

**Sunday 29th 2025**

**2nd Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

4.00pm Faith @4 in the Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Thought for this week**

This weekend, all across the country and the world, men and women will be ordained as deacons and priests. Ordination services are a joyful moment in the life of the church, a celebration of new beginnings. They are also a solemn occasion, at which those being ordained take on a life-long commitment. To sustain them in this commitment, the Bishop will charge them that they must "pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit".

These themes of new beginnings, commitment, and life in the Spirit also weave through our lectionary readings for this Sunday. In the Old Testament reading (1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21), the prophet Elijah anoints a new prophet, Elisha, to be his own successor. In response, Elisha destroys the team of oxen that have been his livelihood, a radical act symbolizing that he is breaking ties with his old life and embracing the new. We hear echoes of this passage in this week's Gospel (Luke 9:51-62), as Jesus invites prospective disciples to leave behind distractions and follow him with unwavering commitment.

Both Elijah and Jesus express a sense of urgency that borders on impatience: the time to respond to the call is now, not later. So, if the call to follow Jesus is for everyone, how can we say "yes" to that call in our own present moment? What can we do today to "live by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25)? Paul tells us we will know we are on the right track when we grow in "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (v. 24).

Today as I leave All Saints, I give thanks for the opportunity to be a deacon and a priest among you. But even more, to have been a disciple among other disciples, learning together how to follow Jesus. As I follow his call now to serve elsewhere, I pray that you will be richly blessed on the rest of your journey.

***Miriam Jones***

**Bible Readings and Hymns This Week:**

**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19 to end

**New Testament:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Gospel:** Luke 9:51 to end

**Hymns:**

**Processional** Green 420 O Jesus I have promised

**Gradual** Green 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

**Offertory** Brown 163 Lord for the years

**Communion** Green 86 My song is love unknown

**Recessional** Green 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty

**Anthem** Go Forth in Peace - Forbes L’Estrange

Join us 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 Dr Miriam Jones

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**9.30am Parish Communion**

Presiding Revd Canon Andrew Shipton

Preaching Revd Dr Miriam Jones

**6.30am Evening Prayer**

**Psalm:** [60 **Hymns:** 456, 387, 362

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

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

**Prayer and Worship**

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

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

**Tuesday’s Holy Communion is at 10.15am in Church**

**Notices**

**Today**, we bid farewell to Miriam and wish her God’s blessing as she begins her next ministry in the Vale Benefice in the Diocese of Oxford.

Please do stay for the brunch and the presentation following the 9.30am service. Our sincere thanks to all who provided the catering.

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**The bell ringing before this morning's 9.30 am service**is a compliment to Miriam Jones, who will be leaving All Saints' shortly to take up a new post in Oxfordshire.  We send her and her family all our good wishes for this next stage in their lives. *The Bell Ringers*

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**This afternoon:** Faith at 4 in the Centre.  
**This evening:**Choral Evensong at 6:30pm.

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**Please note that** the Church Office will be closed next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

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**The funeral of** Carole Reed will be on Monday 30 June at 10.30am at the West Road Crematorium. The funeral of Ann Craig is on Wednesday 2nd July at 10.15am at

West Road Crematorium. We pray for loved ones in their sadness and grief.

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**One to one's.**Over the coming weeks, members of our congregation involved in community organising, may invite you to have a short, informal conversation with them - known as a one-to-one. These conversations are at the heart of how we build strong and trusting relationships within our church. They are a chance to listen to one another’s stories, share what matters most in our lives, and explore the values and concerns that unite us.  We believe that when we really listen to one another, we discover new energy and purpose for our life together and our mission in the wider world.  If you're invited to take part, I would encourage you to say yes. It’s a simple but powerful way of helping us grow deeper in faith and connection.  *Andrew*

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**One of the** households living in the church houses had their small blue Hyundai i10 scraped during the night of Saturday to Sunday morning last week. If you witnessed the incident or have any information about what happened, please speak to one of the clergy.

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**It will soon be the start of Plastic-Free July**, an event that has been active across the globe for some years now.  We are encouraged to consider the amount of plastic we use and to reduce it - simple! - or not.  Why not have a go?  More details can be found at [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/) The Eco Group next meet on 6th July at Parish Breakfast.  **Please join us.**  ***All Saints' Eco Group***

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**Miriam’s next post:** A few weeks ago, it was announced that I will be appointed as Associate Priest of the Vale Benefice in the Diocese of Oxford, subject to legalities and the appropriate DBS and Safeguarding requirements being met. I am delighted to have been offered this exciting post. My licensing service is planned for Thursday 4th September (7.30pm) at St James the Great, West Hanney, OX12 0LP. All are welcome to attend. My family and I plan to move over the summer holidays to our new home in Grove, and would value your prayers as we prepare for this new adventure.

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**Recycling of blister packs and stamps:**the collection points for these are at the back of church above the pigeonholes.  Stamps are taken to St Oswald's Hospice where they are collected and sold on.  Every so often St Oswald's receives a cheque from the sale.  Blister packs are taken to Superdrug in town and given to *Marie Curie* before being sold to a company who turn them into pellets used in the manufacture of garden furniture amongst other things.

Please note - all branches of Boots now collect blister packs as well, and if you have a Boots loyalty card you can turn your donations into points.  For now however you can still bring them to church. ***The Eco Group***

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**Keeping in Touch.** The magazine is available at the back of the church and on our website. <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/keeping-in-touch-spring-2025-edition/>

To submit an article of no more than 400-500 words pleaseemail Dana.corso@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk.

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**Film Group 4th July** in the Upper Room, All Saints Centre, from 6.30pm if you are bringing food. Film at 7.15pm. ***The Book Thief*** This film, made in 2013, is based on the historical fiction novel by the Australian author Markus Zusak published in 2005. See poster below.

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Our next **Fellowship Lunch** is on **Sunday 6 July** at 12.00 in the Church Centre. If you would otherwise be dining alone, please do come and join us for a light lunch and some good company.  You would be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you. *Pauline Gallacher*

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**Andrew will be** attending the Newcastle Diocesan Clergy Conference in Hexham on the 7th and 8th of July.

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**Guitarists Giulio Tampalini** and Daniele Fabio are returning to All Saints on Wed 9th July at 1pm. They are world-class musicians and have drawn up an outstanding varied programme 'From Bach to Hendrix'. Please encourage friends and neighbours to come along - the cost is £10 on the door. Our church takes a share of the gate and all proceeds from refreshments. Anyone willing to serve modest, light refreshments? If so, please speak to or contact Rosamund Place! More information, see poster below.

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**There will be** a music concert by Archbishop Runcie School in church on Friday, 11th July at 1.30pm, featuring a shortened concert version of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The children have spent many weeks practising, and it promises to be a wonderful afternoon of familiar and much-loved songs. **All are welcome**.

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**Save the date for a meal out in Gosforth!**Pam Taylor has booked Basilico on Gosforth High Street for Friday 11th July, 6.00 pm.  More details soon, but please let Pam know if you would like to come. *Social & Events Committee*

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**Open Gardens** Mrs Emma Murdoch has kindly offered to open her garden on **Sunday July 20th at 2.30pm** The address is 8 Elgy Road, Gosforth, NE3 4UU. There will be an honesty box available with all funds going to the church.

**The next Deanery** Synod will be on Tuesday 22 July, refreshments from 6.45pm, the meeting beginning at 7.15pm. The location has yet to be announced

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**The All Saints** Sung Evensong on Sunday, 27th July will take place at 4pm at the Cathedral, with our choir leading the singing.

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**Nature/Prayer Walk:**Save the date - Sunday 3rd August at 2.00pm. The walk will start and finish at All Saints. This is a local walk suitable for all ages and those with limited mobility. More details to come! ***All Saints' Eco Group***

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**There will be a *Confirmation Service*** on Sunday 16th November led by the Bishop of Berwick here 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 or Ruth. A candidate has already come forward.

**Mission of the Month for June Cornerstone Benwell**

another worthwhile local project which continues to “include the excluded, empower the disempowered and encourage the discouraged”. Please visit their Facebook page for more information ​[www.facebook.com/cornerstonebenwell](http://www.facebook.com/cornerstonebenwell" \t "_blank)

**News from St Hugh’s –**

* Worship is at All Saints Church todday
* St Hugh's next PCC on 6th July at 11.45am
* There will be a Baptism at St Hugh's on 13th July at 12noon

**Weekly Small Group Events**

**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.

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

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**SING** at the **Centre**

Tuesdays from 2:30 in the Upper Room for refreshments, to start at 2:50- 4.00. Thank you. *Diana Lavin.*

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**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 Henderson*.

**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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