

All Saints Gosforth

'The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith'.

Sunday 30th April 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion followed by the Annual

Meetings

4.00pm Faith @4pm6.30pm Evening Prayer

For live and recorded services please visit http://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube

At St Hugh's

11.00am Holy Communion

Thought for Today

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares himself to a shepherd looking after a flock of sheep. At the start of the story, the sheep are all together in the sheepfold. They are safe there, guarded by a gatekeeper from intruders. But in order to "have life, and have it abundantly" (v 10), they must be taken out of the sheepfold, where they can find pasture. And so, the shepherd "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." (v 3) It is by following the shepherd that the sheep are able to find the nourishing pasture they need to thrive. In the weeks after Easter, Jesus's disciples were called to leave the safety of the upper room where they were gathered together, and to go out into the world. Today's reading from the book of Acts finds them meeting publicly in the temple, teaching, performing signs, and distributing aid to those in need. Here, life was being lived abundantly – and it was possible because the Spirit of Jesus was with them, calling and leading them. Now as then, those who seek the abundant life that Jesus came to offer need to learn to know and trust their shepherd, to recognize his voice. With him going ahead of us, may we be willing to leave the familiar and venture out into the unknown.

Míriam Jones

The All Saints Mission Statement: Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate and outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care and encouragement for all and where diversity is welcomed and our worship inspires us to transform the world.

Readings:

New Testament: Acts 2:42 to end
New Testament: 1 Peter 2:19 to end

Gospel: John 10:1-10

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

9.30am Parish Communion

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Hymns

Processional:332All hail the power of Jesus' nameGradual:№170loving Shepherd of thy sheepOffertory:263All creatures of our God and King

Communion: №164 Lord Jesus Christ Recessional: 427 O praise ye the Lord

Anthem: Good Christian Me Rejoice and Sing - Bullock

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 29:1-10 Hymns 420, 415, 467

A warm welcome to you if you are a newcomer. Please complete a green Contact Card and place it in the box provided, or hand it to one of the clergy or churchwardens.

There will be no Young Saints' session this morning as this afternoon we have Faith@4 in the Centre, an informal service for children and their families. Any children at this morning's 9.30am service may like to access some of the books and colouring sheets in the Children's Corner at the back of church. These can be taken back to the pew if preferred and returned after the service.

Have you problems with mobility? Please let a steward know if you need assistance going up for communion, or would like communion to be brought to you.

Hard of hearing? If you use a hearing aid, please switch it to the 'T' position to use our loop system.

To gain access to the All Saints YouTube channel please go to:

http://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/voutube

Notices

There will be a special Commemorative Service for the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the Vicarage. Please see the prayers that can be said this week as we look forward to the Coronation on Saturday.

Good News – 16 children attended Little Saints last Tuesday.

The Annual General Meeting for All Saints is today Sunday 30th April at 11.00am in the Centre. Copies of the Annual Report are now available.

Faith @4pm in the Centre at 4.00pm today.

The Christian Meditation Group meet today Sunday 30th April 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

From a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the clergy of the Church of England.

'The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, reflect and celebrate something of who we are, and look forward.

The coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. It is essentially a consecration to service. Happening within a Eucharist, the most basic and the central act of Christian worship, it includes oaths, regalia and crowning. Through it we receive from Jesus the one who comes to us as a servant; the one who is the king of Kings.

It is, of course, part of every Christian's witness to commit joyfully to a life of service to God and one another. We pray this would be a moment for all to encounter afresh the person of Jesus Christ – the servant King – and be renewed in our calling to serve Him by serving others'

Amnesty International Due to the Annual meeting we will not meet in the Centre for letter writing today. Letters and stamps are available from Tony and Marilyn Champion. If you do not have the time to write, please log onto www.amnesty.org.uk/cases to sign the general appeal. A specimen copy of the letter is at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone from All Saints who supported me running my 17th London Marathon raising well over £2000 for Action Aid. I ran in a decent time of 4hrs 26 mins despite the rain, with which I was very pleased. With thanks from Martin Carr.



uSactive After the All-Age service on Sunday 14th May **Mary-Jane Tacchi** will be giving a talk in the Upper Room of the Centre about the charity she cofounded and runs called **uSactive**, a charity for young people with mental illness.

You may have noticed **uSactive**'s stall at the most recent Farmers' Market on April 15th as the organisation was chosen as one to invite for our support.

Apparently a chicken farmer who sells organic, free-range eggs has committed to offer a donation to this charity for **every (empty!) eggbox he receives** which he re-uses. This means boxes or trays.

I am away from Newcastle on 14th May but anyone who wishes to contribute eggboxes before Mary-Jane's talk may leave them before then in **a box in the right-hand cupboard in the Centre.**

Go to work on an egg – and then let your eggboxes get down to active work as well! Rosamund Place

Nave Altar Frontal Some of you may have noticed that the Frontal on the nave altar has been showing signs of wear with damaged and torn areas of silk on the top corners. The frontal was designed and made by Jane Brown using silk she had painted by hand. It was dedicated on 22nd September 1996 in memory of William Charlton Alder with the material costs being met by his daughter Margaret Patterson.

Advice on suitable repairs was sought from Tuula Pardoe ACR at the Scottish Conservation Studio LLP in Hopetoun House Edinburgh. Tuula recommended the corners be reinforced with embroidered supports and torn silk left visible to be then fixed and secured for the future with very fine conservation netting. Jane is very daunted at the prospect but should be able to carry out these repairs herself at home. This will take time and cannot be rushed.

We can all look forward to the repaired frontal being brought back into use, hopefully later this year.

April Mission of the Month: CMS. We continue to support our chosen partners lan and Sue Jennings work in South-East Asia.

Keeping in Touch Please see the new Keeping in Touch Magazine. To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email: intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley, Lesley Atkinson or Ann Cross.

We are collecting for the West End Foodbank. Please leave donations of non-perishable foods at the back of church. The foodbank's current most needed items are tea, coffee, rice, soup, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and tinned meatballs.

News from St Hugh's -

- Revd Canon Richard Hill is leading worship today.
- A new Cub Group starts in September.

Upcoming Events

Prayer and Worship

Sunday: Services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm Monday - Thursday: 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church.

Coffee and Conversation. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the 'WARM' Centre at 10.30 - 11.30 am Mondays.

SING at the Centre

Our next meeting - Tuesday May 02 from 2:30 for drinks/nibbles first.

We'll be hitting the road with Jack this week – are you curious enough?

Díana Lavin

All Saints has Talent This is a reminder that as part of the Coronation celebrations we will be hosting our own special event – All Saints has talents. This is an opportunity to find out about the wide range of activities happening at All Saints and the many and varied skills, many giving you an opportunity to try them out. So far we have the following:

An opportunity to join in a Taekwondo, Mini Rugby or Yoga session, get involved or bring some younger members of your family to participate in Tappy Toes, find out more about what is involved in Bell Ringing; The Mothers' Union; Sew, Knit and Natter; Flower Arranging; Bridge; Upholstery; Spinning; Gardening – including an opportunity do some planting; listen to the choir and a local quitarist. There will be refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

We will open the bookings for the yoga, mini rugby and taekwondo at the 9:30 service on 7th May – with places allocated on a first come basis.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help, including baking cakes for everyone to enjoy – more offers of help very welcome by contacting felicity.shoesmith@icloud.com or Lesley Ogilvie ladythornehouse@icloud.com;



There is a plan for the children to plant sunflower seeds in pots at the All Saints has Talent event on 8th May. If you have any small plant pots that you don't need, please could you leave them in the box at the back of church before then? Many thanks.

Anyone willing to take cash at the door for our next 2 piano recitals at 7.30 on Wed 17th May and 14th June please see Rosamund Place! Pianists who feature in these concerts are generally world-class - in June **Gülsen Onay** from Turkey, **Viv McLean** last month, for instance, and **all** are serious winners of numerous competitions. **Matthew McLaren** (May 17th) is a young 'Lion of the Keyboard'!



The Gardening Group is not meeting in May. They will next meet on Saturday 3rd June at 10.00am. New faces always welcome!

'Farmers' Market' June 17

Face Painting - I'm looking for Guides, Scouts, anyone out there who could face-paint.

If you can apply make-up and work from a choice of 2 simple templates or you're just naturally artistic – you're my people! (Materials provided.)

It would be a short morning session – more details from me, please ask!

Thank you.

Díana Lavin

Donations

We now have a number of ways to donate to All Saints online:



- By QR code. Simply hold your mobile phone camera over the code, follow the link to your browser and follow on-screen instructions Or
- go to https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8ecfe5b6-18c7-4179-aba0-2ebc43a82f7b

Please note that cash on the plate goes to our Mission of the Month, money put into the yellow envelopes goes to pay for the work of All Saints. Thank you!

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER APRIL 2023

This month we will not be having a table in the Centre for letter writing because of the Annual General Meeting being held this Sunday, but please feel free to write 'remotely' as we did during the pandemic lockdowns. But we will be attending the Meeting and have copies of the letter and stamps (now £2.20) if you would like them. Marilyn and Tony Champion.

The case this month is one highlighted in the Spring edition of the Amnesty International's UK Newsletter. The letter itself gives the background, see below. Amnesty is asking us to urge the authorities to thoroughly investigate Itai's disappearance and bring those responsible to justice, also to get them to comply with the High Court order.

<u>Specimen letter</u> (Please feel free to write in your own words; £2.20 stamp)

30 April 2023

Commissioner General Godwin Matanga Commissioner-General of the Police Zimbabwe Republic Police 7th Street and Josiah Chinamano Avenue PO Box CY 8807 HARARE Zimbabwe

Dear Commissioner General

Itai Dzamara

I am writing to express my concern at the abduction of the journalist and activist, Itai Dzamara, who was taken from a Harare barber's shop on 9th March 2015 by five unknown men who accused him of stealing cattle. He was driven off in a white van with concealed number plates.

Itai's family and human rights lawyer have tried unsuccessfully to find him and, although the High Court ordered the Minister of Home Affairs, the Minister of State Security, the Zimbabwe police and others to find Itai and regularly report progress in the search for him, there have been no substantial updates. The authorities have failed to account for Itai in the eight years since he was last seen.

Please will you order a thorough, independent and transparent investigation into Itai's case so that his family can learn the truth about his disappearance and he can receive justice?

Yours sincerely





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Generous support for the 2023 season by Mr. Alan England is gratefully acknowledged

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Celebrate the Coronation by trying something new

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May from 2p.m. at All Saints Gosforth









All Saints has talent

This is a free event with a wide range of short workshops run by people connected to All Saints. Have you wanted to try Yoga? Have a go at Taekwondo? Try your hand at flower arranging? Find out about local Choirs? Learnabout Mothers' Union or get involved in activities on the Green.

For more information please contact post@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk

