

Saints Alive!

All Saints Episcopal Church



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September 2011

Minister's Message... **Bailey Whitbeck, Interim**

Greetings,

Our fall schedule is "falling" into place, even though we are still in summer with some hot and muggy days. We go from the sometimes slower pace of summer, to school events, sports, meetings. It can feel that we are being pulled in many directions. Into all of this is the church schedule with its own sets of opportunities and responsibilities and challenges. We are back to our 10AM services and had a very moving 9/11 service with a chance to talk with each other about that day and its aftermath. We ended holding hands and singing "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." May God's peace return to the earth soon.

Sept 17th is our cleanup day. We are helping a scout work on his Eagle Scout project and at the same time getting the neglected areas of the outside cleaned up and weeded and ending with new fencing which we badly need for safety as well as attractiveness. We hope to be getting some Insurance money from damage done to the church by Irene. We are also getting a Grant from the Diocese to augment our music program, to have Marilynn more often and to develop a choir, starting with our children and then hoping to encourage adult voices to come forward and add their joyful noise to the Lord. It will also include a wireless mic for me which should also help enhance our services. Sept 18th, Sunday is our "welcome back" Sunday. Please bring your favorite recipe. Even though our official Sunday School doesn't start until Oct 2nd, please bring your children. There is a table in the church with crayons and things to color. Your children can also bring their favorite toys or books.

On September 24th there is the last get together of 4 Deanery churches, now expanded to 5 who will be enjoying a meal and discussion at St. Marks,

Foxboro from 5:30-8. As this will be a family supper and event, children are more than welcome. The previous events have been great fun and I am sure that this last one will be also. We have gotten to know each other much better and can now begin to work on a joint project that will help our wider community, The bases of this has been a Grant from the Diocese to each Deanery to use as they saw fit. After having Deaneries for many years, it is wonderful to see the Diocese supporting us to come together in effective ways.

We will be getting to know each other better this year as we build on the hard work of past years. Please help with the clean up if you can. Please bring food for our Welcome Back Sunday. If you can go to the supper (and help Kathy Doller to cook the pasta on the 24th from 2-5) you will be entertained and enriched.

Because Cindy Edwards has moved back to a family church we need a new newsletter person to organize and get it ready for Robin to email out. We also need new acolytes. We will be searching for teachers for the Godly Play Church School Program for ages 3-7. Jim Scott is working with our middle school aged children and we hope to have Erin back in the nursery. There is much to participate in. Helping at the Fall Fair, even for a few hours is a wonderful way to get to know not only our own parishioners but the wider community as well. Try not to make these activities just one more thing. but a way to stay connected to your faith and experience the faith of others. We are called into community by our Lord, that is what it is to be a Christian. Come, enjoy, participate and be renewed as the seasons change and God's profound beauty is revealed again.

Blessing,

Bailey

Reflections & Musings from Kathy Doller, (aka The Warden's Report)

It is often the little gems we get from each other that are the most precious. One I just received from Barbara Boynton was at our Vestry meeting when we gathered after our summer break & were sharing with each other. Barbara said she learned the real meaning of joy this summer!

JOY = Jesus, Others & You

Wow, what a wonderful picture, what a wonderful reality. JOY is the fruit that grows when we are together with Jesus, each other & ourselves. JOY is created when we come together and see & honor Christ in one another. JOY is the vision & truth we seek to bring to each other & the world. Our church family is a joy to me, a community where I can be myself & feel at home, a place to share sorrows & celebrate the little & big triumphs & glory of the beauty of Life. A place to stand strong together as we develop and grow our vision and purpose – to bring hope, love, compassion & peace, & JOY for each & every one of us in this world, this time, this place of God's Creation.

Summer often is a time for reading & reflection, learning some new ideas & gathering wisdom to illuminate our life. A book I have been reading (present tense still) is Sacred Necessities: gifts for living with passion, purpose, and grace by Terry Hershey. He writes with such simplicity & clarity, taking our daily lives & experiences & making them into rich moments of meaning, purpose & learning. "Learning The Big Leaf Dance" is such an example. He shared a poem by Robert Capon to highlight our dilemma in life.

"We live like ill-taught piano students.

We're so inculcated with the flub that gets us in the duff,
we don't hear the music, we only play the right notes."

Terry's son loves to dance, anytime & anywhere, he makes any time an occasion for experiencing the joy of life in this moment through dance. In the Fall, his son hops, skips & gallops with a big maple leaf in each hand, & twirls & turns with abandon, chanting his ode to the Big Leaf (whatever comes to his mind). He turns & invites others – whoever is around him, to join him, as this is not a dance to be performed solitarily, but a communal dance for all to enjoy together & celebrate the joy & beauty of life in this moment. The big leaf dance is intoxicating and exhilarating, which, Terry writes, is the measuring stick for *all sacred necessities: they allow us to hear the music*. So, I invite all to come & join in the dance this fall at All Saints, to hear the music, and to create & share our JOY with one another & be a part of Saints' Alive.

Coming Fall Events, Gatherings & Opportunities for fun & JOY:

This coming Saturday, Sept 17th we are having a Fall Clean – Up from 11 am to 5 pm, to spruce up our grounds & prepare for the coming seasons' events & gatherings.

Saturday Sept 17th, from 10 am to 2 pm, we are doing Jewelry Making to create more 'Saints' Alive' jewelry to sell for fund-raising at our Fall Harvest Fair. We also will be doing jewelry making on Oct 8th & 22nd as well.

Saturday, Sept 24th, we are having our fourth gathering of the Magical Mystery Deanery Tour. Everyone of all ages is invited to come & share in this event which will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Foxboro beginning at 5:30 pm. The evening will include a "Family Dinner" for all after our activities conclude. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the parish hall so we can have a head count for who is coming, so we can plan accordingly.

Saturday, Oct 1st, from 9 am to 12 pm, we will gather in the parish hall to help put together more baskets for our big Raffle for the Fall Harvest Fair which will be held on Saturday, October 29th. This is our biggest fund-raiser in the Fair, and many hands working together makes the time fly creating beautiful, bounteous baskets with much laughter & fun.

John Blenkiron is hosting a Monthly Movie Night on the fourth Monday of the month, beginning on Sept 26th, showing movies from The Sight & Sound Theatre which creates live theatre productions that bring the Bible to life. The films are from live stage performances. The first film will be "Noah." Plan to arrive between 6:30 pm & 7 pm. The film will start at 7 pm & runs for about or just under 2 hours.

We are starting a Book Club, dates & times to be decided, which will bring us together in lively discussion & debate. Please give your suggestions for books to read to Robin at the office or on a sign up sheet in the parish hall. We want to enrich our music & create a more lively & vibrant musical program at All Saints', such as a children's choir, a choir during church services, musical events & gatherings like a concert or sing-a-long & music nights. We are forming a Music Team to explore these & other ideas. Please join in with the music.

We are having a Revival – of our Family Movie Night "under the stars" in our Undercroft – bring your favorite lawn chairs or recliners &/or blankets & pillows & share in the magic & fun. We are thinking of possibly Saturday, Oct 22nd or Nov 5th for our gathering – or possibly another date more convenient for all. Please stay tuned for future notices, & if you have any movie suggestions, please let us know. Let us fill All Saints' with JOY and fellowship, welcoming all to our community where we celebrate life and bring hope & joy to the world & our community.

COMING EVENTS

FALL FAIR...WORKSHOP

One Saturday morning, 9-12, left: October 1st. We will get the raffles ready for the Harvest Fall Fair. If you haven't dropped off your raffle basket, please bring it.

COME ENJOY THE FUN AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FALL FAIR.....

our major FUNdraiser!

Thanks to all who have supported this project. Yvonne

CLEANUP AND JEWELRY MAKING

Saturday, September 17th, Come as long as you can for a cleanup from 11-5, with the Scouts which is part of an Eagle Scout Project to enhance the appearance and safety of our church. Coffee and juice will be served. There will also be a jewelry making workshop inside for adults, from 10-2. The jewelry will be sold at our fair.

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK

Sunday, September 18th – We will gather after church for a Potluck. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

MAGICAL MYSTERY DEANERY TOUR 2011

Saturday, September 24th – St. Mark's, Foxboro, 5:30-8:30 pm. It is a fun evening for all ages. A dinner will follow the event activities. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall so we will have a head count for dinner.

NOAH, THE MUSICAL

Monday, September 26th, 7-9 pm, the movie will start promptly. "Noah, The Musical" is the story of Noah's Ark. By Sight & Sound, the movie is filmed from a live performance which brings the Bible to life.

SOUP AND DISCUSSION

Sunday, October 2nd – After church in the Parish Hall.

CROP WALK

Sunday afternoon, October 16th - Attleboro Area Interfaith Crop Walk. Step out to make a difference in the fight against hunger and poverty in our Attleboro area and worldwide. The three-mile walk will begin and end at the Newell Shelter in Attleboro's Capron Park. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the walk starts at 1:30 pm. There will be a post-walk celebration with refreshments and music. Get sponsors and walk for a good cause. Speak with Marion Brousseau or Kathy Doller.

FAIR NEWS

Date: October 29, 2011, 9 am – 2 pm

FAIR UPDATE - The last CRAFT DAY will be October 1st, Saturday, 9:00 am. If you have your raffle basket put together, please bring it to the church that day. **All**

Baskets for raffle must be turned in no later than

SATURDAY, October 1st so they can be wrapped and numbered for the raffle and a list can be made up for presale of tickets. Our big raffle items we still need gift cards and money for the wreath. We also need more raffle baskets – we have 17 to date as follows: red & white wine basket, do, cat, Disney movie night, twilight, Bliss Brothers, breakfast with waffle iron, coffee, tea, Italian, knitting, 2 Vera Bradley baskets, chocolate, a string art picture, and gingerbread basket.

Luncheon will be meatball subs, pasta salad, chips, soda or water – coffee will be available. The Youth Room has been all cleaned thanks to Becky and Elaine and is ready to be used for the luncheon.

Book Room – Glass Room and small household items and the This and That Room are all being kept in order.

Before the Fair (the week before) the whole church up and down needs to be cleaned so we can set up on Thursday and Friday nights. Hopefully the Boy Scouts can set up the vendors' tables on Thursday in the undercroft and on Friday the upstairs can be set up. I need helping hands the day of the fair for tables not yet taken care of. Does anyone want to do the roll up raffle??

Bake table- Barbara Dykas and Marian Cote. Please bake for us.

Raffles – Roberta Todd

Book Room – Barbara England

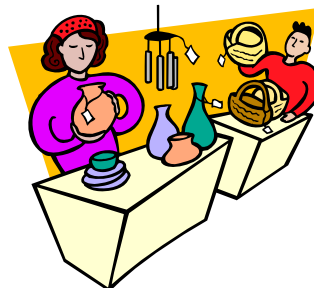
Luncheon – Becky, Elaine, Sue

Help needed for the Craft Table, Sewing Table, Glass Room, and This and That Room.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer in any of the above or at anytime during **the day of the Fair, October 29th, Saturday, 9-2**, please call 508-226-3465 and leave a message.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THE FAIR A SUCCESS. This is our major fundraiser.

THANK YOU,
Yvonne Dvoske



Coffee Hour

Come join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service. Please wear your nametag. If you do not have one – please speak with one of the vestry members.



Altar Flowers

Please see Elaine Blackburn or another member of the Altar Guild with your request for altar flowers. A \$20 memorial donation is requested. You may also call Elaine at 508-222-2774.

Healing Intercessor

On the first and third Sundays, a Healing Intercessor will be available at the side altar for the laying on of hands for healing. You may pray for yourself or pray for others; your prayers can be general or specific and will be kept confidential. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please speak with Rev. Bailey.

PRAYER LIST

If you would like a name on the prayer list, please email the church office, secretary2@verizon.net, or if we can remove a name you no longer wish to have on the list, please email or call the office, 508-222-2233.

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.

Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church monthly newsletter, *Saints Alive!*
We are hoping that by creating this newsletter the lines of communication will remain open and everyone will feel a stronger connection to our community of faith. 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, email to secretary2@verizon.net.

We are grateful to Cindy and Caitie for all their hard work doing the newsletter since 2009. It has been a great newsletter and we have all looked forward to receiving it. We are sad they are stepping down and wish them well in whatever they undertake.

We are looking for a newsletter editor. If you could do the monthly newsletter, please speak with Rev. Bailey or Kathy Doller.

St. Matthew

September 21

BCP p. 244

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of you Son our Saviour; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

St. Michael and All Angels

September 29

BCP p. 244

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen*

Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays

Portia Cole	09/03
Vanessa Marzalek	09/07
Brianne Akers	09/07
Cliff Akers	09/07
Elaine Blackburn	09/10
Amanda Lavoie	09/12
Matthew Dei	09/13
Maya Betts	09/15
Harry Mayer	09/15
Zachary Whitney	09/18
Layla Silva	09/19
Rev. Ron	09/22
Jim Scott	09/22
Richard DeCusati	09/25
Shanna Smith	09/29

October Birthdays

Pam Vickers	10/05
Rick Haines	10/06
John Kull	10/09
Matthew Scott	10/12
Dante Cole	10/14
Rev. Bailey	10/19
Zlata Betts	10/26
Beryl Swiatkowski	10/23
Maria Ehlen	10/25

BCP Pg. 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose love has kept me through another year. Thank you for all that you have given me. Help me to use my life rightly, that I may grow braver, kinder, wiser, and truer year by year. Help me to conquer my faults and live more to thy glory. Grant me thy grace to help all those around me and to show love for others. Be with me step by step all through this New Year, and keep me safe until the end. In Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer List

Peg, Pam, Deb, Patricia, Edward, Brendan, Janie, Yvonne, Pat, Eldon, Wendy, Art, Harold, Gloria, Judy, Diane, Filiberto, Bobby, Mary, Helen, Laura, Amanda, Deb, Carol, Samantha, the Juaire family, Lorraine, Liz, Susan, Eric, Marion, the family of Michael Pepin, the Shaheen family, Pam, and Ray.

We also remember and pray for all our men and women in the military, and for all those who strive for justice and peace throughout the world.

Prayer for the sick:

Prayers Old and New

O Lord, who does feel the pain of the world: Look upon all sick and suffering persons; especially.....

Enfold them with thy love, that in the midst of pain they may find thy presence; to doctors and nurses grant tender hearts and healing hands; and give health again in body and soul, for thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

For the Aged: BCP p. 830

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Young Persons: BCP p. 828

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Those In The Armed Forces: BCP p. 823

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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 are able to serve in this ministry. For more information contact Bailey Whitbeck at the parish office.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild sets up the altar for Sunday worship services for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Training is provided for those who are interested. Contact Ruth Gower.

Sunday School

Would you be interested in teaching 3-8 years 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 Mike Lavoie 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 Bailey Whitbeck at the parish office.

Lectors

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

Nursery

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

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has the task of educating and inviting parishioners to give back to the Lord a portion of what He has given us in appreciation and thanksgiving for His blessings. Please contact Judy Little.

Ushers & Greeters

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

Property and Grounds

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

All Saints 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.

Forward Movement

Forward Movement is an official, non-profit agency whose mission is to reinvigorate the Episcopal Church day by day. Since 1935 we have published the quarterly devotional *Forward Day by Day*, as well as pamphlets, booklets, and books that encourage and nourish people in their lives of prayer and faith.

<http://forwardmovement.org>

FORWARD DAY BY DAY – The new issues of *Forward Day By Day*, August/September/October 2011 are in the back of the church and on the table under the Flower List in the Parish Hall.

Revival of FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT.....We want to find out which date is best for you to attend, Saturday, October 22nd or November 5th. There will be a movie night preference sheet in the Parish Hall. On the sheet there will be a place for movie suggestions.

O ignis Spiritus Paracliti

O comforting fire of Spirit,
Life, within the very Life of all Creation.
Holy you are in giving life to All.

Holy you are in anointing
those who are not whole;
Holy you are in cleansing
a festering wound.

O sacred breath,
O fire of love,
O sweetest taste in my breast
which fills my heart
with a fine aroma of virtues.
O most pure fountain
through whom it is known
that God has united strangers
and inquired after the lost.

O breastplate of life
and hope of uniting
all members as One,
O sword-belt of honor,
enfold those who offer blessing.

Care for those
who are imprisoned by the enemy
and dissolve the bonds of those
whom Divinity wishes to save.

O mightiest path which penetrates All,
from the height to every Earthly abyss,
you compose All, you unite All.

Through you clouds stream, ether flies,
stones gain moisture,
waters become streams,
and the earth exudes Life.

You always draw out knowledge,
bringing joy through Wisdom's inspiration.

Therefore, praise be to you
who are the sound of praise
and the greatest prize of Life,
who are hope and richest honor
bequeathing the reward of Light

--Hildegard of Bingen



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11 The 13 TH Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Service Rev. Bailey	12 Office Hours Rev. Bailey Vestry 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	13 Church of God 7-9 pm	14 Office Hours Rev. Bailey	15 Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	16 Church of God 7-9 pm	17 Church cleanup 11-5 and Jewelry Workshop 10-2
18 The 14 TH Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Service Rev. Bailey <i>WELCOME BACK POTLUCK</i>	19 Cub Scouts	20 Church of God 7-9 pm	21 Office Hours Rev. Bailey	22 Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	23 Church of God 7-9 pm	24 Magical Mystery Deanery Tour St. Mark's Foxboro 5:30-8:30 pm
25 The 15 TH Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Service Rev. Bailey	26 MOVIE NOAH, THE MUSICAL 7-9 pm Cub Scouts	27 Church of God 7-9 pm	28 Office Hours Rev. Bailey	29 Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	30	

SUNDAYS 2-5 pm
Church of God

COMING EVENTS

October 1st, Saturday, FAIR workshop. Please bring in your Raffle Basket.

October 2nd, Sunday.....Soup and Discussion after church

October 16th, Sunday, Attleboro Crop Walk, check coming events

in the newsletter for more details

OCTOBER 29, 2011 – HARVEST FALL FAIR AND VENDOR FAIR

**Please spread the word to family and friends. See the article
in the newsletter for more details.**