



All Saints Gosforth

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

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Sunday 5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

Thursday 9th May

7.30pm	Ascension Day Sung Eucharist
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At St Hugh's

11.00am	Parish Communion
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Thought for Today

In the weeks after Easter we have many readings from Acts about the development of the early Church in various places. One of the major issues to be addressed was the spreading of the Gospel to Gentiles as well as Jews. This caused much debate and controversy between the various branches of the Church with the apostles in Jerusalem being the most conservative and reluctant to include the Gentiles – at least without their first embracing Judaism.

As so often, Peter finds himself in the forefront of ongoing developments and, after a series of events including a dramatic vision is converted from initial hesitation to conviction that “even the Gentiles” can receive the Holy Spirit just as the apostles had done on the day of Pentecost.

Jesus' teaching had much to say about the breaking down of barriers and in today's Gospel reading there is perhaps the most astounding pronouncement of all i.e. the breaking down of the barrier between God and humanity. “You are my friends” Jesus tells the disciples and, by implication, also God's friends, no longer servants with an unbridgeable gap between God and us.

Borders and the desire to exclude others are always in the news as current world conflicts demonstrate but surely our task is to erect as few barriers as possible between ourselves and others.

Ruth Birnie

New Testament: Acts 10:44 to end

New Testament: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

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9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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Processional : Green 205 Christ is made a sure foundation

Gradual: Brown 156 Led like a lamb

Offertory: Green 103 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven

Communion: Brown 215 Peace, perfect peace is a gift

Recessional: Brown 37 Christ triumphant ever reigning

Anthem: Rhosymedre Chorale – R Vaughan

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 45 Hymns: 285, 112, 296

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 meet today Sunday 5th May at 5.15pm in the Upper 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.

The next meeting of Mother's Union will be on Monday 13th May at 2.00pm in the Church Centre. After the usual short service, Marion Anderson will tell us about her 'Travels this Year'. Everyone welcome, no need to be a member. *Pam Taylor*

Little Saints Pre-School Children and Parents Group every Tuesday (term-time) 1.00 – 2.30pm in the All Saints Centre.

Next meeting Tuesday 07 May from 2:30

Thank you. DL

Sew, Knit and Natter: This friendly group of knitters, ranging from the totally inexperienced to the very skilled, meets each Wednesday morning from 10-12 in the upper room of the Centre. There is plenty of knitting and nattering, with coffee and biscuits always provided. All are welcome. If you would like to know any more about the group, do ring me on 07474040267, or you can just turn up and see what we do. *Diane Kirkup*

Ascension Day is on Thursday! Ascension Day is a festival which invites mixed feelings. It marks a final farewell after forty days of disturbing yet life-giving encounters between the risen Jesus and those who followed him. It marks also the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the point when Jesus' frightened followers were given new strength and power. The Service at 7.30pm will reflect this. Andrew

There will be a Confirmation Service on our Patronal Festival, Sunday 3rd November led by the Bishop of Newcastle at All Saints. This is an opportunity to take faith to the next level and recommit your life to God through Confirmation. There will be a course concluding with the Confirmation Service. If this is of interest to you, please contact Andrew, Miriam or Ruth. Candidates have already come forward

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.
 - **Thanksgiving service for the life of Joan Mackay.** We are saddened by the death of Joan Mackay, a longstanding member of St Hugh's church. There will be a service of thanksgiving for her life at St Hugh's on Thursday the 16th of May at 11.15, following a private cremation.
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Notices

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

At the AGM we launched the Parish Giving Scheme for our parish. This scheme, promoted and recommended by the diocese, succeeds our Planned Giving arrangements. The advantages of the new scheme, which uses direct debits rather than our present standing orders, is that the scheme takes the direct debits, recovers the gift aid on our behalf and then makes a single payment into the church account. This improves confidentiality and saves the treasurer a lot of effort. Although you can opt out if you wish, a feature of the scheme is an annual review where you will be invited to respond to the current rate of inflation at that time. There are leaflets in the pew explaining how to transfer over to the new scheme and it is very easy to do, online, by phone, or by post.

We have no plans to phase out standing orders at all but would like to encourage as many as possible to make the switch. If you are not already part of planned giving this is an ideal opportunity to start with the Parish Giving Scheme.

The parish is facing a £24,000 deficit in the coming year. We are always grateful for any contribution to our finances and hope you will be able to be as generous as you can. To discuss any aspect, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Brown, 07738 930135 or pmbgos@btinternet.com.

There will be a Book Sale at parish breakfast today Sunday 5th May and we have loads of books! Some of these will be taken to the St Oswald's charity book shop on the High Street afterwards, so if you spotted a particular book you liked at the last sale this may be your final chance! All proceeds to church funds. *The Book Group*

Many thanks to all those who attended the piano and organ recitals recently and in particular lent a friendly presence or face to our audiences. If you are willing to help out at future Wednesday evening recitals (or the outdoor performance of Handlebards' *Comedy of Errors* at 7pm on Saturday Aug 17th) please contact me. Also continue to let others know about our events! Thank you! *Rosamund Place*

Mayoral Assembly sees justice roll. Whatever you think of the introduction of a North East Mayor, you can't argue with our very own Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley who pointed out that the word devolution literally means "rolling down". Speaking at the opening of the Tyne & Wear Citizens event, the Bishop linked this to the prophetic demand of Amos to "Let justice roll down like waters" and I would say that is exactly what the hundreds of supporters gathered in the Tyne Theatre and Opera House saw last Monday night. We listened to testimonies from people who usually struggle to be heard: a Care Worker describing how their low pay meant they couldn't afford time off for an operation; a mother whose child was refusing school because of racist bullying; a tenant struggling with an absentee landlord and no kitchen floor. In response, all 5 of the Candidates for Mayor agreed to almost all of the "asks" which had been carefully developed in light of hundreds of similar testimonies, for instance: to make the North East a Real Living Wage region; to provide genuinely affordable housing, and to fund more counsellors in schools. It is good that All Saints' is a member of Citizens, not only because we are supporting this work, but also because if there is an injustice you feel passionate about, there is support and training available so that you can find allies and take action. I'd love to listen to your story! *Andrew Cole ac07949@gmail.com*

Farmers' Markets 2024 Please look at our Facebook page for all stall details.

NB Any donations for the garden stall – plants/seedlings/pots/small items of garden paraphernalia
OR stall help on the day please inform Marian cavemarian@gmail.com or Diana dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

OR Any offers of help on the day (busiest times: 8:30 – 9:30 & 2:00-2:30). Coffee and snacks available!

Thank you!

Keeping in Touch can be viewed online at <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/category/church-news/>
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.

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 May: uS, a North-East charity founded by a former member of our choir, Dr Mary-Jane Tacchi, to provide support and opportunities for young people with, or at risk of developing mental illness, to help them identify and achieve personal goals.

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!

Contact Us

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The poster features a central text layout with a white cross on the left and a white dove with a cross on its back on the right, both set against a background of yellow sunburst rays. The background of the entire poster is a light blue sky with white clouds. The text is arranged vertically in the center.

**All Saints
Gosforth**

Ascension Day Service

Thursday 9th May 2024

at

7.30pm

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALL AGE WORSHIP

FAITH @ 4



LAST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH

4:00PM

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GROWING IN GOD'S CARE



All Together at All Saints

PARISH COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM

SUNDAY 12TH MAY AT 9.30 AM

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