

# All Saints Gosforth

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

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion9.30am Parish Communion

4.00pm Faith @4 in the Church Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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

#### At St Hugh's

11.00am Holy Communion

#### **Thought for Today**

#### The cost of witness

During the 26 weeks of the Trinity season we are invited to reflect on the various aspects of our faith. Last week it was about Showing Mercy.

This week the mood changes as our readings focus what it means to be a witness to the faith. The origin meaning of the word 'martyr' was 'witness' which reflects the experience of early Christians many of whom followed the example of Jesus so far as to be killed for their faithful witness. Even now in parts of the world it is dangerous to be a Christian and we are humbled by the example of these witnesses.

As baptised members we are all called to be witnesses but what does 'witness' mean to us here in Gosforth? We are unlikely to face physical violence rather we face indifference as we struggle to be 'relevant' to a society which values material gain and success over spiritual development.

Early Christians challenged the values of their day and while many suffered for it, the church still experienced stellar growth. Perhaps we have to learn from their example and be bolder in sharing what we have both as individuals and as a body. Of course before we can share the good news we need to be clear in our own minds what our faith does for us.

Víc Spong

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.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 20: 7-13
New Testament: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39
8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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9.30am Parish Communion

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**Hymns** 

**Processional:** Booklet page 19 Lord God, your love has called us here

**Gradual:** Booklet page 8 I am the light

**Offertory:** Green 408 Love divine all loves excelling **Communion:** Booklet page 11 Here is bread, here is wine

**Recessional:** Booklet page 16 Nothing less than love has saved us

Anthem: Lord I trust Thee – Handel

**4.00pm** Faith @4 in the Church Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Psalm:** 46; [48] **Hymns** 186, 436, 362

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.

**Children and Young People:** Children and young people are always welcome at our services. On the second Sunday of each month we hold an "All Together" service at 9:30 which is slightly less formal and includes greater involvement by the congregation. In addition on the last Sunday of each month there is a Faith @ 4 event in the All Saints Centre that includes craft and refreshments. At the back of church is an area that hosts activities that can be used when in Church.

**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: allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube

#### **Notices**

**Ordination of Miriam** will be ordained as Priest next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 11am at Newcastle Cathedral – all are welcome. Her first presidency will be next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Parish Communion. We will hold a reception in the Centre after the service. We are still very grateful for any offers towards the catering. Please indicate on the list at the back of Church if you are able to help. *Nick Glover, Christine Willoughby* 

**Fred Carr** has been our Treasurer for 13 years and at the last Standing Committee meeting of the PCC said that he would be stepping down this year. I am sure we all wish to express our appreciation for all Fred's hard work over the years. Thank you Fred, *Andrew* 

All Saints aims to be a busy, socially active church with lots of events for all types of people so we are always looking for new volunteers.

No commitment is too big or too small; we need people to make coffee after services, help with our preschool group on a Tuesday called Little Saints, help with live-streaming, to read the lesson or lead intercessions during services and much more.

If you would like to become involved and could offer time and any skill or talent even not listed here, please email Louise Waugh, Parish Administrator, or phone her on 213 0450

**Amnesty International** Please join us today after the 9.30am service in the Centre for letter writing on behalf of someone less fortunate than yourself. If you do not have the time to write, please log onto www.amnesty.org.uk/cases to sign the general appeal.



**Open Gardens** Pat and Vic Spong have invited us to visit their garden today, from 2.30 – 5.00pm. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details.

**The Christian Meditation Group** meet today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

**Coffee and Conversation**. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the Centre 10.30 - 11.30am every Monday. Coffee and Conversation will continue over the summer with the help of Chain Reaction. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Happy Birthday this week to Lauren Jones (27<sup>th</sup>) and Grace Partis (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Our next classical concert** in Church is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm - Classical Guitar Duo Giulio Tampalini and Daniele Fabio (Italy). £10 admission on the door, under-18s free.

All Saints Book Club Thank you so much for the positive response. I propose we meet on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in Costa on Gosforth High Street. This initial meeting will help us plan dates, timings and a suggested programme. Anyone who is interested is welcome to meet us there. Please bring a book you have enjoyed and would like to share, to give us lots of ideas for future reads. For further details, please contact Karoline on <a href="mailto:k.wellborne@live.co.uk">k.wellborne@live.co.uk</a>.



### 'Farmers' Market' June 17 - We ALL did it! (See below.)

We were blessed with magnificent weather and happy crowds who I'm pleased to say wanted to buy home-produced foods, listen to the music, taste the coffee, try the ice cream, have their faces painted and. contribute to our up-cycling venture.

You didn't come? Your big loss, I'm afraid, but you can make up by

coming to the next on Sept 16!

We earned £469 and hopefully some Gift Aid will be added to that to take it well over £500. (And take note, this is without having to make something to sell anything!)

*Thank you*, so very much, to the 12 treasures (plus let's not forget Andrew & Miriam) who donated their time by being friendly faces, refreshing the Children's Corner, changing the garbage bags, acting as church tour guide, running a stall and yes, eating ice cream!!

Díana Lavin

#### SING at the Centre

Next meeting - Tuesday June 27 from 2:30 for drinks/nibbles first in the (Upper Room).

NB Heads up – There'll be no meeting, Tues July 11 as it's the ABRFS School Concert in church that afternoon.

Thank you.

Díana Lavin

#### Film Night in The Upper Room (All Saints Centre) Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Showing at 7.15pm

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This month's film is Where Angels Fear to Tread based on the 1905 novel by EM Forster.

Recently widowed and desperate to escape her oppressive, upper-class English in-laws, free-spirited Lilia Herriton finds refuge in the ancient landscape of Monteriano in rural Italy. There she impulsively marries the handsome Gino Carella . But when a child is born, tragedy strikes and Lilia's scandalised relatives embark on a plot to bring her young son to England for a "proper" upbringing.

The meeting starts at 6.30pm when we will enjoy supper together (please bring your own food and drink).

All welcome, do bring a friend.

Entrance is free, but a donation (suggested £1.00) is invited towards costs.

**The Gardening Group** will meet on Saturday 1st July at 10.00 am. Do bring a paving knife if you have one, there are still some pesky weeds in the area around the seats! Refreshments and time for a social chat included as always. If you haven't been before, just come along and join us. *Ann Cross* 

**From Saints to Saints:** on Sunday 20th August City Guide Helen Langley will lead a walk from St Nicholas' church in South Gosforth to All Saints', providing us with lots of interesting information about the history of the area. The walk will start in the afternoon and take around two hours, finishing with refreshments at All Saints' Centre. More details coming shortly! *Helen Langley & Ann cross* 

**Tyneside Welcomes update – Rejoice with us!** On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed a family of Syrian refugees to their new home in Newcastle. Hannah Marshall, Valerie Farthing, Debbie Matthews and I are among the Tyneside Welcomes volunteers who have met the family: mum, dad and two lovely primary school aged boys. They all seem very happy to be here and keen to get on with the myriad tasks required for them to become independent members of Newcastle society. This would never have happened without your support and generosity – thank you to everyone who has helped. For more information see: <a href="https://www.tynesidewelcomes.org">www.tynesidewelcomes.org</a>

**Confirmation at All Saints in September**. The Right Revd Mark Wroe, the Bishop of Berwick will be leading a Confirmation Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am. All those interested in being Confirmed please be in touch with the Clergy.

**Keeping in Touch** Please see the new Keeping in Touch Magazine. To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email: <a href="mailto:intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk">intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk</a> 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 Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Prayer and Worship**

Sunday: Services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.30pm

Monday - Thursday: 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church. Enter by the South Porch.

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in church.

**Event for school children: Volunteers needed.** On Tuesday 11 July, 3-5pm, All Saints is hosting a "leavers party" for children in year 4 of the first schools in All Saints parish and St Hugh's parish, who will be moving up to middle school after the summer. Please contact Miriam if you are able to help with preparations or volunteer on the day.

There will be a special event for young families at the vicarage on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 – 5.00pm.

**The Handlebards present** a rip-roaring, bicycle-powered production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream.* Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 – 9.00pm. Tickets £19.50, under 18 £12.50, under 10 free (only one free ticket per paid ticket). Click on this link for tickets <a href="https://www.handlebards.com/show/dream-all-saints-gosforth/">https://www.handlebards.com/show/dream-all-saints-gosforth/</a>

#### **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 <a href="https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8ecfe5b6-18c7-4179-aba0-2ebc43a82f7b">https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8ecfe5b6-18c7-4179-aba0-2ebc43a82f7b</a>

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!

**June Mission of the Month: Cornerstone,** Benwell, another worthwhile local project which continues to "include the excluded, empower the disempowered and encourage the discouraged".

#### **Contact Us**

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

#### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER JUNE 2023**

Ciham Ali Ahmed, a dual US-Eritrean national, is a victim of enforced disappearance. She was born in Los Angeles but raised in Eritrea. Ciham was arrested on 8 December 2012, aged only fifteen, when she tried to flee across the border to Sudan. She has been secretly detained for more than a decade and her family have not heard or seen anything of her during this time. Ciham has never faced any charges and no reason has been given for her arrest and detention. It is believed that the government is holding her because of her father's alleged involvement in an attempted coup.

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

25 June 2023

President Isaias Afwerki PO Box 257 Asmara Eritrea

Your Excellency

#### Ciham Ali Ahmed

I am writing to express my concern at the enforced disappearance of Ciham Ali Ahmed, a dual US-Eritrean national who was arrested on 8 December 2012 after trying to cross the border to Sudan.

She was only fifteen years old at the time and has been secretly detained for over a decade, during which time her family have not seen nor heard from her. She has never been charged with any offence and no explanation has been given for her arrest and prolonged detention.

Please will you reveal Ciham Ali Ahmed's whereabouts and authorise her immediate and unconditional release?

Also, please will you order a formal investigation into her case and arrange for anyone involved in her disappearance to be brought to justice?

Yours sincerely





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