



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



**Sunday 25th October 2020  
The Last Sunday after Trinity**

*Service of Holy Communion live streamed from church to St Mary Magdalene's  
Facebook page is at 10.30am on October 25th  
It will then be uploaded to St Laurence's Facebook page*

**Readings**

Leviticus  
19.1-2, 15-18  
Matthew  
22.34-end

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

**Times of public worship and live-streamed services this week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Service of Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary Magdalene Church</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>

**(although Public Worship this will also be live-streamed).**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (live streamed to Facebook)</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (live streamed to Facebook)</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Said Service of Holy Communion in St Mary Magdalene Church</b>
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am-11am</b>	<b>Individual Private Prayer at St Laurence Church</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (Facebook)</b>
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## Compline

Stephen is moving on to another placement this week and, after this evening, he will no longer lead Compline on Facebook. He will be back for a few more weeks with us later in the year. We thank Stephen for all the work he has done in the United Benefice and we wish him well in his new placement.

If you would like to attend either of the church services in Belmont on Sunday, you must contact Geoff Moore between 12.30md on Thursday and 12.30md on Friday. You can either email him at [geoffreymoore2@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreymoore2@gmail.com), or phone him on 01913863588, mobile 07713896102. Places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. The 9am service at St Mary Magdalene is now well established and will continue to take place.

If you would like to attend the service in Pittington, 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 (Pittington), Ann Johnston (Belmont), Adam Matthews, baby Hilda Murray, Fred Ramshaw, Jackie Roberts, Ray Tones, Pamela and Trevor Uren.

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/88295679352>

Meeting ID: 861 1194 1771

Passcode: 637321

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

**Opening for private prayer and public worship.**

**St Laurence** continues to be open for private prayer **on Thursday between 10 and 11am.**

**St Mary Magdalene** now has a said service of **Holy Communion on**

**Wednesday at 10am** At present, you do not need to book a place for this service but this may change in the future if demand exceeds capacity.

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 – Government Guidelines**

The government announced that all people who attend church services **must** wear a face covering in church. 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). However, please respect those people who for medical reasons are unable to do so.

Both churches have their own Track and Trace QR code. Please scan this with your phone if you are able. A written record of attendance will still be kept for three weeks and then destroyed.

## **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.

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



**British Summer Time ends on  
25<sup>th</sup> October!**

Please remember to put your clocks  
back an hour on Saturday night!