



All Saints Gosforth

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

Sunday 20th August 2023

11th Sunday after Trinity

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

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At St Hugh's

11.00am	Holy Communion
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Thought for today

How strange that the Jesus we meet in today's Gospel sounds much less generous and inclusive than Isaiah in the Old Testament. Isaiah claims that God's salvation is meant for all, while Jesus initially declares that his mission is only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel". What is going on here?

Jesus was deeply embedded in the Judaism of his time and we need to realise the importance of the covenant relationship between God and his chosen people. Jesus has just been criticising his fellow Jews for observing the externals of religion while neglecting what comes from the heart and saw the absolute necessity of bringing them back to proper observance of the covenant, otherwise it might appear to outsiders that God had got it wrong. Hence his single-minded focus on his mission to the Jews.

The woman, however, a Gentile, appears to widen Jesus' horizon (and if Jesus was fully human surely it isn't strange that he was open to new insights). We have recently heard the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 and the woman has the wisdom (and the humility) to acknowledge that God provides abundantly for all and even the leftover crumbs are enough. So Jesus learns a lesson about inclusion from the most unlikely person- a woman and a Gentile and we are meant to learn the same.

Ruth Birnie

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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
New Testament: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15 [10-20] 21-28

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: Revd Ruth Birnie

Preaching: Revd Ruth Birnie

9.30am Parish Communion

Presiding: Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Preaching: Revd Ruth Birnie

Processional: Brown 24 Be still, my soul

Gradual: Brown 262 there's a wideness in God's mercy

Offertory: Brown 196 O Lord, all the world belongs to you

Communion: Green 467 Through all the changing scenes of life

Recessional: Brown 139 Jesus Christ is waiting

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 90 **Hymns** 431, 362, 52

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: throughout August there will be activities in the Centre - or outside if fine - during the 9.30 am service on Sundays for any children who would like to come along. Children will leave after the first hymn and return to their adults before communion. *Young Saints Leaders*

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

Notices

Shakespeare on the Green Many thanks to those who helped in many ways, from mowing the Green to supplying furniture, checking the contactless machine, welcoming and stewarding at the Handlebards' performance of Midsummer Night's Dream last week. We welcomed about 170 people, it went well and didn't rain! *Rosamund Place, Christine Willoughby and Nick Glover*

Tony Armitage's Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday 4th September at 11.45am in Church followed by refreshments in the All Saints Centre. We pray for Alex, Nick, Claire and Tim in their grief. May Tony rest in peace and rise in glory.

From Saints to Saints: today Sunday 20th August at 2.00pm City Guide Helen Langley will lead a walk from St Nicholas' church in South Gosforth to All Saints', providing us with lots of interesting information about the history of the area. The walk will start in the afternoon and take around two hours, finishing with refreshments at All Saints' Centre. *Helen Langley & Ann Cross*

Not getting emails. If you have stopped receiving emails from the office please check your spam folder and click on not spam.

Happy Birthday to
Rachel Robinson (13th) and Edward Watson (22nd)

The Christian Meditation Group meet today Sunday 20th August at 5.15pm in the Upper Room.

We Coffee and Conversation continues in the Centre over the summer on Mondays from 10.30 – 11.30am with the help the organisation Chain Reaction.

The next Young people Confirmation meeting is on Sunday 3rd September at 3.00pm in the Centre.

The next Adult Confirmation meeting on Monday 4th September at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

Our Very Own Version of the 2 Repair Shop! There are 2 English Hymnals that need a few loose pages sticking back in them. Could you do this for us, please? If so, they are on the back shelf near the Churchwardens' Table! Thank you!

SING *at the Centre*

We are taking an August break. Next meeting early September.

Thank you.

Diana Lavin

The PCC at its most recent meeting launched a number of groups around priority areas
These are:

Children and young people Working with the Youth Forum to try and identify opportunities for welcoming young people in All Saints.

Communication To consider a communication strategy for All Saints and coordinate and develop our current strands of communication so that we can present ourselves better to our community, in print and online. This will include looking at our current print and online communications, including social media, web, print newsletters and noticeboards, identifying weaknesses and gaps and thinking how we can improve what we do.

Fabric Participating in the existing Fabric Committee to help with major repair projects (hopefully not too many after last year!), or space planning projects as the requirements for our buildings changes, eg to improve accessibility, increase revenue. Also to look at further planning for the green to make it more nature friendly and attractive.

Finance To support the new treasurer as finances are reviewed, including the potential need to encourage new patterns of giving. If you feel able to help or are simply interested please do please contact Christine in the first instance.

Social and events To help coordinate current activities and help develop new events. There is a need to coordinate existing volunteers and find new ones, so that help can readily be found for an event and activities can be shared more widely. We are not looking for experts, or expecting you to do all the work. Rather we are looking for people with an interest/ enthusiasm in these areas who will work with others, to help move All Saints forward.

Please be in touch with Churchwardens Nick and Christine for more information

Keeping in Touch 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.

News from St Hugh's –

- Revd Dr Miriam Jones is leading worship today.
 - Repairs have been carried out in the building.
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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

St George's Jesmond have invited anyone interested to join them in a recorded Songs of Praise on Monday 21st August 6.30 - 9.30. You can book (free) tickets by email on singwithus@ctvc.co.uk or by phone 07734030888.

Pilgrimage for the Planet in Durham on Saturday Sept 9th 10am - 2pm. The pilgrimage is led by Christian Climate Action North East and is one of a number of pilgrimages being led by CCA groups across the country that weekend. The plan is to stop at a number of places along the way to reflect and pray; and finish at the Cathedral where the Gaia installation is being held. For more information and to register interest in taking part, please contact Miriam.

Looking ahead:

5th September PCC Meeting at All Saints
10th September All Together Service
10th September PCC Meeting at St Hugh's
16th September Farmers' Market
17th September Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Berwick
1st October Harvest
8th October All Together Service
28th October All Saints Weekend social event on the Saturday afternoon
5th November the All Saints Patronal Festival
12th November All Together Service
2nd December Christmas Fair
10th December All Together Service



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

Farmers' Market
Sat Nov 18

Contacts: cavemarian@gmail.com
dianalavin@hotmail.co.uk

'A handbag?'

Would you consider donating

- a bag that you never use/wear, possibly still in its original box,
- a bag that you've only ever worn once or twice,
- any unwanted gifts?

I'm looking to set up a recycled handbag/purses stall (with Marian Cave's expert assistance) at the November 18 pre-Christmas Farmers' Market. We are planning to sell **only quality bags**, in **excellent condition** (age isn't necessarily an issue).

We plan to...

1. ... sell all bags donated entirely for church funds from the Farmers' Markets (to develop the Green into a more pleasant area accessible to all)
2. for 20% commission, sell on behalf of the owner at a pre-arranged price if the bag is a high-end designer name eg Chanel, LV, YSL, Mulberry *and* proof of provenance is supplied.

Please find time to look through your dressing rooms/wardrobes/cupboards for this most worthwhile cause – you may just find something long-forgotten. We need to start listing very soon. Contact either of us. Look at the poster at the end of this Newsletter. Thank you!

Diana Lavin & Marian Coulson Cave

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!

August Mission of the Month PCDC (Practical Compassion for Destitute Children), an international charity with UK-based support for children in the Bible lands who have lost their parents or whose parents are unable to get work, to provide for example, school and hospital fees.

Contact Us

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Thank you, for looking at our news today.



All Saints – welcoming young people into the Church

As part of welcoming young people into Church, particularly during services we want to refresh the activities to be used by children during a service and need some help.

Could you make an activity bag?



Suggested size: 45cm x 35cm

Cloth bag with handles or draw string that could hold a range of activities

Do you have some good quality (quiet) activities that would be appropriate for a young child to do during a service that would fit into the bags?

Please leave any donations in the children's play area at the back of Church. We will be blessing the bags as part of our Harvest Festival service on 1st October 2023

For further information please contact felicity.shoesmith@icloud.com

FROM SAINTS...



...TO SAINTS!

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

JOIN US FOR A WALK STARTING AT 2.00 PM FROM ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH SOUTH GOBFORTH TO ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LINDEN ROAD, GOBFORTH

CITY GUIDE HELEN LANGLEY WILL LEAD THE WALK AND PROVIDE US WITH LOTS OF INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE AREA!

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS AT ALL SAINTS' CENTRE