



**Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Sunday**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Easter Day Parish Communion
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

At St Hugh's

11.00am	Parish Communion
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Thought for Today

Easter is the heart of the Christian faith - the festival of festivals. If this did not happen, Christianity would be meaningless. The New Testament accounts, with their surprising detail, strangeness, and boldness, suggest something extraordinary occurred. The resurrection was entirely unexpected, didn't fit into any Jewish framework of the afterlife, and yet convinced Jesus' followers that the one brutally killed by Rome was alive again - bodily, visibly, and powerfully. This conviction transformed frightened disciples into bold witnesses who risked everything, proclaiming not a myth or metaphor, but a historical claim: Jesus rose from the dead. Their message—proclaimed in real places with real people—sparked the explosive growth of the early Church.

The resurrection challenged every power structure of the time. Paul dared to say, "Jesus is Lord," in defiance of Caesar, and Mark boldly began his Gospel as "Good News" in a world ruled by Roman violence. The resurrection suggested that tyranny is not ultimate, that forgiveness - not force - restores order, and that peace is possible. It revealed that God is deeply interested in the renewal of world. Easter morning was not just a spiritual awakening - it was a world-shattering event, a new beginning. The tomb was empty, Jesus is alive, and because of that, we are not to fear. The Lord is risen - he is risen indeed!

Andrew Shipton

Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:

New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Hymns: Please follow the order of service on the separate sheet

Please stay for tea and coffee after the 9.30am Parish Communion Service, in the All Saints Centre, adjacent to the Church.

Presiding this week:

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching: Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

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 activities available for them to use there or take back to their pews.

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsgosforth6306/streams>

Prayer and Worship

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

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

Tuesday's Holy Communion is at 10.15am in Church

Notices

We are sad to share news that Edith Davison died this week. A faithful and caring member of the All Saints community, she will be very sorely missed. Funeral arrangements will be announced once these are known. May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Easter Flowers Many thanks to those who kindly donated to the cost of flowers. We hope that everyone enjoys the results of our labours. *Pat Spong*

There is no Morning Prayer or Holy Communion next Monday to Thursday.

The Thanksgiving Service for Marjorie Forster will be held on Friday, 25th April, at 2.30pm in the church, followed by tea, coffee & biscuits in the Centre. May Marjorie rest in peace and rise in glory.

There is going to be an Eastertide Brunch on Sunday 27th April.

Farmers' Market Update

Thank you so much for your donations at the last Market on March 15. As ever, they are totally appreciated. Looking ahead: -

- Can you offer anything for our next Gardening stall on May 17? Please let us know.

We are now consigning **Jewellery** for a market later in the year. To be able to offer this stall, we need:

- An interested person to oversee the stall
- Your jewellery donations of course, (preferably nothing broken). New, old, a piece you no longer wear – please have a hunt.

Contact us soon. Thank you! *Diana Lavin, Marian Cave*

SING at the Centre

- Tuesday Singers are taking a holiday break on Tuesday April 22.
 - Heads Up for our 'Show Singalong' Reminiscence Event in the Centre on June 24th. Details to follow very soon. Thank you! *Diana Lavin*
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Please complete an Electoral Roll Form. All Church of England Parishes across the country are required to prepare a new electoral roll this year. This means that everyone on the existing roll will need to re-apply in order to be included: names are not automatically carried over onto the new roll.

Applications are made by filling out the form, available at the back of church. The preparation of the roll needs to be completed by **Sunday 20 April** and the completed roll will be put up near the main door on the 27th April so any corrections can be made.

The All Saints APCM will be on Sunday 11th May at 11.00am in the All Saints Centre.

Open Gardens Pam Taylor will be organising the Open Gardens' this year. Anyone who wishes to open their gardens to the congregation should get in touch with Pam 2847344.

The Eco Group invites you to share your tips for reducing waste, using resources sensibly and leading an 'eco-friendly' lifestyle by writing your suggestions on one of the 'footprints' (on the table at the back of church) and hanging it on the Lent tree in the north porch. We hope to share all your ideas after Easter - so no names please! It can be something that you've done for years and probably not given much thought to, or perhaps a new scheme as to how you might reduce use of single-use plastic, for example, and it doesn't have to be original. **The Eco Group**

Mission of the Month for April CMS (Church Mission Society)

We continue to support our chosen partners Sue and Ian Jennings work in South-East Asia.

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Marathon for Murambinda After many years of applying I finally got a place in this year's London Marathon which takes place on 27th April. I have decided to use this to help raise funds for the Friends of Murambinda Hospital. As you all know this charity is currently Mission of the Month and has long been supported by All Saints. I also have a personal connection having briefly visited the hospital over 30yrs ago. If you feel able to support me in this endeavour please follow the link below or use the QR code. Every penny raised goes directly to support the hospital.

Many thanks, *Brian Smith* <https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/brian-smith-fmh>

A Message from Friends of Murambinda Hospital

Trustees visit March 2025



My husband Richard and I visited Murambinda Mission Hospital for 1 week in March 2025 on behalf of FMH. We both worked in Murambinda from 1994 - 1996. I was last there in 2020, but Richard's last visit was in 2008, so much had changed, but many things were the same.

There was still the famous traditional welcome at 7.30am prayers. It was still wonderfully sunny and temperatures at the end of March very pleasant although only a few weeks ago would have been too hot for us. Some of the nurses who we worked with in the 1990's are still working, now in senior positions, and so it felt like a homecoming.

Our remit was to maintain good relationships (Zoom is no substitute for spending time with people in the flesh) and review projects that FMH have funded. We also wanted to listen to staff and hear about the challenges they face and gain a greater understanding of where FMH should best direct our resources.

We were given unbridled access to all areas and were encouraged to speak to all key personnel and department heads as well as the Murambinda Hospital Board chairperson. We also talked to the doctors and nurses and students and nurse aides, administrators and kitchen staff. We found everyone to be very welcoming and open and willing to tell us about the hospital, what is working well and what they would really like FMH to help with. In our lodging in the mission grounds, we experienced firsthand the effects of prolonged power cuts and there not being any water for 48 hours at a time. Everyone we spoke to expressed their gratitude to the Friends of Murambinda Hospital. On the first morning I gave a short presentation about FMH and how we raise our funds and John Miller's virtual sponsored cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats and Bill Colombi's 75 dawn hikes up Roseberry Topping really made an impression. To know that people in the UK care and want to help people in faraway Zimbabwe is really appreciated.

I was invited to give feedback on our findings, and we encountered a real willingness to discuss the issues raised.

First and foremost, we were overwhelmingly impressed. We can say with certainty that every penny sent to Murambinda Mission Hospital is well-used and accounted for. The hospital is managed by thoughtful caring people who really want to do their best for the very poor population they serve. There are many barriers and it often a struggle to pay the bills. They never have enough medicines or equipment and there are frequent power cuts. They are woefully under-resourced and face many difficult decisions about how best to treat people. The management team and doctors and nurses work well together to find solutions e.g. how to manage a cholera outbreak that goes on for 3 months and how to respond to a growing older population and still meet everyone's needs.

We found many areas that FMH can help with. Working solar power to the maternity department will save money if the generator isn't needed to be switched on as much and a baby may not need to be delivered by the light of a mobile phone. In the nurse training school students are often forced to cook on wood and study by torchlight and cannot access the internet which seriously hampers their studies. Other needs include ongoing maintenance to the hospital, possibly expanding the operating theatres to provide a wider range of procedures e.g. hernia repairs to those who cannot afford to go to the big cities, replacing the plastic cover on the poly-tunnel so food can be grown to feed the patients a more varied diet. Also, essential equipment for the care of the sick newborn like an incubator etc. etc. As you might imagine the list is enormous.



Our visit has certainly inspired us to continue the work of FMH and on behalf of everyone at Murambinda Mission Hospital, who were most insistent I pass this on, I thank all our donors for their love and support.

Please be aware that this visit was entirely at our own expense. All donations to FMH are used to support the hospital as the trustees cover all administrative costs themselves and the charity has no paid staff.

Carolyn

Regular Meetings

Coffee and Conversation in the Centre Mondays from 10.30am – 11.30am in the All Saints Centre. Please come along and join our companionable group. **There will be no meeting on Easter Monday (21/4), back on 28 April then another break for Bank Holiday Monday (5/5)**

Little Saints. Back on the 29th of April.

SING at the Centre Back on the 29th of April.

Sew, Knit and Natter. This friendly group of knitters, ranging from the totally inexperienced to the very skilled, meets each Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm in the upper room of the Centre, adjacent to Church. 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 Henderson.*

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Canon Andrew Shipton is leading worship today.

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>

Contact us

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International
Organ Day



26th April
2025

**All Saints Gosforth West Avenue
NE3 4ES**

**12.00 Free Lunchtime Organ
Recital given by Myles Hartley PhD,
FRCO**

- Obangiji ('Almighty God')** Fela Sowande (1905-1987)
- La Réjouissance, Menuet, & Reprise** G. F. Handel (1685-1759),
(Music for the Royal Fireworks) arr. Gower
- Largo (2023)** Sasha Johnson Manning (b. 1963)
for Terry Crolley
- Farewell to Stromness** Peter Maxwell Davies (1934-2016),
arr. Gower
- Toccato (Suite No. 1 for Organ)** Florence Price (1887-1953)
- Chorale Prelude on 'Erhalt uns, Herr'** Christa Rakich (b. 1952)
(‘Keep us, Lord’)
- Finale (Sonata in G Minor, Op. 23)** Oskar Lindberg (1887-1955)
- Meditation** Laura Valborg Aulin (1860-1928),
arr. Lauenstein
- Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565** attrib. J. S. Bach (1685-
1750)
- Wach auf, mein Hort** Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)
(‘Awake, my treasure’ – Mov. 2, Sonata 3)
- Postludium in G (1829)** Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel (1805-
1847)

Contributions welcome!



ALL SAINTS CHURCH
GOSFORTH

Eastertide Brunch

SUNDAY
27TH APRIL

10.30 AM IN THE CENTRE (FOLLOWING
PARISH COMMUNION)

FELLOWSHIP
AND SEASONAL
TREATS FOR ALL
THE FAMILY!

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