*

**Tuesdays** @ 11am - Coffee morning.

*Please contact Andrew Shipton [andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)*

**Fridays @ 11am** – *Just Sing* – Why not zoom with us on Fridays? Everyone welcome.

*Please contact [dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk)*

## News

There will be a Confirmation Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 finishing with the Confirmation Service. If this is of interest to you, please contact Andrew, Beverley or Ruth.

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Please see the picture of the Remembrance Garden (painted by Elaine Gabriel) which you are welcome to bid for. All funds will go to support the work of All Saints. Please see Elaine's picture at the end of this Newsletter. *Please send your bids by midnight 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to [post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk),*

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The **PCC** have approved that the churchwardens investigate a fully integrated streaming system. We have received a grant of £3,350 to assist with this but more funds will be needed. Meanwhile, our thanks go to *Peter Mitchell* who has invested many hours using his equipment to keep us all worshipping together.

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**Please** see our new All Saints Magazine called '**Keeping in Touch**'. The January edition is out now. You can view it [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-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine](mailto:allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine) or pass to: *Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley or Lesley Atkinson.*

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## Prayer and Worship

**A change of plan for Ash Wednesday.** We are invited to join Bishop Christine who will be President and Preacher at a Deanery Eucharist for Ash Wednesday which will be zoomed from St Nicholas Church, Gosforth at 7.30pm.

Please register to receive the link for the service on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0td-irzoiHtRGr6g-SeqkoiHbCFNEKTTp>

Please contact the clergy if you have any questions.

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**Lent groups.** We will be running Lent groups via Zoom looking at themes from Rowan Williams' book 'Candles in the Dark, Faith, Love and Hope in a Time of Pandemic'. If you are interested in joining us for 40 minutes, beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.

To enable us plan the sessions please email the parish office [post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

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**Café Church 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am** via Zoom. A service for all ages to explore our theme which will be Lent. All are welcome to join us for this interactive, informative and fun service. For the link or more information, please contact Beverley.

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**Outdoor Services!** The Clergy Team are investigating the possibility of holding services on the church green on Palm Sunday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day

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**Lent** Sunday evening Services. There will be a series of addresses on the title "*It made me think: breakthroughs in my understanding*"

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**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.

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**Dial a Service** Why not try this feature? 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

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## 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' 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.*

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## Mission of the Month

Our mission for the month of February is **NIDAS**, a project run by Changing Lives. NIDAS (Newcastle Integrated Domestic Abuse Service) provides specialist accommodation and support to anyone experiencing domestic abuse in Newcastle.

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## Toys for Toddlers

In ordinary times, young children benefit from trying out new toys in the various venues they might visit. However, current Covid restrictions mean that these opportunities are closed for the time being. So it is good that NAPI (Newcastle Action for Parents and toddlers Initiative) can now offer toy library loans to support families in providing a variety of play activities for their children. Toys can be borrowed by appointment from the toy library based in Heaton or can be home delivered if required. *For further information* tel 0191-265-6156 or visit [www.napi.org.uk/toylibrary](http://www.napi.org.uk/toylibrary)

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## Wanted

### Vacancy – Administration Assistant, Bishop's House

Bishop Christine is looking to appoint an Administration Assistant to work part time in the office at Bishop's House. The details of the job, and an online application form, can be found using the following link:

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/2186/administration-assistant>

## Support

All Saints pre-school and young people's groups are closed. If you are finding these times difficult and need support, and would like someone to have stroll with around the Gosforth Central Park, do not hesitate to contact Andrew Shipton on 0191 2845540 [andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shipton@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk) or Beverley Davies 07989 145610 [bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:bev.davies@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk)

Since the start of this latest lockdown, we have been thinking how we best support each other. We are told that we are now entering a most dangerous phase and the coming weeks could be some of the most challenging we have faced over the last ten months. We would be pleased to be contacted for support or for just a chat about our experiences.

### 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Mondays: 0191 284 1393 *Ruth*

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 07989 145610 *Beverley*

Thursdays and Fridays: 0191 2845540 *Andrew*

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## Contact Us

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***The Parish Office is closed.***

***Thank you,*** for looking at our news today.

