

# Saints Alive!



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## Minister's Message

Greetings,

November is upon us after the lovely weather that we have enjoyed this fall. November always feels like a transitional month to me, not quite winter yet, but fall fades quickly as the golden leaves of the maples end their glory and the bronze of the oaks hang on, making raking a challenge.

And it is a transitional month in the church as well. Year B of our lectionary ends on November 22 and the new year begins on November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent and year C.

November begins with All Saints Sunday, our Name Day. It will be a special day with soup and bread for coffee hour and a Parish meeting. The Vestry set four main goals last January and we want to share with you how successful we have been. We also set three new goals in October and wish to share those and ask for your support. During the summer, pledging remained steady, new pledges came in and we were able to pay our bills all summer and fall. To me that shows a deep commitment to this parish and its ministry and future. We received a matching Stewardship Grant of \$10,000 from the Diocese, in response to our wonderful Pledge Drive last year. We also received a Parish Development Grant that will allow us to enrich our Sunday School, Movie Night, and music programs. Join us on the first, remembering to set your clocks back!

On November 8th during the service we will be starting our Pledge Drive. After church there will be work to do to get organized for the Pulling Together Fair on the 14th. Yvonne and her committee have done a marvelous job of collecting and marking all the items that have come in. We have many gorgeous baskets for the raffle and it should be a wonderful day.

On Saturday the 14th we will gather for the Fair and a sense of community and hard work well done. It will

also be a time of fun and sharing as we welcome those from outside our church to enjoy our hard work and see our building.

On Sunday the 15th we will have a guest preacher Cheryl Rieder from Affinity Hospice and a presentation by Stephanie Isabel during coffee hour on grief. Cheryl as Chaplain has a wonderful empathy and I look forward to her sermon very much.

On Sunday the 22nd we will be celebrating Christ the King Sunday and the conclusion to the season of Pentecost. The sense of Jesus' impending death that we have been following in the Gospels ends on a note of triumph before we move into Advent and our preparations for the coming of God as a human baby at Christmas.

That evening at 7PM we will welcome the Interfaith Community of Attleboro and surrounding communities to our Church for a Thanksgiving Service. We are in charge of refreshments as the host church for this event and I hope that we will be able to sample many cookies and other goodies and share them with the wider community.

On Sunday the 29th Advent begins and there will be one change and one surprise in church that day. The change is to the liturgy from Enriching our Worship, replacing our Book of Common Prayer for the four weeks of Advent. It will be contained in a booklet that we will use each week. We have been using the Confession of Sin from it for several weeks. The newer imagery in it is very suitable for Advent. The surprise you will have to come to church to see!!

As you can see, November will be a very busy month!! Last year we got busier as the year went along. This year we are starting out with new energy and projects. We are growing in strength, spirit and numbers. Come and join us during this month of community and sharing.

Blessings, Bailey

# Warden's Message

Dee and I are so excited with everything happening at church! The fair is fast approaching and so many people PULLING TOGETHER to make this one of the best fairs yet! Mark your calendars November 14<sup>th</sup>! Hopefully everyone has received their tickets to sell for our amazing raffle. Don't forget to bake for the bake table!

November 1<sup>st</sup> we are having a meeting after church to go over the vestry retreat we had and it is so exciting to be able to share the progress we have done over the past year and the new goals we have set for the coming year! Exciting!! We as a community have really made great strides and to see us working together and growing is a blessing from God! Soup will be provided for lunch, all we need is YOU!

We are trying to bring more familiar music to the service so PLEASE let me know what songs you would like to sing at communion.

It is that time again to be thinking of Stewardship and how we can all make a difference in supporting our church. It is not a decision to make lightly or quickly. It is a time for reflection and a time to stop and pray and ask God what is right for you as an individual, family. Remembering it is not just about money, it is about Time, Talent and Treasure. No one can run a household without a certain amount of finances, yes that is also true with a church. Time, Talent and Treasure. We also cannot expect our church to stay a church without the Time and Talent of each member of our Christian family.

Share with God's people who are in need, practice hospitality.....Romans 12:13

Having faith and knowing that God will provide is the most important piece of Stewardship. Trusting that the decision we make has been blessed by what God expects of each of us, knowing he will guide us and allow us to flourish and grow as the loving community we are.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts....Colossians 3:15

All Saint's Episcopal Church wouldn't be here if it wasn't for YOU! Praise God!

Cathy and Dee

# Incentive Grant

All Saints has received \$10,000 from the Diocese as an Incentive Grant for our successful stewardship program last fall. This money will hopefully encourage good stewardship at all Saints Episcopal Church this coming year and is a testament to the hard work so many people have done to make All Saints the growing church that it is.

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THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED  
THE CROP WALK! THE TOTAL  
RAISED WAS \$504!!

## All Saints Episcopal Church 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

# Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to give flowers for the Altar on Sunday can sign up for a specific date on the flower chart in the Parish Hall, call the church office or contact Ruth Gower at 508-222-0963.

# Healing Intercessor

Beginning in October, 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.

# Coffee Hour

Come join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service. Please wear your name tag. If you do not have one – see Mike Lavoie.

# Wanted!

Fred Brewer, the organist is looking for a group of volunteers interested in singing during the offertory on Sundays. If you want to find out more about the All Saints Choir, please speak to Fred on Sundays!

# Member Contact Information

Please take a minute to share your email, birthday, and anniversary information. We would like to update our records and include everyone in the weekly birthday blessings during our prayers. The email addresses will be for use within the parish. Please fill out the orange forms that are found in the Parish Hall. Thank You!

# EUM Training

If anyone is interested in Eucharistic Ministry Training, please see Dee Scott for more information.

# 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.

# Saints Alive Newsletter

Cynthia Edwards & Caitie Medeiros  
Welcome to The All Saints Episcopal Church monthly newsletter! 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 contact either Cynthia or Caitie by email, or leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters."  
Cynthia's Email: [Cyncyn4044@aol.com](mailto:Cyncyn4044@aol.com)  
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**Deadline for the November issue of Saints Alive is November 23<sup>rd</sup>!**



# Dates to Remember

November 1<sup>st</sup>: All Saints Celebration 10:00 am  
Parish Meeting to follow with Soup & Bread  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bible Study 7:15 pm  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Quilting/Crafting 6:00-7:30 pm  
November 6<sup>th</sup> @ AM – 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM: Diocesan  
Convention, Trinity Church, Boston  
November 14<sup>th</sup>: Pulling Together Fair 9 – 3pm  
November 15<sup>th</sup>: Presentation by Affinity Hospice  
November 16<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study 7:15pm  
November 18<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting at 6:30  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving  
Service at 7pm  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Bible Study 7:15 pm  
November 26<sup>th</sup>: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

# November Birthdays

November 1<sup>st</sup>: Chris Askew  
November 8<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Chretien, Orianna Hernandez, Janet Holmes  
November 9<sup>th</sup>: James England, Patricia Westcott  
November 10<sup>th</sup>: Matthew Dudley  
November 13<sup>th</sup>: Jeffrey Dykas  
November 16<sup>th</sup>: Lyn Darling  
November 18<sup>th</sup>: Kim Hernandez  
November 19<sup>th</sup>: Barbara Boynton  
November 24<sup>th</sup>: Drew Nichols

## Birthday Prayer

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.*

## November Prayers

All Saints Day: November 1<sup>st</sup> From BCP Pg. 245

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and Godly living, that we may come to those in effable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Day: November 26<sup>th</sup>: BCP Pg. 246

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## PICK UP TRUCK NEEDED

A refrigerator has been donated for the parish hall and we need a truck to get it to the church. If you can help us please speak to Dee or call the office at 508-222-2233.

## Pulling Together Fair

Set up dates – Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, we will be setting up the tables upstairs for the raffle table and tables for the crafts, plants, and knitting. Wednesday night, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, we will be working downstairs setting up and pricing the “This and That” shops and Grandma’s Attic. Friday night, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we will set up the undercroft and finish pricing. All baked goods can be brought to the church for pricing before the day of the fair or brought in the day of the fair with a price on it. On the day of the Fair, November 14<sup>th</sup>, helpers should be at the church no later than 8:30am to be given their work stations for the day. If you can help on any of the set up days and the day of the fair, please sign up on the sheet at coffee hour with your name and times for the day of the fair and what hours you will be available.

Thank you all for your time and for PULLING TOGETHER. Let us make this the best fair yet! Please call me if you have any questions, Chairperson, Yvonne Dvoske, 508-226-3465

## From the Catechism The Ministry

Q: Who are the ministers of the Church?

A: The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons.

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A: The ministry of the lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church.

Q: What is the ministry of a bishop?

A: The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ’s name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ’s ministry.

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older he/she are able to serve in this ministry. For more information contact Kevin Lingard.

## Adult Choir

Fred is trying to get together a group to sing at services. Contact Bailey Whitbeck or Fred Brewer.

## 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.

## Bible Study

Bible study is held on Monday evenings at 7:15 in the Guild Room. The Bible is explored in depth. Contact John Blenkiron.

## 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 contact Mike Lavoie.

## Nursery

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

## 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. Contact Kathy Doller.

## Ushers & Greeters

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





## NOVEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 am Service Healing Station ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION  <i>PARISH MEETING</i>	2 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron  Cub Scouts	3 Quilting/Crafting 6:00-7:30 pm	4 American Red Cross – Blood Drive – Golden Living Center Cafeteria, 27 George St, Attleboro 2-7 pm  Rev. Bailey in office	5  Boy Scouts	6 Diocesan Convention Trinity Church Boston Start: 9:00 am	7 Diocesan Convention Trinity Church Boston End: 5:00 pm
8 10:00 am Service Sunday School STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	9 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron  Cub Scouts	10	11  Rev. Bailey in office	12  Boy Scouts	13	14 <b>PULLING TOGETHER FAIR</b> 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
15 10:00 am Service Sunday School Healing Station Presentation by Affinity Hospice	16 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron  Cub Scouts	17	18 Vestry Meeting 6:30pm  Rev. Bailey in office	19  Boy Scouts	20	21
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