



**The Benefice of St Mary
Magdalene, Belmont & St
Laurence, Pittington.**



**Sunday 9th August 2020
Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

*Service of Holy Communion live streamed from church to St Mary Magdalene's
Facebook page is at **10.30am** on August 9th.
It will then be uploaded to St Laurence's Facebook page*

Readings

Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Collect

Almighty God,
Who sent your Holy Spirit
To be the life and light of your Church;
Open our hearts for the riches of your grace,
That we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
In love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Timetable of times of public worship and live-streamed services this week

Sunday	10.30am	Said Service of Holy Communion in St Mary Magdalene Church. (although Public Worship this will also be live-streamed).
Monday	9.15am	Morning Prayer (live streamed to Facebook)
Tuesday	9.15am	Morning Prayer via Zoom (link below)
Wednesday	10am-12md	Individual Private Prayer at St Mary Magdalene Church
Thursday	10am-12md	Individual Private Prayer at St Laurence Church
Saturday	9.15am	Morning Prayer (Facebook)

Morning prayer will be on Zoom on Tuesday morning at 9.10am
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78134882388?pwd=bzN6QVZBVGF5SNVF1MzhSNmNSVW1Jdz09>

Compline

Stephen will lead Compline on Facebook at 8pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Look out for his posts on Facebook.

As you have been informed by letter some public worship is starting again at St Mary Magdalene's on Sundays. However, in order to comply with safety guidelines there is a booking in system. If you would like to attend the church service in Belmont at 10.30 on a Sunday in the weeks to come, you must contact Geoff Moore between 12.30pm on a Thursday and 12.30pm on a Friday. You can either email him at geoffrey.moore2@gmail.com, or phone him on 01913863588, mobile 07713896102. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served" basis. **This is a benefice service and people from both churches are invited to attend).**

(If the 10.30 service is fully subscribed, then an earlier service at 9am may be considered. St Laurence's church is now open for private prayer on Thursday mornings as listed and will also re-open for public worship in the near future).

For our prayers this week: Pray for those who are unwell and have asked for our prayers: Joyce Fry, Anna Harvey, Anne Johnson (Pittington), Pamela & Trevor Uren, Colin & Maureen Bond, Andrew Dover, Richard Harrison, Mike Jackson, Fred Ramshaw, Jackie Roberts, Ray Tones.

If you would like anyone to be added to the prayer list, please let Liz know. However, please seek the person's permission first.

Virtual Coffee by Zoom – Sunday at 11.30. Please use the following link to join:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88217068732?pwd=RUU1Z290dXMvd0NqVkwxbjB4RjR2Zz09>

If you haven't joined for coffee already, why not give it a go?

Opening for private prayer and public worship. We are pleased to let you know that St Mary Magdalene Church is open for personal private prayer on **Wednesdays between 10 and 12.** People over 70 are now able to volunteer as long as they do not fit into the **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable group.** However, they are required to fill in a form and agree with the risk assessment which Liz or I would supply and discuss with any potential volunteers. Please feel free to contact Rev'd Liz Hollis if you would like to know more. We expect to be able to open St Laurence's for one session per week. Details to be announced after 18th July.

Face Masks

The Church of England have announced that they are advising people who attend church services to wear a face covering in church. This is to uphold the introduction of wearing a face covering in public places such as shops.

Extra Guidance for people attending church services

It is wonderful to have you with us this morning and we are doing all we can to help keep everyone safe.

We appreciate coming to church has a social aspect to it as well as the main focus of worshipping God together. However, we are aware that people will be feeling differently to others. While it is a joyful occasion for some, others might feel more anxious as they begin to widen their social contact with others.

To help one another feel safe you follow the following guidance.

Please use hand gel when entering and leaving church.

Please do not engage in conversation with others inside church.

Please maintain a 2 metre (6 foot) social distance between yourself and another person where possible.

Please wear a face covering at all times in church.

Only one person or household group/bubble to come forward for Holy Communion at a time.

Please gel your hands before and after receiving Holy Communion which will be in one kind (bread only). If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion that is ok.

To leave church after the service, please be guided by the churchwarden and leave one row at a time starting at the back of church.

Please do not loiter in the narthex.

Please leave your order of service sheet in the 'used' basket in the narthex as you leave but take your notice sheet with you.

Rev'd Heather and Rev'd Liz will be outside (weather permitting) as you leave.

Thank you.

Meanwhile, please take care, continue to pray and keep safe knowing that God loves each of us and will never abandon us.