

All Saints Thornton Hough Newsletter

July 11th 2020

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All Saints' prepares to reopen its doors for services

The Standing Committee decided unanimously that Sunday morning services in church will resume on 19th July. This will allow the necessary time to ensure that preparations are in place and for the Vicar to have a few days' rest before we enter this new phase.

The next phase is both a very serious and exciting undertaking. We are doing all we can to ensure the church building continues to be safe, maintaining compliance with social distancing, hand hygiene and cleaning protocols and creating appropriate material for services.

Our initial pattern for services is as follows:

Sunday July 19th	8:00am	BCP said Holy Communion
	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday July 26th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday August 2nd	8:00am	BCP said Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday August 9th	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday August 16th	8:00am	BCP said Holy Communion
	10:30am	Morning Prayer

Details on the resumption of evening and midweek services will follow once our Sunday morning services are established.

It is appreciated that many people are still wary of gathering with others, are unwell or shielding and will not feel able to come back into the physical space of church yet. A blend of approaches to support as many people as possible in their faith journey is necessary.

We will therefore continue to post a weekly Reflection / Meditation on the church website and it is hoped to add video clips from the services as well.

Those remaining at home will be invited to play their part in worship by offering to be audio recorded as they read the Bible or say prayers on a rota basis.

Materials will continue to be posted out at intervals to those not online.

We look forward to beginning this next phase of our adventure together.

Rev'd Vicky Barrett

Please pray for the family and friends of
Anne Bond who died on July 3rd.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Services will look, sound and feel different!

- Please remember to respect and observe social distancing when entering and leaving church.
- You will be asked to apply hand sanitiser on entry, before receiving Communion, and as you are leaving.
- You will be asked to fill in your details on a form to help with *Track and Trace* (if necessary). These details will be kept securely for 21 days and then destroyed unless they are requested by *Track and Trace*.
- Some pews will be roped off to ensure at least 1.8 metres distance between each person, household or "bubble" group.
- Please only sit in a pew which has a notice indicating it is available for use. When you leave, please turn the notice over so that the pew may be cleaned before it is used again.
- Cushions have been removed from pews to facilitate cleaning – you may like to bring your own cushion!
- We will listen to music played on the organ or on CD. We cannot sing together and are advised to speak quietly. We may use sign language to communicate in some parts of the service, such as at the sharing of Peace.
- Service sheets will be placed on pews for you to use and take away with you.
- Holy Communion will be given out as bread only.
- Please wait to be directed when to leave. This may mean using either the Flower Vestry or Choir Vestry doors to exit the church as well as the main door.
- You do not have to wear a mask whilst in church.

Private Prayer at All Saints – longer opening

From Monday July 13th All Saints' Church will be open for private prayer and meditation from 9:00am until about 4:00pm each day (except when services are taking place) rather than from 10:00am until noon.

Those visiting the church are asked to follow the instructions and respect social distancing. Please only sit on a pew with a notice which says the pew is available for use; as you leave, please turn the notice over so that the pew may be cleaned before it is reused.

Annual Parish Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and a meeting for the election of churchwardens are provisionally scheduled to take place on Sunday September 13th at 11:30am after the 10:30am morning service. The church electoral roll will also be revised before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. These meetings were scheduled to take place in April but were postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

There are some vacancies for members of the PCC and for church wardens. Please give some thought to serving on the PCC or being a churchwarden. Contact the Vicar, churchwardens or PCC Secretary if you want any further information. All are asked to pray for our existing officers and PCC members and for those who might offer to serve All Saints' in this way.

Formal notification of these meetings and of the revision of the electoral roll will be made in due course. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 will be made available before the meeting.

The Magazine

It is hoped to begin production of *The Magazine* again and publish editions for September, for October / November and for December / January.

The editorial team would welcome contributions as soon as possible for the September edition and the deadline is **Monday August 10th**. We welcome appropriate contributions from anyone in the Parish. Contributions (including photographs) must not be subject to any copyright and be either original work by the author or in the public domain. Any *reasonable* format is acceptable. Please send them to editor@allsaintsth.org.uk or by post to the Parish Office or hand them to Brian Morris, Patsy Baker, the Vicar or Iain Stinson.



**Do not worry about anything;
instead, pray about everything.**

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Calendar 2021 and photograph "competition"

We still hope to produce a church calendar for 2021 using photographs taken in the parish and hope that some local businesses will be able to sponsor a month in the calendar for £50.

We are again holding a competition to select the photographs which will be included in the calendar. The "winning" photographs will be selected by a panel of judges and the prize for winning will be having your photograph included in the calendar and receiving a copy of the calendar.

Everyone is invited to enter any number of photographs. Photographs should be taken around Thornton Hough, Raby, Raby Mere and Brimstage.

The deadline for entries into the competition has been extended to 31st August 2020.

Full details can be found on pages 15 and 16 of the April / May 2020 edition of *The Magazine*; you can find this online at by clicking [here](#).

23 "deacons-to-be" commissioned online

The Diocese of Chester made history on 02 July 2020 when 23 "deacons-to-be" were commissioned to public ministry in parishes across the diocese via an online service. 23 men and women were commissioned in a service led by Bishop Keith, Acting Bishop of Chester, with Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop-elect of Chester also taking part.

Hundreds of family, friends, and parishioners - past and present – joined in via Zoom and Facebook to support, pray, and mark the special moment.

In normal times the annual cohort of ordination candidates would have been made deacons in an ordination service at Chester Cathedral, but the restrictions on public worship have meant that they have been simply commissioned into public ministry without formally being conferred the title deacon. The deacons-to-be will now be ordained in Chester Cathedral on Sunday 25 October 2020.

from Chester Diocese News.

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