

Saints Alive!



All Saints Episcopal Church

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February 2012

Mission Statement

*We are one with the Spirit,
We are one with the Lord,
We are a renewed
community of Faith
A nurturing family called to
share the Lord's message
of Love, Compassion, and
Peace*

All Saints Leadership

Interim Priest

The Rev. Bailey O. Whitbeck

Deacon

The Rev. Ron Tibbetts

Co-Wardens

Kathy Doller & Marian Cote'

Clerk

Roberta Todd

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Barbara Boynton

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Judy Little
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2012 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

All Saints held its 2012 Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 22nd as a concluding part of the 10 AM worship service for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. Our Warden, Kathy Doller, called the meeting to order and Rev. Bailey led us in an affirming opening prayer. Roberta Todd, Clerk, circulated a sign-in sheet and read the Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting booklets containing reports, 2012 budget and 2011 financial reports were distributed.

Kathy offered her Warden's Report including her choices for our top ten accomplishments for the year. Reports were also presented by Rev. Bailey and Rev. Ron. Marian Cote' reported that our Sunday School is back up and running weekly. Young adults are studying the Gospels. Elementary age children are having a Montessori style, hands-on experience called Godly Play. Plans are in place to continue the Lenten tradition of collecting for a charity of our young people's choice. And while children are always welcome in the Sanctuary, full time nursery care is available for parents who wish it. Other reports were from the Canterbury Altar Guild, the Pledge Secretary, the Holiday Harvest Fair and Annual Yard Sale.

The Affirmation of our Bishop's Vestry took place:

All Saints Episcopal Church 2012 Vestry

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM PRIEST

Bailey Whitbeck

We are still in Epiphany for most of this month. Richard DeCusati's picture of the mysterious light on our bulletins assures us we have been surrounded by God's light through the depths of winter. The season of light followed our use of the Sun-Son-Savior Stewardship symbol. The image of light and new life has coincided with a time of changes in the parish: my retirement plans, new additions to our Vestry, help from Helen Daley as the plans for new ordained leadership proceed. It is never too late to make a pledge for 2012. We need more help to carry us through the year.

Lent starts on Wednesday, February 22nd with Ash Wednesday. We will have two services that day. One at 12 Noon and one at 7PM. The last Sunday in February is the first Sunday in Lent. We will be using Rite One for our liturgy during Lent.

We will be using the image of the Phoenix, the bird we adopted several years ago, as our Lenten symbol of new life at All Saints. It will be on our bulletin and enrich the theme of our weekly discussions. Each week we will have a parishioner lead the discussion on "Here I Am, Send Me," and what it means to be called to serve.

But before that, the new Vestry will be having a meeting as well as a retreat day to get to know each other better and to set goals for this coming year. I will install them on a Sunday that is convenient to the majority of them. As they decide on their responsibilities you

will see them in their new roles and I know that they will have your support.

Our Sundays will be quieter this month but full of wonderful Bible passages. Our organist, Marilynn Fuller, will be away for several Sundays as she heals from an operation on her hand. We will miss her but wish her well as she has been in pain for some time. We will be using Synthia and hope to find more people who can operate the machine during the service to keep each service as lively as possible.

We will continue to deepen our relationship with the Church of God. There are plans being developed for a joint meal between services. They are very welcoming if we want to join in a service and we have invited them to share with us. They have been lending Rev. Ron Holy Oil for anointing during his Thursday night worship. God works in mysterious ways to have His name honored and shared.

The four movies that were such a success may be shown again this spring. Watch for notices of them. They were very well received in the fall and winter. There is something very special about seeing the Bible come alive, acted out and full of song and energy.

Robin Miller will be taking a much deserved week's vacation in February. Her hard work on a daily basis has helped us go forward in ways we can only imagine. She is a joy to work with.

Epiphany's color is green. Another symbol of new life. In the midst of the cold there is increasing sunlight. The green color reminds us of the warmth of spring to come. God breaks through any darkness and God's light guides our lives. Our faith enriches our life at All Saints and in the rest of our lives as well. Join us on our journey into the future that God has waiting for us.

Blessings,

Bailey



Ash
Wednesday

February 22nd Services

12 Noon

7:00PM

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

1st – Lauren Difiore
1st – Sandra McKearney
20th – Philip Cote

“To love another person is to see the face of God.”

Lyrics from *Les Misérables*,
Claude-Michel Schönberg

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT



The season of Lent, historically speaking, finds its origins in the final stages of preparation once taken by those who were preparing for their baptism at the commemoration of the Lord's resurrection (Easter Sunday).

Evidence from as early as the middle of the second

century suggests that classes were organized to provide special instruction to these candidates for baptism. Soon, other disciplines (fasting, prayer, etc.) became connected with this annual observance.

During the fourth century, it became customary for all faithful Christians to join in the various activities of those who were being prepared for baptism. It was during this period Ash Wednesday was first observed in the latter part of the seventh century extending the season (which originally began on a Sunday). This was done so as to have forty actual fast days preceding the celebration of Easter (recognizing Sundays as feast days). The practice of imposing ashes upon the brow of the faithful, accompanied by the words "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return", seems to have originated a century earlier from penitential rites originally confined to those who were doing public penance for what can only be described as "grave and notorious sins".

Thus Lent, though originally a time for preparing individuals seeking baptism, soon became the season wherein the whole church prepared itself in heart, body, and mind for the corporate celebration of our Lord's journey to the cross and beyond.

REFOCUS FOR LENT

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.

Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.

Give up worry — trust God to provide.

Give up discouragement — be full of hope.

Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred — return good for evil.

Give up anger — be more patient.

Give up pettiness — become mature.

Give up jealousy — pray for trust.

Give up gossiping — control your tongue.

Give up sin — turn to virtue.

Give up giving up — persevere.

Author unknown

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those on our prayer list: Peg, Pam, Deb, Patricia, Tom, Edward, Brendan, Janie, Yvonne, Pat, Harold, Gloria, Diane, Filiberto, Bobby, Mary, Helen, Amanda, Deb, Carol, Samantha, the Juair family, Liz, Susan, Eric, Marion, the family of Michael Pepin, the Shaheen family, Pam, Debbie, Philip, Marilyn, Patton and the Mark Vandette family. We remember and pray for all our men and women in the military and for those who strive for justice and peace throughout the world.

On February 1st, the above prayer list will be "wiped clean" and we'll begin a new prayer list. Please contact Robin at secretary2@verizon.net to add a name to the updated list.

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Elections for Council of Churches
Delegates, Diocesan Convention
Delegates and Deanery Delegates were
held:

Council of Church Delegates – Ruth
Gower & Yvonne Dvoske

Diocesan Convention Delegates –
Martha Lingard & Yvonne Dvoske

Deanery Delegates – Barbara Dykas &
Marion Brousseau

Our Proposed Budget for 2012 was
presented and discussed. Those in
attendance reviewed financial reports for
2011 and compared various line items to
the Proposed Budget, questions were
asked and answered and the 2012
Budget was approved.

Thank you to those who served in
leadership positions during 2011:
Warden, Kathy Doller; Treasurer,
Barbara Boynton; Clerk, Roberta Todd;
Vestry, Marian Cote', Judy Little, Richard
DeCusati.

Diocesan Convention Delegates, Marian
Cote', Martha Lingard and Alternate,
Barbara Dykas.

Deanery Delegates: Martha Lingard,
Marian Cote', Deidre Scott, Marion
Brousseau, Barbara Dykas.

Council of Churches Delegates: Ruth
Gower and Yvonne Dvoske.

Where there is great love,
There are always miracles.

Willa Cather



African-American History Month

February is African-American History
Month, a time to reflect on the
multitude of contributions made to
our country, our religions and to the
world by African-Americans and
people of African descent.

It was started by an African American
man named Dr. Carter G. Woodson
in 1926. Back then, it was called
Negro History Week and was
celebrated the second week of
February. Now it is celebrated for the
whole month of February in the
United States and Canada, and the
month of October in the United
Kingdom.

No matter what your background,
everyone can celebrate the
importance of Black History Month.
Find a way to commemorate those
achievements that affect your
everyday life, whether it's through art,
film, literature, music, education, civil
rights, sports or even food!

THE MAKING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CANON

Coming soon! An exciting study opportunity – *The Making of the New Testament Canon* – a DVD series of twelve 30 minute lectures covering why certain books were accepted into the New Testament Canon and others were rejected.

The subjects are:

1. Overview
2. Paul - our earliest Christian author
3. The Pauline epistles
4. The problem of pseudonymity
5. The beginnings of the Gospel traditions
6. The earliest Gospels
7. The other Gospels
8. Apocalypticism and the Apocalypse of John
9. The copyists who gave us scripture
10. Authority in the early church
11. The importance of interpretation
12. When did the canon get finished

Tentative plans are to do two lectures per evening, every two weeks, meeting twice a month. Watch for more information, dates and times.

MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES!

On Monday, January 16th, a group gathered to watch “In the Beginning” a movie by Sight & Sound Theatres. Over the next few months dates will be set to show other Sight & Sound Theatres movies: “Ruth,” “Noah the Musical,” and “Joseph.” Don’t miss these – they are wonderful!

FUNDRAISING!

It's really more about FUN than FUNdraising!

Yvonne Dvoske recently announced some of our FUNraising events for 2012. There's something here for everyone to enjoy!

Eight small (about 2 feet tall) artificial Christmas trees will be part of the October Harvest Holiday event. Needed are eight teams of two crafty folks to theme decorate the trees. Get together with an All Saints friend or make a new All Saints friend, plan your theme and get busy crafting and/or shopping. Teams will gather in August to decorate the trees and enjoy a pot luck lunch. Prizes will be awarded!

In April we'll have a Vendor's Fair, just in time for Mother's Day shopping.

June brings our Annual Yard Sale with bargains galore!

Our Holiday Harvest Fair takes place in October.

Dates will be announced soon for all events. And more FUN is in the works.

Lots of hands are needed to make these events happen. Please think about what you can do and let Kathy or Marian know you're willing to help.



Every Sunday (10AM)

Eucharist followed by coffee hour

Every Thursday (7-9PM)

Praise Music, Healing, Eucharist, and Conversation. For more information, see article on Page 9.

Feb 13th (Monday) 6PM

Vestry Meeting

Feb 15th (Wednesday), 7PM

Taunton Deanery West Meeting at Grace, North Attleboro.

Feb 15th (Wednesday)

Deadline for March *Saints Alive*. We encourage all members of the church to contribute to this endeavor. Please leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters" in the hallway, or email to Evelyn at bluewolf25@comcast.net

Feb 22nd (Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday

Services at 12 Noon & 7PM

Feb 26th (Sunday)

The First Sunday in Lent

Interim Priest: The Rev. Bailey O. Whitbeck

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ALL SAINTS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Acolytes

We are thankful for our acolytes, including crucifiers, who assist at the altar on Sunday mornings. If you have a child in 6th grade or older, he/she is eligible to serve in this ministry. For more information, contact Rev. Ron.

Sunday School

Would you be interested in teaching 3-8 year old children a structured Sunday school program? Please speak with Rev. Bailey.

Fellowship

Coffee Hour is held after services on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. Please wear your name tag – or see a Vestry member if you don't have one.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are those that help our priest lead Sunday worship services. Duties include administering the chalice during the Holy Eucharist. If interested, see Rev. Bailey.

Nursery

A safe and caring environment is provided for children through the age of 3 during the 10 A.M. service.

Attleboro Area Council of Churches

Boxes of cereal and juice boxes are being collected by the Attleboro Area Council of Churches. If you can donate to this on-going project, please bring the items to church and leave them on the pew in the back of the church.

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers and Greeters welcome parishioners and guests and perform various functions during services. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Jim England.

Property and Grounds

The Property and Grounds committee is responsible for the care of our Church building and grounds which include, but not limited to, maintenance, minor repairs, and grounds care. Contact Richard DeCusati.

Lectors

If you don't mind reading in front of others, this ministry is for you. Lectors read the appointed lessons and prayers during the Sunday Worship Service. If interested, speak with Rev. Bailey.

Altar Flowers

Please see Elaine Blackburn or another member of the Altar Guild with your request for altar flowers. A \$25 memorial donation is requested. You may also call Elaine at 508-222-2774.

Thursday Evenings of Praise Music, Healing, Eucharist, and Conversation

Our time together on these evenings consists of a brief liturgy, music, a time for healing and reflection, and general conversation.

We are learning and exploring the world of praise music and coming to love some praise songs such as "Lord of All", and "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" (the Michael W. Smith version) and it is amazing.

Our goal is to sense the pressing concern for the night about the "church" (at large or All Saints) and try to determine who we are in the midst of that concern, and how we, the church, respond to the concern expressed.

For more information contact Rev. Ron at rontibbetts@yahoo.com or 774-210-0284



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

TO ALL!

Every February 14th, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.

It isn't possible to love and to part. You will wish that it was. You can transmute love, ignore it, muddle it, but you can never pull it out of you. I know by experience that the poets are right: love is eternal.

E. M. Forster

TAUNTON RIVER DEANERY

The Taunton River Deanery, a group of Episcopal churches located in the southeastern Massachusetts area, met at All Saints on Sunday, January 15th.

Representatives updated the group on what's been happening in their churches. Preparation of grants was discussed. And meeting dates were set for the coming year: April 22nd from 2-4 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wrentham and September 16th from 2-4PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Foxboro.

Those attending then split off into the Eastern and Western Sub-Groups. All Saints is in the Western Sub-Group.

The Western Sub-Group began discussion about developing outreach projects for joint ministry. While there were a number of suggestions, no consensus was reached; and everyone agreed to meet again on Wednesday, January 16th at Grace Church in North Attleboro.

Everyone is welcome to be a part of this multi-church ministry. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 15th at 7PM at Grace Church in North Attleboro. Please speak to Kathy Doller or Rev. Ron if you'd like to attend.



Calendar for February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office hours Rev. Bailey	2 Boy Scouts Praise & Communion 7-9pm Church of God 7-9 pm	3 Church of God 7-9 pm	4
5 The 5th Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Bailey 10:00 am Service Sunday School	6 Cub Scouts	7 Church of God 7-9 pm	8 Office Hours Rev. Bailey	9 Boy Scouts Praise & Communion 7-9pm Church of God 7-9 pm	10 Church of God 7-9 pm	11 Church of God Women's Convention All Day Birthday Party in Undercroft 1-5pm
12 The 6th Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Bailey 10:00 am Service Sunday School Healing	13 Office hours Rev. Bailey Cub Scouts Vestry Meeting 6pm	14 Church of God 7-9 pm	15 SAINTS ALIVE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 Boy Scouts Praise & Communion 7-9pm Church of God 7-9 pm	17 Church of God 7-9 pm	18
19 The Last Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Bailey 10:00 am Service Sunday School	20 Cub Scouts	21 Church of God 7-9 pm	22 Office Hours Rev. Bailey ASH WEDNESDAY Services 12 Noon & 7pm	23 Boy Scouts Praise & Communion 7-9pm Church of God 7-9 pm	24 Church of God 7-9 pm	25
26 The 1 st Sunday in Lent Rev. Bailey 10:00 am Service Sunday School	27 Cub Scouts	28 Church of God 7-9 pm	29 Office Hours Rev. Bailey			

Sundays – Church of God 2-5 pm