



# All Saints Gosforth

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**Harvest**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Harvest Parish Communion
3.00pm	Harvest Holy Communion in the Centre
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

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**At St Hugh's**

11.00am Harvest Parish Communion

## Thought for Today

Are you a cheerful giver? In our first reading today (2 Cor. 9:6-8), Paul encourages the Corinthian church to be cheerful in their generosity towards others. These verses form part of a longer passage in which he explains that he is collecting donations from the churches around the eastern Mediterranean, in order to present these as a gift to the believers in Jerusalem, who are in need. He urges the Corinthians to give generously – but what is really important to him is not how much money they give, but that in giving cheerfully, not grudgingly, they will demonstrate the sincerity of their love for God and for their fellow Christians. Our Gospel reading (Matt. 25:31-46) is likewise concerned with generosity towards those in need. In the story, both those who have given generously and those who have not are surprised when the real significance of their actions is revealed. Harvest provides us with a wonderful opportunity to remember and give thanks for God's provision to us, and to share what we have with others. This year, why not spend some time prayerfully reviewing your giving – whether financial or practical? How does it reflect your love for God and neighbour? What can you give cheerfully?

*Miriam Jones*

**We continue the theme next week with an All Together Service entitled Creation: Do we care?**

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:**

**New Testament:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**8.00am Holy Communion**

Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

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**9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

**Hymns are in the Service Booklet**

**Anthem: Thou visitest the Earth - Greene**

**3.00pm Afternoon Service in the Centre**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Psalm: 124 Hymns 263, 342, 393**

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**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.

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**Children in Church:** Children are always very welcome in church, and there is a dedicated Children's Corner at the back with some quiet activities available for children to use either there, or to bring back to their pew. All Together services at which children will be invited to take an interactive part, are on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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**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.

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

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**To gain access to the All Saints YouTube channel please go to:** [allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube](https://allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/youtube)

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## Notices

**Happy Birthday** to Chizaram Chibueze Anoma (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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**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](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/cases) to sign the general appeal.



**An afternoon service** will be held in the All Saints' Centre for **Harvest, 1st October** for people who cannot come along to our regular morning services. The service will be followed by tea and entertainment by the Semitones Orchestra.

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**The Christian Meditation Group** meet today Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

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**Coffee and Conversation.** We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and chat in the Centre at 10.30 - 11.30 am every Monday morning.

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**Little Saints Tuesday** 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

Next meeting - **Tuesday October 03** from 2:30 for drinks/nibbles.

*Thank you.*

*Diana Lavin*

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**The Gardening Group** has been running in its current form (looking after the Garden of Remembrance) for 10 years! To celebrate we'd like you to share some cake with us at Parish Breakfast on Sunday 8th October.



**Ad Gefrin** Have you heard of it yet? It's the new Anglo-Saxon Museum and Distillery in Wooler, and it is the subject of the talk at our next Mothers' Union meeting – 2.00pm on October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church Centre. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to come along. Short service, the talk, refreshments and fellowship.  
*Pam Taylor*

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**The PCC** will be spending the afternoon of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Alnmouth Friary.

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**Our Patronal Festival** will be celebrated on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The All Souls Service will be on at 6.30pm.

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**Keeping in Touch** the latest edition is out now. To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words please email: [intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk](mailto:intouch@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk) or pass to: Christine Willoughby, Dermot Killingley, Lesley Atkinson or Ann Cross.

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### **News from St Hugh's –**

- Canon Syd Connolly is leading worship today.
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## **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

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**Evening Eucharist with charismatic worship at the Cathedral.** On Fire Mission North are hosting an evening service at Newcastle Cathedral today Sunday 1 October at 18:30. On Fire Mission is a network, rooted in the Church of England, and open to all, which is dedicated to promoting Charismatic renewal blended with the riches of Catholic spirituality. If you would like to join this event, or find out more, please contact Miriam.

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### **Looking ahead:**

8<sup>th</sup> October All Together Service  
25<sup>th</sup> October Recital  
28<sup>th</sup> October All Saints Weekend social event on the Saturday afternoon

12<sup>th</sup> November All Together Service  
18<sup>th</sup> November Farmers' Market  
2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Fair  
10<sup>th</sup> December All Together Service

## POSH PUDS PARTY & QUIZ, **mmm** at The Centre, Sat 28 Oct at 18:30

We are very much looking forward to this event not just as a special social occasion but also one where we can also raise some well-needed funds. (Tickets £10, from the office/back of church from Sun 01 Oct.)

We are hoping that you'll eat supper at home first but wait to enjoy your 'posh pudding' at the Centre! This will flow seamlessly into a picture quiz whilst those with big eyes are maybe still devouring seconds!

What, you ask, can you do to contribute to this exciting evening?

- 👉 You could make a special pudding.
- 👉 Donate some ground coffee or wine
- 👉 Be a barista (2 needed)
- 👉 You could act as a sommelier for the evening.
- 👉 You might like to pretty-up the tables (by far the most challenging task!)
- 👉 You could spread the word on your street WhatsApp.
- 👉 Please help sell some tickets.

**Please enter your specific details on the sheet at the back of church before Sun 08 Oct.**

There will be a short **zoom** for contributors/participants in preparation for the event, **Mon 09 Oct at 7pm**. I'll email the link on the morning.

Please see the poster later in this Newsletter. You have trifling Q? Please ask Diana L.

**Thank you – you'll be so appreciated!**

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## **Fairy Doors Workshop** Thurs 02 November, 11 - 2:30 (half-term)

Ages 5-11. Child + Grand/Parent. Reserve your place now - see poster later in this Newsletter.

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## **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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**Mission of the Month for October** is the 'Walking With project' based in North Tyneside supporting asylum seekers and refugees providing practical and moral support services to individuals and families, information and guidance sessions. They also provide food parcels, clothing and household goods to help ease poverty and deprivation. This week we will take our Harvest goods to their centre.

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## Contact Us

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

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### ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Virginia Laparra has been unjustly imprisoned in Guatemala for the past nine months because of her work investigating corruption cases. The former head of the Special Prosecutor's Office against Impunity in Quetzaltenango, she was wrongly convicted of 'ongoing abuse of authority' and sentenced to four years in prison in December 2022. The criminal proceedings against Virginia began in 2018, when she reported a judge for possible inappropriate behaviour and, in retaliation, the same judge filed two criminal complaints against her on the same grounds. She was placed on pre-trial detention in February 2020 and remained there until her trial last year. Amnesty is concerned that the authorities are condoning the use of baseless lawsuits and are forcing Virginia to defend herself simultaneously in two parallel proceedings initiated by the same person for the same acts. The authorities have also failed to stop misogynistic attacks against her and her legal team.

Specimen letter (Please feel free to write in your own words; First or Second Class stamp)

1 October 2023

His Excellency Jose Alberto Briz Gutierrez  
Embassy of Guatemala  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor and Suite 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
105a Westbourne Grove  
London W2 4UW

Your Excellency

**Virginia Laparra**

I am writing to you to express my concern at the sentencing of Virginia Laparra, the former head of the Special Prosecutor's Office against impunity in the city of Quetzaltenango, to four years' imprisonment in December last year on the grounds of 'ongoing abuse of authority'.

Criminal proceedings against Virginia began in 2018 when she reported a judge for possible inappropriate behaviour, with the judge then filing two criminal complaints against her on the same grounds in retaliation, forcing her to defend herself simultaneously in two parallel proceedings initiated by the same person for the same acts.

I urge you to drop all charges against Virginia Laparra and to order her immediate and unconditional release, as well as to stop the authorities from making misogynistic attacks on Virginia and her legal team.

Yours sincerely



## 'Farmers' Market' Sat 16 September

Despite the foul weather, shoppers continued to trickle up throughout the day and bought cheese, honey, then a coffee, relaxed to the sound of steel pans in church, then spent some more on the fresh bread, greens, beer, and other delicious stall offerings.

A large proportion of the traders are now returning. There were 12 stalls (our limit), no duplications, a new bake stall, a coffee cart, and a new hot snack van. The local charity stall choice this market was '**Daft as a Brush**' and they turned up with a brand new bright blue ambulance, a dedicated stall complete with blue-coated volunteers. "*We had a lovely day, despite the weather and look forward to next year*" – Development Manager at Daft. WAG (North-East Friendship Dogs) who do so much work in hospitals and with the local elderly, brought 2 companions in the morning and again in the afternoon. (They were wet but not woofing.) There were 2 groups of steel panners performing (in church because of the weather). Irresistible! If you couldn't pop over on the day, you've now got the lowdown.

However, the main point of writing in this Newsletter is to deliver a huge '**Thank You**' to the 8 people who helped with advance preparations or turned up for a shift on the day – delivering new bin bags, collecting money, pinning up signs, minding stalls so sole traders could take a quick comfort break!

**Thank You Again** for your valuable time!

*So where do we go from here?* The next (and final) market on our licence is 18 November. It will be a pre-Christmas affair with a special handbag stall where you could snap up an attractive gift for someone (see poster below, have you donated yet?) and we'll be welcoming **St Oswald's Hospice** as our local charity. *Will we renew the licence?* Following an upcoming review early next month a decision will be made...

Here at All Saints, as you know, our mission is to put ourselves at the heart of the wider community – hopefully in some way, the Farmers' Markets are seen to be supportive of that. Come along on 18 November and judge for yourself!

*Diana Lavin*

**HAVE YOU  
A DONATION FOR  
OUR HANDBAG  
STALL?**



**Farmers' Market**

**Sat Nov 18**

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## POSH PUDS PARTY & QUIZ



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ALL SAINTS CENTRE

SAT OCTOBER 28 AT 6:30

TICKETS £10

TEL: 0191 213 0450





All Saints Church

# Fairy Doors Workshop

\*Ages 5-11

\*Bring a Grand/parent

at All Saints Centre  
Thurs November 02  
11-2:30

£20 party of 2

*All materials and drinks provided*

Bring a packed lunch

Reserve your place **NOW**

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# Creation



## Do we

## care?

ALL TOGETHER at ALL SAINTS

Family Service at 9:30

Sunday 08 October

