

All Saints Thornton Hough Newsletter

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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.

