

All Saints Gosforth

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Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Procession of Palms and Eucharist starting in the

Centre

3.00pm Holy Communion in the Centre

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

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At St Hugh's

11.00am Parish Communion

Thought for Today

Holy Week and Easter are the climax of the Christian Year. Again we enter into the mystery of our Lord's suffering and death.

There are Services at 8.45am (Morning Prayer) and 7.30pm (Compline and address) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On these evenings Miriam will offer talks on the theme of Holy Week through medieval eyes. On Tuesday at 10.15am is Holy Communion.

Today on **Palm Sunday** we commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Our hymn 'All glory, laud and honour' is both an act of praise to Christ the King who triumphs on the cross and an expression of our own readiness to take up the cross and follow him on his journey to suffering and death. This afternoon at 3pm is a Service of Holy Communion in the All Saints Centre. At 6.30pm will be 'Stations of the Cross'; a Service of readings and prayers marking the stages of Jesus' journey to the cross.

On **Maundy Thursday** we remember the first Lord's Supper and the washing of feet at a special Eucharist at 7.30pm. We recall Gethsemane and wait with Christ in the darkness after the Eucharist.

On **Good Friday** we think of what God was prepared to do to win us back to him. There will be a short All Age Service on the Centre at 10am followed by refreshments, an act of witness at 11.15am outside Trinity Church and at 2.00pm The Final hour with readings, hymns, reflections, music, prayer and silence led by The Very Reverend Geoff Miller. Please feel free to come and go as you please.

On **Easter Eve** we reflect on the mighty acts of God in the scriptures. We await the Risen Christ! The celebration of Easter begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle and reaffirming our Baptism vows at 8pm which starts in the All Saints Centre.

On Easter Day we celebrate that 'Christ is Risen'. There will the said Holy Communion Service at 8am, the principal Eucharist of Easter Day at 9.30am and sung Evensong at 6.30pm. Please note also Faith @4 in the Centre.

Andrew Shipton

New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Luke 19:29-38
8.00am Holy Communion
Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones
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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching: Dramatic reading of The Passion according to St Mark

Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service

3.00pm Holy Communion in the Centre

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

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 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 there or to bring back to their pew.

On the second Sunday of each month we hold an 'All Together' service which is less formal and with plenty of opportunities for young people to take part. Please speak to the clergy or churchwardens for more details of these and of other activities for children and young people.

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

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

Upcoming Events

The Christian Meditation Group meets today Sunday 24th March at 5.15pm in the Columba Room.

Our extremely popular and lively "coffee and chat morning" is held every Monday in the Centre from 10.30am – 11.30am. Please come along and join our companionable Group.

Little Saints Pre-School Children and Parents Group Tuesdays 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

The Archbishop Runcie School Easter Service is on Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm in Church.

There will be a Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist at the Newcastle Cathedral at 11.00am at which oils are blessed. All welcome.

SING at the **Centre** Please come and join us on **Tuesdays** at 3pm in the Upper Room (or 2:30 if you need sustenance first)!

In the run up to Easter, we're looking ahead to a more contemporary repertoire Adele Adkins' 'Rolling in the Deep' and other, older popular songs, some Easter themed.

NB We'll be taking a break on April 04

Please see the ad below. Thank you. DL

The first classical concert of the year is on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm.

The Tyne and Wear Citizens Mayoral Assembly is on Monday 22nd April 6-8pm at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House. Please see the poster.

All Saints is a proud member of Citizens UK which is made up of many other organisations that are committed to taking action together for social justice and the common good.

The All Saints APCM will be on Sunday 28th April at 11am in the Church Centre.

News from St Hugh's -

- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.
- The St Hugh's APCM will be on Sunday 21st April at 11.45am in the Church.

Notices

Please can all amendments to the newsletter be in by 11.00am on Thursday.

The winner of the Easter Card Competition is Arlo Etchells. Congratulations Arlo!

Our thanks to those who put the Easter cards into bundles and those who have delivered in the past week. Please take any remaining Easter cards to streets near you.

Easter Flowers The cost of flowers have increased considerably and the flower fund is running low! Donations towards the cost would therefore be very much appreciated and can be passed either to me or the churchwardens. *Pat Spong*

Farmers' Market March 16 The blue sky and fine sunshine disguised a nip in the air, but given the inclement weather we'd recently experienced, our prayers were answered. It would be fair to describe this first market of the year as steady rather than crowded, but again we saw plenty newcomers trying the foods on offer, piling pies in their bags, buying a coffee or snack, and enjoying the music in church. Despite an increase in the number of stalls we're now licensed for, there is no duplication. We had 4 stalls selling recycled goods, 2 of them our very own. We know the exact provenance of the produce on sale (we have to) – the cheese farmer is from Reeth, the bread maker is from Warwick Bridge and so it's a long day for them but they love to come because we 'look after them'.

The market takes quite a bit of forward planning and the end product wouldn't be quite so well achieved without 'key workers' – active from the time the banners go up to the pitches being calculated then marked out; posters being printed, (*NB for re-use*), ads on Facebook and equipment 'magically' lugged from the Centre and the crypt; 'Challenge 25' notices displayed (must keep the Chief Constable happy), bins continuously emptied and replaced; musicians choreographed, oh, let's not forget the best boy for the key grip on set (church) – unusually here, one and the same person!

A **Huge** vote of thanks to all you key people. Please know you're so appreciated! Diana Lavin



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.

The Funeral of Rosemary Bottomley is tomorrow Monday 25th March at 12noon in church. We remember Kate and family in their loss.

Annual Report Brochure. Can everyone writing a report for our Annual Meeting please send your contribution to the Parish Office by **30**th **March**.

A Thanksgiving Service for Nicola Scholes will be held in church on Friday 12th April at 3pm.

Wanted! Do you have an unused keyboard stand that you could donate? We have urgent need for one in the Centre. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you!

The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed an error on the back of the beautiful Easter card that has just been distributed around the parish. There is of course no 'Sunday School' at the 9.30 am Parish Communion as we haven't had enough leaders for this for some time now, but our All Together services, held on the second Sunday of each month, provide an opportunity for families to enjoy a shorter, more relaxed service in which children and young people are encouraged to take part. We warmly welcome people of all ages to come along to these and share with us in our worship. The Youth Leaders

The monthly Art & Craft sessions held on the first Saturday of the month will be having a break now until the autumn. Thanks to everyone who has supported these - we've mainly created 'props' for the All Together services - and look out for information about the next round towards the end of the summer. *The Youth Team.*



Change of thinking about pianos! Many thanks for prompt responses about piano tuners' details! The Centre pianos are past their best so I am having a re-think about how to proceed! Thank you for your help and suggestions! Rosamund Place.

Keeping in Touch can be viewed online at https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/category/church-news/ There are also copies at the back of church. 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.

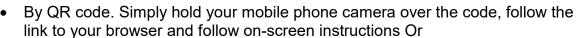
Revision of the Electoral Roll: The only people who need to fill in an application form are those who have: recently moved in to the area, joined the church, or reached the age of 16. Application forms are available at the back of church and should be put in the letterbox of the Parish Administrator in the Centre by 7th April. Please also see nomination forms for PCC at Deanery Synod.

Food donations are now being taken to Kenton Foodbank. Their most needed items currently are tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, biscuits and long life milk. Thank you to everyone who continues to bring donations and leave them at the back of the church.

Mission of the Month for March: Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe, an international project with UK-based support, working in a country with much poverty. This is our 14th year of support, and the yearly update from Dr Carolyn Rigby is always well received.

Donations

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





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!

Contact Us

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Holy Week Services at All Saints, Gosforth

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Monday 25th March

7.30pm Compline and Talk. Holy Week through Medieval Eyes – Gethsemane

Tuesday 26th March

9.45am Peaceful Reflection 10.15am Holy Communion

7.30pm Compline and Talk. Holy Week through Medieval Eyes – The Cross

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm Compline and Talk. Holy Week through Medieval Eyes – Holy Saturday

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.30pm The Eucharist of the Upper Room

Good Friday 29th March

10.00am Informal Service in the All Saints Centre followed by refreshments

11.15am Act of Witness at Trinity Church

2.00-3.00pm The Final Hour led by the Very Reverend Geoff Miller

Holy Saturday 30th March

8.00pm Easter Vigil and lighting of the Easter Candle beginning in the All Saints Centre

Easter Day 31st March

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOSFORTH: AMNESTY GROUP LETTER MARCH 2024

Amnesty International is marking the 5th anniversary of the Hirak protest movement in Algeria and asking us to write to the country's London Ambassador to urge an end to the continued crackdown on peaceful protesters, journalists, civil society members and organisations, human rights defenders and trade unionists. Despite the release of at least 107 prisoners over the past year, the government continues to keep many prisoners in arbitrary detention because of the exercise of their human rights – this in clear contravention not only of international law but also of the 2020 Algerian constitution which protects the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association.

<u>Specimen letter:</u> Feel free to put the following letter into your own words. A first- or second-class stamp is required.

24 March 2024 Mr Nourredine Yazid Algerian Ambassador 1-3 Riding House Street London W1W 7DR

Your Excellency

The Hirak protest movement and human rights in Algeria

It is now the 5th anniversary of the Hirak protest movement and, despite the release of more than 100 prisoners over the last year, I understand that many more remain in arbitrary detention purely for exercising their human rights. This is despite the fact that the 2020 Algerian Constitution is meant to protect the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association.

I therefore urge the Algerian government to immediately and unconditionally release all those who have been detained solely for exercising their rights to freedom of expression. Please would it also act to protect human rights defenders so as to ensure they can exercise their rights and to review national legislation in light of the 2020 constitution?

This is essential to bring Algeria in line with her obligations under international law with which Algeria is committed to comply through the 2020 Constitution and following the Universal Periodic Review of 2023.

Yours sincerely



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He has Risen

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