

Keeping
in
Touch

All Saints
Gosforth



St. Hugh's Church, Gosforth

30th July 2023

From the Vicar

"I would rather make mistakes in kindness and compassion than work miracles in unkindness and hardness"

— Mother Teresa

Dear friends,

Recently I led worship in two first schools on the theme of "kindness", and I quoted the lyrics of a song sung by Ella Fitzgerald in the 1920s which some of us might just remember: *"I want to be happy, but I won't be happy till I make you happy, too"*. The second verse includes the line *"Life's really worth living when we are mirth-giving"* which I misheard as "life's worth living when we are *more giving*"! The song certainly recognises that our happiness and wellbeing is tied up in the happiness of others. I reminded the children that (in their speak) "too much selfie is not healthy". In fact, actual research shows that when we are kind to others, we are not only happier but also healthier.

In our worship, we talk a lot about service to others, and some might say it can wear a bit thin when repeated almost weekly. Others, I think, may dismiss this as purely sentimental idealism. A more realistic attitude could be: "I must look after myself now, especially when I feel tired, and many things seem uncertain." This can resonate with me on a tough day. The truth is, we all can, at times, feel fragmented, as if scattered in pieces, wondering how our life adds up, wondering whether we have strayed too far from where we should be, and how on earth we can possibly find our way forward. Is this influenced by the legacy of the trauma of Covid and lockdown? Or is that too easy an excuse?

Yet I am brought back every Sunday to what is at the heart of our worship — the story we tell of God's self-emptying; the unknowable becoming known through a Person who both lived for us and died for us. No half-measures: not just a grudging trickle but a

gushing waterfall of grace. A heartfelt response to this generosity is expressed in our service and humility — the laying aside of dignity and self-importance, the rolling up of sleeves and getting into action.

To imitate the generosity and self-giving of God, selfish "self-interest" (which truthfully gets us nowhere) is to be laid aside. To some this may sound like masochism, but our faith explores how being open and engaged in a non-defensive way is the road to a truly rich and fulfilled life.

Looking forward, our vision for 2026, set out in our five-year vision statement in 2021, is not some random "business" plan making us look organised, but a pathway to enable us to spread joy not only among ourselves but also to others. The happiest people I know are the kindest—"rainbows in someone else's cloud"?

Our vision is for All Saints' to be a diverse community, of all ages, of more than 300 active members, who, inspired by encounters with God, are making real differences in the wider community and beyond. Now is the very time we, together, should be supporting this vision; but just how are we equipped to do that?

The PCC is motivated and raring to go for their away-day in October at Alnmouth Friary. It'll be looking innovatively at how the vital threads of our life, such as worship, communication and social events, can be renewed by deciding our priorities realistically and effectively. As a group we shall be looking at ways to increase our financial giving to support this. (Do you know that as well as sponsorship of our church community life, our financial contribution supports ministry and mission in other parts of the diocese?) We ought to be pleased and proud that, up to now, this has been achievable.

To move forward with our vision, following Bishop Helen-Ann's lead, we are to be: *"seeking, through being open to God's transforming love; sharing, through being*

generous with God's transforming gifts; and to be sent out to be engaged in God's transforming work in the world."

We move forward encouraged. Anne Frank wrote that "no one has ever become poor by giving." There is much to do, but we are reassured that in giving ourselves generously we bring new life and hope to others and gain it in our hearts at the same time.

Best wishes,

Andrew Shipton

From the Editors

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of *Keeping in Touch*. It is only as good as its contributors, so please do let us know what you have been doing, review church events for us and send in future plans/news. It all helps us to connect with each other. As soon as we have enough to publish we will put out a further edition.

You can hand contributions to any of the editors, or email to:

allsaintsintouch@outlook.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Lesley Atkinson, Ann Cross, Dermot Killingley, Christine Willoughby

Life after Loss



In February I wrote of our plan to revisit a support group for those who suffered the loss of a partner.

Until the 2020 lockdown All Saints' had just such a group under the banner of *Loss Adjusters*. The programme proved very popular, and Andrew was keen to introduce something of the sort back into the life of All Saints'.

A group of seven recently-widowed people came together for a faith/life conversation which reviewed their experiences. They were supported by two of our "old hands". Two conclusions were the same as those of the former group, which were that the group would like to continue to meet, and that Sunday was the worst day of the week to be alone, especially at lunchtime.

A re-launch buffet was held at the Spongs', when the new seven were joined by eight former Loss Adjusters who agreed to meet again. Sunday lunch was again thought best, but we wanted to avoid the old problems of large numbers in a restaurant.

Since then, we have had two meetings in All Saints' Centre at 12.00 on the first Sunday of the month, sharing a finger buffet. These have been well received, and the group has decided to continue with this format.

There are now eighteen members in the group. If anyone who has lost a partner would like to join us, please let me know. We all know that loss lasts, so you do not have to have been recently widowed, and we welcome both men and women.

I picked up a quote from a website which sums up the situation well:

"Spending time with other widows is amazing. These are people you don't have to describe your pain to because they know how it feels first hand. They are a source of understanding, of laughter. It is a club that nobody ever wants to be eligible to join but I cannot imagine where I would be without them."

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Ordination Celebration

On Saturday 1 July, I was among seven new priests ordained by Bishop Helen-Ann to serve churches across Newcastle diocese. It was a wonderful occasion, made all the more special by being able to share it with family and friends. Many thanks to those from All Saints' who came along to support me as I began this new season in my ministry, and to those who couldn't be there but sent cards and well-wishes.

Following the ordinations on Saturday, it was a privilege to preside at our parish communion service for the first time on Sunday. Again, I am so thankful to all who worked to make that such a special and joyful event, whether by contributing to the service or to the festivities afterwards. (My children were especially delighted with the large cake, most of which came home with us to be enjoyed over the following days!)

As I said then, I have been so touched and encouraged by the warm welcome I have been given at All Saints' and St Hugh's since my arrival last September. Special thanks must of course go to Andrew whose support has been invaluable in reaching this milestone. I look forward to continuing to walk alongside you for the next leg of the journey!

Miriam



Miriam with her father Howie, who is also an ordained minister.

Picture: Yvonne Carr



Many congratulations, Miriam. A joyous weekend indeed!

Picture: Elizabeth Crawford

All Saints' Leavers Party a success!

The transition from First School to Middle School is a big milestone in a child's life, and one that we at All Saints' and St Hugh's feel should be celebrated.

With that in mind, on Tuesday 11 July we welcomed over 30 children aged 8-9, together with some of their carers and siblings, to All Saints' for a fun afternoon to mark this transition. With a bouncy castle, games and activities, crafts, pizza and other snacks, we can confidently say that everyone had a great time! Despite a poor weather forecast the previous day, on the day the rain held off and we had a breezy day with passing clouds and patches of sun, perfect for enjoying the green as well as indoor activities.

The invitations went out in June to all pupils in Year 4 at Archbishop Runcie, Archibald Street and Regent Farm First Schools. We were delighted to see children from all three schools attend the event, and hope that some of the new connections forged that day will carry over to Middle School after the summer holidays.

A huge thank-you to the staff at the schools who helped us to distribute the invitations, and to all our All Saints' volunteers: Ann, Christine, Dana, Diane, Felicity, Francine, Helen, Lesley, Nick, Pam, and Stuart. We are also grateful for help from St. Thomas' Newcastle, who lent us their pizza oven and sent an amazing team of four volunteers led by their curate, Brogan, to make and serve the pizzas. Thanks also to Gill and Molly of St. Nicholas' Gosforth who helped arrange the loan of a Polaroid camera to use for our craft activity.

We saw lots of happy faces and have had some great feedback from the children who attended. We wish them a fun-filled summer and a super start at their new schools!

Miriam Jones



Photos: Miriam Jones

School Report:

Archbishop Runcie First School

Year 3 have been very busy this month, enjoying a range of activities in the sunshine!

We enjoyed Sports Week, doing games with staff from Newcastle School for Boys, and of course our Sports Day with races including hurdles, relay and javelin throwing!

We have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in History, and we are preparing for our trip to the Great North Museum: Hancock next month to finish off our unit of learning.

Year 3 ended the month with their residential — camping on the school field! We have loved having Mr H. in, leading fun activities including setting up our tents, trying archery, roasting marshmallows on the camp fire, playing on the inflatables and doing outdoor crafts.

Emily Crozier, Year 3 teacher



Diana Lavin from All Saints' and Hettie Bowers, year 3 teacher of Archbishop Runcie CofE school, at the very successful school summer concert which they organised at All Saints' on Tuesday 11th July.

Photo: Katy Palmer



Family Page

Wordsearch: Flowers



Can you find the following flower names?

ASTRANTIA DAHLIA GERANIUM GEUM IRIS LARKSPUR
LILY LUPIN PEONY POPPY ROSE

How well do you know Wimbledon?

Take our fun quiz!

1. When was Wimbledon first founded?
2. Which sport was played at the Wimbledon Club in addition to Lawn Tennis before it became solely a tennis club?
3. When was the Centre Court roof unveiled?
4. When did women first compete at Wimbledon?
5. Equal prize money was only afforded much later, however — when?
6. When was Wimbledon first broadcast on the radio?
7. — and when was it first broadcast on television?
8. Viewers were able to glimpse which member of the Royal family watching from the Royal Box in that year?
9. White balls were replaced by yellow balls so they could be seen more easily on television. When?
10. All players must be dressed almost entirely in white: true or false?
11. Rufus scares pigeons away from the courts each morning; but who is he?
12. How many miles of string are used to restringing racquets during the two weeks of Wimbledon: 4 miles? 40 miles? 400 miles?

Answers on page 7



Andrew captured this picture of the Scouts celebrating the end of their year with a well attended barbecue on the Church Green.

Young Saints at All Saints'



Over many years children and young people have seen a range of adults who have helped to prepare age-appropriate instruction for them away from church services in All Saints' Church, usually in the Centre next door, or outside on occasions.

Sometimes the congregation has seen the products of their sessions — children have explained on their return into church what they have been taught, bringing their thoughts on stories and evidence of craft activities. There have been times when they have had a conversation with clergy before leaving and/or returning, sung a song during a service or engaged actively in worship in some small way.

Parents and visitors to our church have often been surprised at the sessions provided, assuming children had been removed for the sake of adults' peace of mind (sic! surely not?!), and occupied in a general playtime led by willing or friendly adults and parents. This has not been the case (the general playtime, that is, not the friendly willingness!). We have been told we are really quite unusual in giving instruction in the Christian faith. Key points have been routinely offered — symbols on display, times of worship, prayer, storytelling and bible readings, often singing and then some art or craft activities based on the theme chosen. This provision for children has also been marked by the fact that it has been *lectionary-based* — so leaders have checked the church's lessons and themes and have echoed them in their preparation. The church season has been alluded to, so it is clear when we are in Lent or Advent and so on.

I have admired the commitment of leaders of these sessions, knowing from experience the time required to prepare materials and make them attractive. I was impressed hearing my own two granddaughters (2 & 5 at the time) naming the biggest things they could see or knew of in the created world — the sky / sea / trees / dinosaurs / elephants — and then being sent

outside with matchboxes to make their individual collections of the very smallest things in God's creation — earwigs, spiders,* leaves, petals, pebbles, blades of grass and feathers dropped into their miniature containers and compared between children and adults. I (and they) found this such a practical way of reinforcing the natural world and the miracle of creation.

There have been rotas of people willing to engage in these sessions, but I still feel we need to bear in mind not only the commitment involved but also the fact that if leaders tidy up they may not even make it to the communion rail at the end of the service they have missed. I recall with amusement being asked why I hadn't watched something significant in church "like a hawk", and replying "from the Upper Room, you mean?!" The questioner only then registered I had missed months at a time of sermons, readings, even the last hymn. I loved much of that time teaching and playing songs — but I have not forgotten how easy it is to be oblivious of the Mr and Mrs Somebodies Doing Something With the Children.

The one time of the year when leaders have not run groups and activities for young people at All Saints' on Sunday mornings has in the past been in August, a holiday season being marked by different games, fun and activities that have not been formal in any way (apart from checking youngsters are safe, of course!).

I suppose, writing this, I have been acknowledging my own gratitude towards this ministry by others for others. What a relief I haven't been setting up craft activities and stories with no idea if I'll see five children of different ages or maybe none at all. Thank you to these unsung and invisible heroes and heroines.

Rosamund Place

** All creatures were soon liberated, so none was harmed during the course of etc...*

For more on children and young people at All Saints', see p. 8.

Answers to the Wimbledon quiz on p. 6:

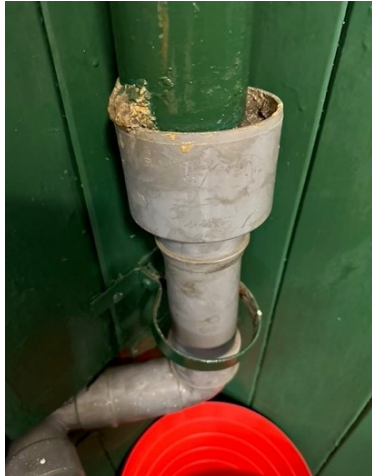
1: 1877. 2: Croquet. 3: 2009. 4: 1884.
5: 2007. 6: 1927. 7: 1937.
8: Queen Mary. 9: 1986. 10: True.
11: A hawk. 12: 40 miles.

Floods in the Belfry?



On your next visit to church you may notice the Baptistery looking a little the worse for wear.

This is due to the Victorians' desire to keep clean lines on the tower — by moving the drainage from the tower roof inside the building. Rainwater drains down a pipe into the ringing chamber and along a further pipe outside onto the roof. Unfortunately the latter had become blocked, leading to a flooded ringing chamber and surplus water then coming through into the Baptistery.



A plumber has been engaged, and a wet vacuum has been used to remove most of the water from the carpet.

Once we are sure everything is watertight we will review what further remedial work is needed, including redecoration of the wall.

Thanks to all those who have lent a hand to dry us out as quickly as possible.



Peter Brown

Children's worship during holiday time

On the previous page of *Keeping in Touch*, Ros Place has explained how, until recently, worship for children and young people was organised at All Saints' (see page 7).

However, times have changed, and with it the need to try new, different approaches to enable our children and young people to develop their Christian faith. Hence the current pattern of All Together family services with holy communion, held at 9.30am on the second Sunday of each month, and Faith@4 services, shorter and less formal, held at 4pm on the last Sunday of each month.

One thing that has not changed, though, is the break for a holiday season. There will be no Faith@4 at the end of July and in August, and no All Together during August. Instead, **games and informal activities will be organised for children and young people (and anyone else young at heart) on the green or in the Centre, during the 9.30am service each week during August.** These will be relaxed sessions to enable children of all ages, whether regular worshippers or holiday visitors, to meet and have fun.

Faith@4 will resume on Sunday 24th September, and the next **All Together** will be 10th September.

Lesley Atkinson



Book Review:

Murder Before Evensong by Rev. Richard Coles

This charming novel is framed as a murder mystery, but the “whodunnit” aspect of the novel borders on the incidental. As a priest Coles has a keen eye for the quirks of the Anglican Church (everyone sitting as far back as possible for example), and the intense feelings arising out of objectively trivial matters. He laughs at the idiosyncrasies of the Church of England without unkindness and with a degree of affection.

The portrait of village life is achieved by what one may regard as the usual stereotypes, but the underlying attractiveness of the book allows Coles to get away with some rather implausible characterisation. The central character, which one suspects is closely based on Coles himself, is nicely drawn, and one feels for his situation.

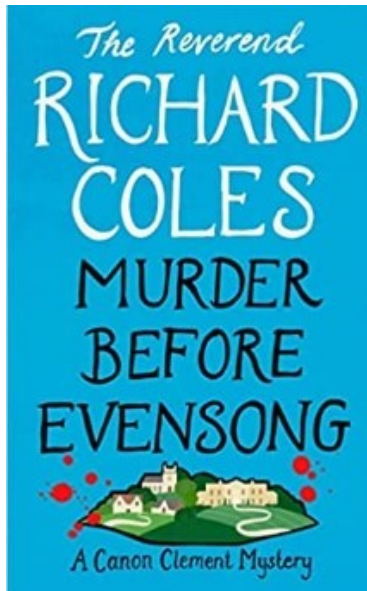
Although the murder mystery seems rather peripheral, it nonetheless adds to the appeal of the story, which would be thin without it. It is well worked with a surprising conclusion.

Altogether this is a book I would recommend, especially as a holiday read.

Paul Cross

Makes you think...

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?



Ascension Day Eucharist

Weeks ago Louise asked me if I could read a lesson on Ascension Day, and I agreed.

Back in the day when I was more involved, I would always turn out and enjoy the significance of evening festivals at All Saints'. I am less likely to do this nowadays, having got older and lazier (not wiser), and in particular in the dark nights when a lot of these occasions occur. But that night I turned up, because I had been cajoled a little bit.

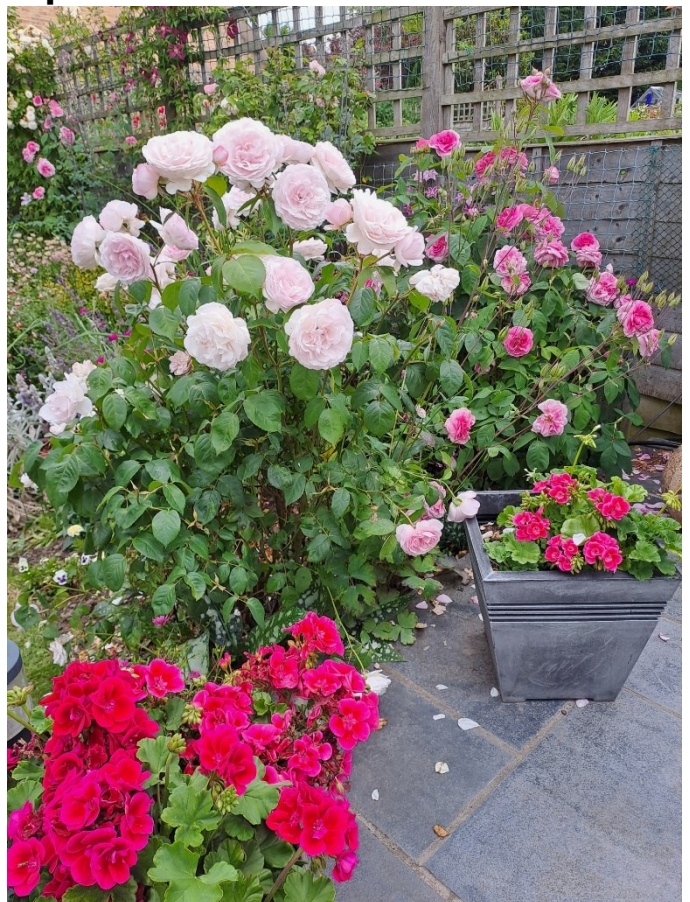
The church was beautiful with candles and flowers, the light evening was at its Springtime best if a little cool.

There were three clergy, a crucifer and two acolytes and our choir, practised and really worth listening to, and we had a fully comprehensive service sheet. In fact it was a delight. Thanks to all involved. However I found it embarrassing that there were only nine in the congregation, including our new Bishop and her husband.

Think about it, folks: you missed out!

Valerie Farthing

Open Gardens



Thank you to all those who opened their delightful gardens for us recently — and to Ann Cross who supplied this picture of beautiful roses at the home of Vic and Pat Spong.

Thou shalt know thy commandments!



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At the last All Together service, members of the congregation were invited to write down one or more of the Ten Commandments that they could remember. Bearing in mind that there wasn't much time to do this, the results were nevertheless interesting!

Be comforted by the knowledge that you're not likely to be killed or have your property stolen at All Saints' – in fact no-one will probably covet what you have anyway. Lying was very much a no-no, and many of us honour our fathers and our mothers. We may be a blasphemous lot however, taking the name of our Lord in vain, we don't acknowledge keeping the Sabbath holy, and may go in for a bit of idol-worship. Nonetheless we are pretty neighbourly, even going as far as loving them (not actually one of the commandments).

Let's hope that these commandments are so ingrained in most of us that we take them for granted! In case you can't remember them all, here they are:

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall make no idols.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Keep the Sabbath day holy.

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet.

Ann Cross

Interested in helping?

At a recent meeting the PCC determined a number of priority areas where help would be welcomed to further our Vision.

These are:

Children and young people

Working with the Youth Forum to try and identify opportunities for welcoming and keeping young people in All Saints'.

Communication

To consider a communication strategy for All Saints' and coordinate and develop our current strands of communication so that we can present ourselves better to our community, in print and online.

This will include looking at our current print and online communications, including social media, web, print newsletters and noticeboards, identifying weaknesses and gaps and thinking how we can improve what we do.

Fabric

Participating in the existing Fabric Committee to help with major repair projects (hopefully not too many after last year!), or space planning projects as the requirements for our buildings change, eg to improve accessibility, increase revenue. Also to look at further planning for the green to make it more nature friendly and attractive.

Finance

To support the new treasurer as finances are reviewed, including the potential need to encourage new patterns of giving.

Social and events

To help coordinate current activities and help develop new events. There is a need to coordinate existing volunteers and find new ones, so that help can readily be found for an event and activities can be shared more widely.

We are not looking for experts, or expecting you to do all the work. Rather we are looking for people with an interest/enthusiasm in these areas who will work with others, to help move All Saints' forward. Time commitments can be as little or as much as you are able to give.

If you feel able to help or are simply interested in these areas please do contact Churchwardens Nick and Christine for more information.

Nick Glover
Christine Willoughby

Grace Brown

Grace died on 30th May 2023. Her funeral was on 21st June, conducted by the Rev. Ruth Birnie.

Grace was born on 10th October 1929, the third daughter of William and Annie Watson, of Parkhouse Farm, Hamsterley, Co. Durham. She had two older sisters, Anne and Mary, and two younger brothers, Joe and John. The family moved from Parkhouse to live briefly with Grandfather and Grandmother Scurr at West Grange, Shincliffe until her dad secured a tenancy of North Farm, Murton, Shiremoor.

Grace and her siblings attended Murton School, in New York. They walked to school, returning home for dinner, and back for afternoon lessons. Grace left school at 14 and worked on the farm — milking the house cow as well as working alongside her dad; she was later joined by her brothers. She joined Earsden Young Farmers, and enjoyed all the activities. Her best skill was poultry trussing; she represented Northumberland Young Farmers at the National Final. With her brothers, she went to Young Farmers' camps, in Devon, Inverness, Ballywalter in Northern Ireland, and Jersey. They didn't fly but went by bus and ferry. In Jersey she met a fellow Young Farmer, from the Ponteland club, Ken Brown. Romance blossomed (the Young Farmers was nicknamed "the marriage bureau"!).

They were married on 6th August 1955 at St. Peter's Church, Monkseaton, and moved to Kenton Bank Foot. On 5th August 1956 John was born, then four years later on 6th August 1960, Christine was born. A lovely anniversary present! Gillian arrived on 3rd January 1963, in the depths of an awful winter, born at home.

In 1964 the family moved to the farmhouse at the top of the road. Grace continued to look after the children until Ken's father retired and he took over the farm. As well as farming they delivered milk. Grace became a true farmer's wife. As well as looking after Ken and the family she would help outside; in the early years they would turn hay by hand while the kids played in the field. She helped to pick and sort potatoes. They also reared turkeys and chickens to sell at Christmas, and Grace used her poultry-trussing skill. Maybe this was one of Grace's attributes that Ken thought would make her a suitable wife!

Holidays with the kids were mainly in the caravan to Wales, Devon, Kent and Suffolk; the first night was always spent at Scotch

Corner as they were late getting away. As the kids grew up Grace became more involved delivering milk and collecting the money; it also became the kids' Saturday job. Grace joined the WI, sold poppies and collected for the National Children's Home for many years. She did shopping for elderly neighbours, and enjoyed dressmaking and cake icing classes. The kids flew the nest and got married: Gillian in Huntly in Scotland and John in Tenby in Wales; Christine stayed local. Grace had eleven grandchildren: Henry, James, Miriam, Emily, Edwin, Hannah, Charles, William, Lucy, Catherine and Ben. She loved them all, and would proudly tell everyone how they were all getting on. They are now grown up and have given Grace five great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved meeting.

Holidays with Ken were mainly to visit family. They had one big adventure to Australia in 1992 to visit her brother John, who emigrated in the late 1950s. They went for five weeks and stayed with John and his family in Albany, then explored Sydney and up the coast to Cairns. Grace enjoyed it but wasn't keen to go away for as long again, and she never did.

She was a home maker and enjoyed baking for the family. Her chocolate cake and cream sponge were favourites. Since the 1960s until recently, she always had a large gathering each New Year's Day with her sisters, her brother Joe and families.

Grace and Ken enjoyed a long and happy marriage, and received a card from the Queen on their diamond anniversary. After 61½ years together, in 2017, Grace lost Ken and John at the same time. This was very hard for her. She couldn't get out as much and didn't drive any more, so she looked forward to Esme, whom she looked on as a daughter, visiting, and Roz coming to do her hair each week. After a fall and a spell in hospital she went into a home. There she was looked after with great care and had good home cooked food; even the cherry buns looked like the ones she would have made.

Since 1955 Grace was a loyal parishioner at this church, attending each Sunday, and when she couldn't come any more she looked forward to the church visiting her each month. She will live on in her family, and they hope she is now at peace, reunited with her two favourite people, Ken and John.

— from Grace's family

From the Registers

All Saints'

Baptisms

11th June: Leo Indie Macrae
23rd July: Albie George Duggan
23rd July: Hector Jack Norman Johnson

Funerals

26th May: Emily Moscrop, died 24th April 2023
aged 74
21st June: Grace Brown, died 30th May 2023
aged 93
4th July: John Gibson, died 14th June 2023 aged
65
27th July Margaret Sherratt, died 16th July 2023
aged 96

Burial of Ashes

26th May: Meriol Penn
12th July: Grace Brown
24th July: John Sydney Hewett

St. Hugh's

Baptisms

23rd July: Alice Charlotte Garnham & Ellie Ann
Garnham
30th July: Jace Gardner Summers

Funeral

27th April: Elizabeth Aisbitt, died 3rd April 2023
aged 77

Looking ahead

5th September: PCC Meeting at All Saints
10th September: PCC Meeting at St Hugh's
16th September: Farmers' Market
17th September: Confirmation Service with the
Bishop of Berwick
1st October: Harvest
28th October: All Saints Weekend social event
on the Saturday afternoon
2nd December: Christmas Fair

Sunday services at All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer
—all livestreamed on YouTube
Updates will be posted on our website:
<https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/>

Sunday services at St. Hugh's

11.00am
Updates will be posted on our website:
www.facebook.com/St-Hughs-Church-Gosforth

St Georges' Jesmond have invited anyone interested to join them in a recorded Songs of Praise on Monday 21st August 6.30 - 9.30. You can book (free) tickets by email on singwithus@ctvc.co.uk or by phone: 07734030888.

Jane Brown

Many reading that Jane Brown is embarking on repairing torn and damaged silk fabric on the nave altar frontal which she designed will remember when this beautiful piece of work first appeared in church in the mid-90s, dedicated in memory of Margaret Patterson's father, William Charlton Alder. The silk pieces were handpainted and sewn together with great skill, silk being such a tricky fabric to handle well. Perhaps others also bought small, framed leftover remnants of the final work that Jane produced. I bought 3 of them to give to friends from abroad who literally, it seemed to me, took a piece of All Saints' Church home with them! Jane produced several banners over some years and in particular designed and organised our Millennium Embroidery, framed inside the south porch. Countless members of the church took small pieces of canvas home to stitch according to instructions, and I have shown visitors the 2"x2" piece which was my own contribution! I attended one of the silk workshops that Jane Brown ran, demonstrating how to mount silk onto frames and paint patterns for display or cards — such a wonderful experience for us all. Thank you, Jane.

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