

Keeping
in
Touch

All Saints
Gosforth



St. Hugh's Church, Gosforth

11th February 2024

From the Vicar

Dear All,

When I was a teenager and began attending church, a Bible verse printed every month in the parish magazine always fascinated me: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13.8). I marvelled at the idea that the Lord remains as depicted in the Gospels, and a constant presence.

This constancy through time is something I've pondered since losing my mother at the end of last year. It is beautifully echoed in the hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life" and reflected in the hymn "One More Step":

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Please don't misunderstand me. The Christian message has been expressed and embraced in diverse ways, incorporating local languages, customs, and traditions, making it relevant to people across the world throughout history. However, I believe the Gospel remains timeless. It addresses fundamental aspects of the human condition, such as love, forgiveness, the temptation to do evil, compassion, and suffering.

The messages of the Gospels can guide us through every stage of our lives, continually offering a message of hope regardless of our state or context. Regardless of our age or the international turmoil we witness, or the personal challenges we face, peace, strength, and resilience can be found as we read the Gospels, with their dimension of eternity and life beyond temporal existence.

Our theme of Lent 2024 is "growing in prayer". I hope particularly the Lent course, the Lent Sunday evening services, and Holy Week

this year will enable us to go deeper into experiencing the timeless and eternal God.

Andrew Shipton

All are Welcome!

Our worship involves the whole parish community, and so there are always opportunities to read, lead prayers, or to assist in worship. The choir are always looking for new members. Joining the flower team, helping with gardening, serving food and drinks, even helping with the Tower lights are all great ways to contribute to our church community. More details of opportunities can be found at <https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/support-us/how-you-can-help/>

Pictured is a rather chilly Paul Wilkinson as he helped remove the Christmas lights from the tower — once the storms died down!

Andrew Shipton



Bells: Sounds of Silence?

On the afternoon of Sunday 21st January there was to be a quarter-peal attempt at All Saints' by visiting bellringers.

Having let them into the tower and heard the ringing start, I went for a short walk. However, returning to the tower 20 minutes later expecting to listen to the remainder of the attempt, I was met by silence! I was then informed that, ten minutes into ringing, the clapper on the fifth bell had fallen out. On inspection it transpired that the clapper had actually sheared off, due to metal fatigue.

The following Wednesday I met the Diocesan Bell Advisor, who removed the crown staple (from which the clapper hangs) from inside the bell, brought the two parts down from the tower for me and placed them in the boot of my car.

I brought them home and set about attempting to package them in some way. I spoke to the foundry, and they suggested strapping the parts to a floorboard, presumably to distribute the weight, but when I said I didn't know where I would get a floorboard they suggested putting them in some sort of box, with packing to stop movement.



I did this and went over the outside of the complete package with parcel tape to try and add further strength, as any movement of the clapper caused the box to bow. I also added large notices on the outside to emphasise supporting the parcel at both ends.

I then had to weigh the parcel — even more interesting given the weight!

The clapper will now be couriered down to Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough where it will undergo an inspection to determine whether they will be able to weld the existing break, whether it will require a new top to be welded on, or whether we need a complete new clapper.

Meanwhile we will attempt to still do some ringing prior to our Sunday services but this may not sound the same as normal as it will

be very difficult to work around the loss of the fifth bell of ten.

Hopefully we will return to normal soon.

Yvonne Cairns, Tower Captain

Mothers Union: 16 Days of Activism

Saturday 25th November 2023 was the Global Day of Action against Gender-based Violence. Some of the Mothers' Union members met at the back of Church, next to a special display created by Pam Taylor to mark the event.



After candlelight prayers for the victims of such abuse, a minute's silence was held at 1.03pm. This was happening globally (local times!) to raise awareness of the beginning of the Mothers' Union's "No more 1 in 3" campaign — part of our world-wide "16 days of activism against gender-based violence". This was a moving and memorable experience.

Valerie Farthing



Angels in Church

There are more than 250 references to angels in the Bible that help to build up a picture of what or who angels are. They are described as spiritual beings created by God to serve and glorify him.

How many angels are there? They are described as “ten thousand upon ten thousand” or “innumerable”. One of the main roles of angels in the Bible is announcing and celebrating good news. Angels shout for joy at creation (Job 38: 4-7). Angels announce Jesus’ birth to the shepherds and then burst into song (Luke 2:13-14). Angels greet the women at the empty tomb to tell them that Jesus is risen (Matthew 28:1-7).

To quote Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, “These mysterious agents of God’s purpose, who belong to a different order of being, can be at least a powerful symbol for all those dimensions of the universe about which we have no real idea.”

Andrew Shipton

A Company of Angels!

In 2022 we had a Christmas Tree Festival (good to see it back again after a break of some years), and this year we held another, with the focus on Angels. The idea came out of discussions between members of the Youth Team who felt that whilst last year’s Festival had been a success, it would be good to have a new theme. It certainly fired some imaginations, and from the word go, angels came flying in!

There were some practical problems with how to get an angel to stand upright — unlike a Christmas tree, an angel doesn’t sit in a pot! People rose to the challenge, however, and came up with some quite ingenious designs: angels on a frame, angels hung from Christmas trees, even an angel built over a



Newcastle School for Boys Juniors



Reuben

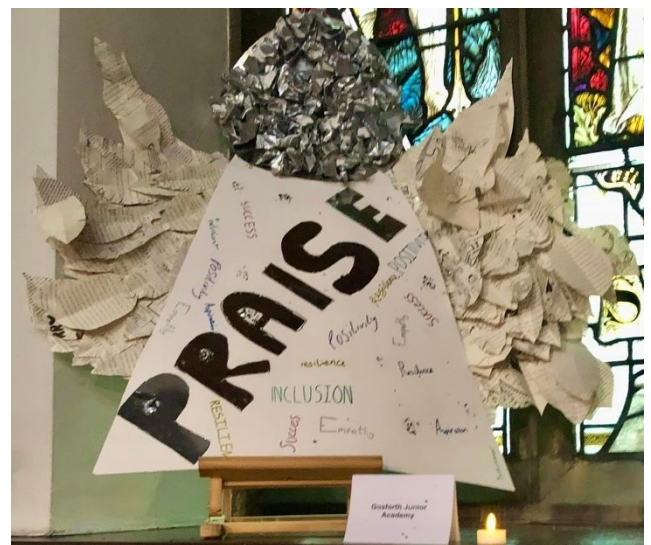
sledgehammer (probably the strangest!), and from early December until after Christmas they adorned the window-sills of the church, casting a watchful eye over our congregations as they knelt in prayer and sang joyfully throughout the season.

It was good to see so many of the church groups taking part — and some individual entries too — with creations ranging from the simple and elegant and stunningly graceful to an amazingly wild heavenly body which was obviously made with great enthusiasm from one of the uniformed organisations!

All angels were to be made from recycled and/or recyclable materials (another challenge), so they’ve now gone from centre stage back to their creators to be dismantled. We still have their memory however, as these pictures show.



Gloria, painted by Paul Wilkinson during lockdown 2020, portraying an angel bringing hope to the world



Gosforth Junior Academy

Photos: Joyce Jennings

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A Company of Angels!

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Gosforth Sea Scouts



Archbishop Runcie First School



21st Newcastle Brownies



All Saints' Gardening Group



All Saints' Bellringers



Angels on the Advent tree

At our All Together Service on 10th December we asked members of the congregation to complete an angel for the Advent Christmas Tree, asking "If you were an angel what message would you bring?" The tree was quickly filled with Angels.

Clear messages from the majority of the congregation focussed around peace and reconciliation and kindness to one another — though there was one request to turn the heating up!

These themes (except the last) will be explored in future All Together services.

The Angel Project and Angel Tree reached people linked with our church. The angels were displayed for our benefit and as a stimulus for thought from visitors in church throughout December at school carol services and a piano recital. Single and pairs of photos taken were circulated online far and wide locally across various platforms, forwarded to others and eliciting many comments. In particular the simple, focused question "If you were an angel what message would you bring?" elicited reflections about matters of deep concern.

Photos: Joyce Jennings



A full church for the 6.30 Carol Service



Children helping to bless the crib at the 4.00 service.

Photo: Yvonne Carr.

Christmas at All Saints'

As usual, December was a very busy month as we welcomed children and their families from three Gosforth schools to their carol services, as well as holding a Christingle service, an all age service on the theme of Angels with preparatory craft activities and a wider Festival of Angels (see pages 3 and 4).

This year Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday, making it a particularly busy day, with normal Sunday services as well as the usual Christmas Eve services. Our carol services were full and attended by over 187 children and 622 adults. Overall some 2126 attended our services in person, with a further 973 online "hits" — see the figures below. Some of these "hits" will be from people "dropping in" and staying just a few minutes, but others will represent people watching on their own and in larger groups.

Our thanks go to all those involved: clergy who worked so hard to keep services going for us; all those who decorated the church, choir members and all who were involved in so many ways behind the scenes.

Nick Glover, Christine Willoughby

All Saints' Christmas attendance 2023

School carol services	Adults (16+)	Children	Total	Online	Total incl online
13 Dec Westfield	126	205	331		
14 Dec Ncl School for Boys Junior	120	190	310		
15 Dec Ncl School for Boys Senior	240	230	470		
Total Schools	486	625	1111		
17 Dec Christingle	30	19	49		
Christmas Eve					
8.00 Communion	11			60	71
9.30 Parish Communion	42		42	122	164
2.15 Children's service	50	60	110		
4.00 Carol service	359	119	478	339	817
6.30 Carol service	213	8	221	284	505
Total Christmas Eve	675	187	862	805	1667
Christmas Day					
Midnight Mass	21		21	76	97
8.00 Communion	21		21	61	82
9.30 Parish Communion	58	4	62	91	153
Total Christmas Day	100	4	104	228	332
Total Christmas services	1291	835	2126	973	3099

All Saints' Centre Views

The Fabric Committee have recently been discussing the facilities in the Centre, particularly in relation to the suitability and accessibility of the various spaces for current and future users.

As part of this, we have recently sent out a questionnaire to all Centre users asking how they make use of the Centre and how we can accommodate changing needs and improve facilities. This includes how the spaces are used, what facilities they access (eg toilets, kitchen, storage, meeting facilities), whether they are suitable and what else people might like to see.

It should be emphasised that at this stage this is for information. Once we receive replies we will look at possible next steps — some things may be easy to change; some may need further planning, but will only then be undertaken if funding is identified.

We are also more than happy to receive individual views so please if you have comments send them to me or the Parish Office.

Christine Willoughby

Thank you

At the 9.30 Service on 3rd December we were delighted to present our thanks to three stalwarts who have offered many hours of service to All Saints' and have recently retired.

Pictured in the Centre afterwards from left to right: Margaret Patterson (Gift Aid treasurer), Vic Spong, (Lay Reader) and Fred Carr (Treasurer).



Photograph: Margaret Patterson

Financial Update

Many will have heard Chris Bolland, our treasurer, reporting on our finances in November last year. As he reported then, sadly the planned giving scheme income is dwindling and there have been no giving campaign/major increases in day-to-day income for many years. At the same time costs have been ever increasing, leading to an annual deficit of around £20,000 a year for All Saints'.

Thank you to all those who responded so generously to Chris's appeal. We are still estimating the final impact as pledges continue to come through, but it is clear that there will continue to be a significant shortfall in general income over expenditure.

We will be expanding our appeal more widely across the community in the near future. Meanwhile, if anyone hasn't done so and feels like increasing their giving or signing up for regular giving or gift aid, further details can be found on our website at

<https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/support-us/>

where there are options for one-off donations, standing orders and gift aid donations. Alternatively please talk to a churchwarden or member of the clergy who will be happy to talk to you in confidence.

As Dickens's Mr Micawber said, "Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery."

Please do help us to put ourselves on a more sustainable footing!

**Andrew Shipton, Christine Willoughby,
Nick Glover**

Farmers' Markets Coming Soon

We have now received licence approval for the Farmers' Markets planned for this year. These will be held on:

March 16th
May 18th
July 20th
Sept 21st
November 16th

We look forward to seeing you there!

Livestreaming at All Saints' services



What we livestream

We publicise our Sunday services as *all* being livestreamed, and people arranging weddings, funerals, concerts etc may also opt to have them livestreamed.

Who livestreams

The system can be operated by a lone individual. At its simplest, someone switches the system on (it takes about five minutes), sets up a single shot for the whole of a service and switches off at the finish (taking about two minutes). It would be great to have people prepared to do this! I would happily explain the steps and be in attendance for the first or any time of operation — please contact me if interested and willing!

Over a year ago we were most fortunate to discover Leo Corso who operates the system using *both* cameras with skill and ease, relieving clergy and me from the task. Recently we have welcomed Magnus Best who has likewise brought his generous contribution to our Sunday morning 9.30 services. Thank you both! These two lads take the task off the shoulders of clergy and me, and we're lucky and grateful.

The numbers of people watching

We don't know. These vary hugely. One log-in can be a 2-minute visit or host 5 people watching the whole service! I logged in near Bristol to check the Christmas Eve live-streaming was working fine (of course it was, Leo and Magnus were there!), but a watcher in Norway stayed the whole of a service — both these were single log-ins! We sometimes have 6 log-ins at the 8am Sunday service — but clocked 70 on 7th January! We might count about 9 log-ins for a 6.30pm service but recently clocked 18, 27 and 36, and 133 on Advent Sunday evening! So something is happening — but we are unsure what!

Who the people are

Certainly folk living locally who are unable to get to church through illness, disability, challenging weather or whatever, tell us they appreciate joining us online. People unable

to travel for a wedding, funeral or baptism can “attend” virtually — we've seen 135 hits for the blessing of a marriage, 400 for a funeral, 50 views for Archbishop Runcie School's summer concert, 102 for a flute and piano recital. Visitors may also try us out online.

What can we call “present” at a service?

Real-time watching can surprise folks. People watched a funeral from Congo in real time (sic!), but we see clusters of log-ins after services as people choose to watch a service in their time zone (recently in the US, for instance) instead of in the middle of the night.

This congregation “attends” a service but not at the same time as us! As services are left online people may view them later as a recording.

Christmas — Prepare to be surprised!

The **3 Christmas Eve services** (4.00, 6.30 and 11.30) added up to 175 log-ins in December 2022, and in **December 2023** made **705**. This looks positive, though what it means is harder to say!

The **2 Advent services in 2023** (9.30 and 6.30) showed **238** log-ins (plus 34 at the 8am service, bringing the total to **272**).

31st December 2023 showed a day's total of **177** log-ins.

The **7th January 2024** total was **196**, showing that these two last days of services counted around the same number of log-ins as *special* services in 2022.

Who pays for all this?

A grant from Allchurches in 2020 covered over half of the cost of the equipment, and contributions covered the rest of the cost, including putting a broadband link in church. There is a button for donations on the *Worship with us at Home* page of All Saints' website.

If anyone is interested in helping or would like to know more please do get in touch — you will be contributing to a major part of our worship!

Rosamund Place

All Saints' Blogged!

Robert Forrester is a regular attender at Evensong, and he has shared a recent blog which was sent out to his workforce:

Christmas is over. Tonight, I went to my usual Evening prayers at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, and we sang a carol for the last time before next Christmas. There are many things I like about church, but the regularity and rhythm of seasons, festivals and rituals are fairly high among them. I also feel a link to the past. The Evening Prayer service is based on King James's seventeenth-century Book of Common Prayer. I find it immensely comforting to know every Sunday evening that generations of my family have done the same work as I.

There was another link to my past tonight. We sang "Brightest and best of the sons of the morning" by Reginald Heber. He was born in 1783 and went to Oxford at 17 as I did. That is where our family paths diverged. He was Rector of Hodnet Church in Shropshire; his father was the gentry in Hodnet Hall. The Forresters were local peasants or agricultural workers post the enclosure acts, and he was their vicar. The parish registers of his time are full of Forrester records signed X due to lack of education. Mary Forrester, my Auntie, still lives near Hodnet. I always therefore have a soft spot for Heber's hymns.

Tonight's service was attended by 10 people plus 2 clergy. Deaths of the elderly are taking their toll. There are four funerals in the church this week. It was the first time in nearly 4 years (Covid was 4 years ago) that we have held the service in the choir stalls rather than the main church — much nicer and closer for a small group. Everyone felt much happier, but we need more people. It is a fantastic time of quietness and peace before the week starts and I am at a loss as to why more people don't attend. I certainly find it worthwhile.

Please do come and try Evensong out — as Robert Forrester says in his blog message above, it is a calm and peaceful opportunity for

reflection before the start of a busy week. It can also be viewed online at

[All Saints Gosforth - YouTube](#)

At a recent service there were some 31 "hits" from people joining us in this way.

All Saints' in the Snow



Our thanks go to Keith Davies who took these pictures of All Saints' on a snowy day in early December.



Keep the flag flying

The Christmas storms proved too much for our flagpole, which sadly broke in the wind. Unfortunately it is also our lightning conductor, so needs fixing as soon as possible. We are currently liaising with a local company to carry out the repair and hope it won't be too long before the flag can fly again.

Christine Willoughby



School Report: Archbishop Runcie First School

Year 2 have very much enjoyed the run up to the most wonderful time of the year, Christmas! We have loved rehearsing and performing our Christmas Nativity, 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and dressing up in our costumes. We have enjoyed singing all of the songs from our nativity as well as lots of Christmas carols for our Church Service on the last day of term.

We have been very busy with lots of exciting Christmassy events including a trip to the Tyne Theatre, doing Christmas crafts, wearing Christmas jumpers and having our photographs taken with some furry friends... the reindeer! On our school family day, after eating a delicious Christmas dinner we enjoyed playing board games and watching a Christmas film together.

Year 2 wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Emily Crozier

Lent Groups

With Easter coming early, Ash Wednesday (14th February) and Lent are fast approaching. Planning for Lent Groups is underway, and these will be based on the Prayers of Jesus.

Please do watch out for further information in the weekly newsheet and elsewhere.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Procession of Palms and Eucharist
- 3.00pm Holy Communion in the Centre
- 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 25th March

- 7.30pm Compline and talk: Holy Week through Medieval Eyes — Gethsemane

Tuesday 26th March

- 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 Eucharist of the Last Supper and feet washing followed by vigil

Good Friday 29th March

- 10.00am An informal service followed by hot cross buns in the Centre
- 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

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 4.00pm Faith @4
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Obituaries: Michael Fisher

Michael is remembered by many in our community for his attention and care, his understanding and compassion as a G.P. Over the last weeks I have heard repeatedly what a wonderful family doctor Michael was.

I think there is also an acknowledgment that Michael embodied the virtues of a bygone era, carrying the spirit of a Victorian gentleman into the present. Michael, as a doctor and as a person, was gentle, courteous, respectful, thoughtful, and sensitive to the world around him. He kept to his principles and integrity, his sense of fairness and guiding beliefs. In many ways, Michael reflected a time when manners and kindness were esteemed virtues.

Michael was also a person very interested in lots of subjects. His genuine curiosity extended far beyond knowing facts; he found fascination, for example, in the intricacies of war memorials and historical monuments. Michael devoured newspapers and books, but he was most interested in people. He was knowledgeable about many areas of life. He approached life with a wish constantly to learn, and although he was formal he never allowed himself to become stuffy or labelled. He was interested in the world around him and had a very good memory.

As a physician, it could be said that Michael was a skilled family doctor who was a dedicated student of human nature. His practice went beyond the clinical, focusing on his patients with compassion and understanding. He possessed the ability to see beyond stereotypes, embracing the unique stories and struggles of each patient. And he could be regarded as a member of the family by some of his patients. He was often recognised and acknowledged locally. I would imagine a walk to the high street and back may have taken some time on some days.

What set Michael apart was his capacity to listen. In a world that often rushes past, he took the time to hear the narratives of those who sought his care. His patients were not mere cases but individuals with stories, fears, and hopes. With Michael's genuine interest in their well-being, he developed an intuitive sense of their needs and aspirations, and he remembered all their details. He truly loved his job, and worked up until he was 65.

Beyond his professional life, Michael found joy and camaraderie at the Gosforth Bowling

Club. His enthusiasm for the sport mirrored his approach to life — open, embracing, and filled with genuine connections. In his role as High Sheriff and a senior officer in the Territorial Army, he made friendships and contacts that make life rich and meaningful for him. He believed deeply in public service, and served with dedication.

Michael knew the North East and Newcastle so very well. I remember him telling me about Gosforth in the 1930s when he was a boy. His description of All Saints' church all those years ago remains vivid in my mind. Life was much more formal in those days, and the vicar seemed to be a dictator in the parish. It all sounded much easier!

Michael was a wonderful husband to Jenny. He was a source of strength, love, and unwavering support, a pillar of strength. As a loving father he was also a comforting presence, the source of guidance and wisdom in moments of uncertainty and a dearly loved grandfather to William and Jessica.

We give thanks for Michael, and the way in which he exemplified timeless values. We remember his spirit of humility, compassion, and genuine interest in the lives of others illustrating that love when focused on others brings healing.

In honouring Michael's memory, we strive to be, as he was, not just participants in life, but thoughtful and caring students of the human experience, inquisitive, always knowing there is more to learn, enjoy and celebrate.

May Michael rest in peace and rise in glory.

Andrew Shipton

In memory of Elizabeth Crawford



Elizabeth would not want a lengthy feature, but she did say we should put something in *In Touch*. All Saints' meant so much to her and was the key to making Newcastle her adopted home so quickly.

Elizabeth grew up in Cambridge, and throughout her life regarded herself as a staunchly vest-wearing East Anglian. In her early career, she secured a position at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge, where she met her husband Lionel and developed expertise in the use of the electron microscope.

She won recognition for her work with outstanding scientists like James Watson (Nobel Prize winner for the discovery with Francis Crick of the structure of DNA) and Sir Michael Stoker (Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund), and made friends internationally both through the high standard of her work and her excellent personal qualities.

In 1957 she married Lionel, whose career as a leading virologist led them around the world. The Mormon patchwork quilt used as a pall during her funeral was a gift from friends in America. After a spell in Glasgow, they moved to London, then Cambridge and Suffolk, before arriving in Gosforth.

Elizabeth was a great volunteer in every place she lived, constantly looking outward and believing in "doing it" rather than "talking about it". When living in London, she actively participated in the South Highgate Parents'

Club, worked in St Anne's antique shop, and taught English to foreign students, as well as working for Dame Sheila Sherlock in the Royal Free Hospital. In Cambridge, she dedicated her time to volunteering at the St Elizabeth hospice and managing a cancer charity shop.

After joining in an organisation, she often (usually!) ended up running it. In Newcastle, she volunteered in St Oswald's hospice and led a book club. She was a dedicated member of the Women's Institute, becoming President, participated in the Knit and Natter group, was a founding member of the Afternoon Tea Club and was a leading light in the Coffee and Conversation group.

At the beginning of her funeral service, we heard the verse from the Bible: "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and do good while they live." That was how she lived; do it, get on with it, and be happy.

She embraced life with a can-do attitude that transformed obstacles into opportunities, and difficulties into triumphs. In the words of Andrew Shipton,

Her journey through life was marked not just by accomplishments, and there were many, but by the enthusiastic energy she poured into every endeavour. She was wholehearted, dedicated, committed, and this strength I believe, came from her faith. In the face of life's challenges, and Elizabeth had many, she stood as an example of strength, demonstrating courage that inspired those around her... She was direct, practical, well organized, observant, courageous and humorous.

In her last few days, she seemed too alive to be seriously ill, and her readiness to surrender her life back to God touched the medical staff who looked after her. She was thankful for the gift of life and for all that she had seen and experienced.

In her memory, we honour her by continuing to strive to do the best we can do. She will be very much missed by Lionel her husband, Lucy her daughter, Graham her son-in-law, her two grandchildren Elle and Shaun and by us all.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen.

Lucy Hatt

From the Registers

All Saints'

Baptisms:

10th December 2023: Madeleine Jane Carey

14th January 2024: Elsie Grace Cooper

Funerals:

30th November 2023: Sheila Piper, died 15th November 2023 aged 89

4th January 2024: Elisabeth Margaret Scanlon, died 11th December 2023 aged 88

10th January 2024: Brian Gates, died 15th December 2023 aged 75

18th January 2024: Elizabeth Minnie Crawford, died 19th December 2023 aged 89

19th January 2024: Michael Litster Fisher, died 16th December 2023 aged 93

26th January 2024: Gareth Wyn Bowen, died 26th December 2023 aged 79

2nd February 2024: Ethel Randall, died 23rd December 2023 aged 95

St Hugh's

Funerals:

26th January 2024: Doris Lawton, died 6th January aged 94.

From the Editors

We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of *Keeping in Touch*. It is only as good as its contributors, so please do let us know what you have been doing, review church events for us and send in future plans/news. It all helps us to connect with each other. As soon as we have enough to publish we will put out a further edition.

You can hand contributions to any of the editors, or email to:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Lesley Atkinson, Ann Cross, Dermot Killingley, Christine Willoughby

Looking online?

Keeping in Touch can also be viewed online at

<https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/category/church-news/>

Sunday services at All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

—all livestreamed on YouTube

Updates will be posted on our website:

<https://www.allsaints-gosforth.org.uk/>

Sunday services at St. Hugh's

11.00am

Updates will be posted on our website:

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It's a Thought!

Notice found in a church in France:

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone.

Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him send him a text while driving!