



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



**Sunday 13th September  
2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*Service of Holy Communion live streamed from church to St Mary Magdalene's  
Facebook page is at **10.30am** on September 13th  
It will then be uploaded to St Laurence's Facebook page*

**Readings**

Genesis 50. 15-21  
Matthew 18.21-35

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Said Service of Holy Communion in St Mary Magdalene Church (BCP)</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Said Service of Holy Communion in St Laurence Church.</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Said Service of Holy Communion in St Mary Magdalene Church.</b>
<b>(although Public Worship this will also be live-streamed).</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (live streamed to Facebook)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer via Zoom (link below)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am-12md</b>	<b>Individual Private Prayer at St Mary Magdalene Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am-12md</b>	<b>Individual Private Prayer at St Laurence Church</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (Facebook)</b>

Morning prayer will be on Zoom on Tuesday morning at 9.10am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75348195532?pwd=QIV0b29iRFV4SndTUnZaRjByRm5NUT09>

### **Compline**

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

If you would like to attend the church service in Belmont at 10.30 on Sunday in the weeks to come, you must contact Geoff Moore between 12.30md on Thursday and 12.30md on Friday. You can either email him at [geoffrey.moore2@gmail.com](mailto:geoffrey.moore2@gmail.com), or phone him on 01913863588, mobile 07713896102. Places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. *(If the 10.30 service is fully subscribed, then an earlier service at 9am may be considered)*

If you would like to attend the service in Pitlington, you must also book your place(s) in advance. Please contact Jean Gartland on 0191 3868401 or email on [gartland.jean@gmail.com](mailto:gartland.jean@gmail.com) between Thursday 12md and Friday 12md. Please don't call outside those times but do leave a message on the answerphone if there is no reply. If there is more than one person from the same household group or bubble, please let Jean know. (Please note that because of Covid restrictions the children's corner is out of use).

**For our prayers this week:** Pray for those who are unwell and have asked for our prayers: Colin & Maureen Bond, Andrew Dover, Joyce Fry, Richard Harrison, Anna Harvey, Mike Jackson, Anne Johnson (Pitlington), Ann Johnston (Belmont), Kirstie and baby Hilda Murray, Fred Ramshaw, Jackie Roberts, Ray Tones, Pamela & Trevor Uren and Adam Matthews.

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/85969978919>

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 both churches are now open for personal private prayer.

**St Mary Magdalene Church** is open on **Wednesdays between 10 and 12** and **St Laurence** on **Thursday 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 Heather or Liz would supply and discuss with any potential volunteers. Please feel free to contact Rev'd Liz Hollis if you would like to know more.

## **Face Masks – New guidance from the Government**

The government recently announced that all people who attend church services **must** wear a face covering in church from August 8th. There is an exception for people who are presiding, reading or leading prayers. (The person presiding will wear a face covering during the distribution of Communion). This has changed from previous weeks when it was strongly advised. However, please respect those people who for medical reasons are unable to do so.

## **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 different from 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.**

### **Changes to Church Services on September 27<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a change to the time of service at St Laurence's church on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Liz Hollis will be presiding at Holy Communion for the first time at 10.30am at Saint Mary Magdalene and at 3pm at St Laurence. There will be no 9.30am service at St Laurence's church on that day. The booking in system remains the same. Heather will preside at the 9am service at St Mary Magdalene. Both services are open to everyone.

### **Sponsored Walk**

Nicholas Cunliffe is taking part in a sponsored walk on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, to help the British Red Cross raise money for refugees. It's a walk of 22 miles and young Nicholas is only small! If you would like to help Nicholas in his efforts, please make a donation via <https://miles-for-refugees-2020.everydayhero.com/uk/nicholasandemma>

