



Saints Alive!

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January 2010

Minister's Message

Greetings,

Another New Year! After our champagne celebration of the first Sunday of Advent the secular New Year seems like an anticlimax. January was named for the Roman god Janus who had two faces, one looking forward and one backward. That is a good image for us this year as well. We will be having our Annual Meeting on January 31st to elect new leaders to lead us into the future as well as looking back at the past year and all that we have accomplished in our Annual Report. We still need people to add their pledges to those we have received. In order to plan for next year, we need each person's support at what ever level they can.

We have had an amazing year with many people working very hard to raise extra money to get us through the year and to respond to the emergencies of heating and tree removal that ended our year. My being so part time helps the bottom line, but puts a huge strain on the Wardens and Vestry.

We need more leadership in the Church School now that we have more children. I will be having a confirmation class for our young people and an adult discussion group for those who would like to be received or confirmed into the Episcopal Church. Bishop Cederholm will be with us on January 10th. His visit will help us to share our goals with him and listen to any suggestions he may have. Confirmation will be held at St. Thomas Church, Taunton, in May with a retreat with one of our Bishops in March.

Bishop Bud's visit will begin at 9AM with a meeting of those new to All Saints in the last year or so, plus those interested in confirmation. He will be the preacher and celebrant at the 10AM service. He is bringing his guitar, so be ready to join in with heart and voice. There will be a potluck luncheon with time at the end to

ask questions of the Bishop. He will also help us understand what the Bishops mean by being a viable parish. After this discussion, he will meet with the Vestry and hear our concerns and dreams. It will be a long, but enriching day. Bishop Bud has a wonderful way of energizing groups and I can assure you a very special day,

During the season of Epiphany we will be using *Enriching Our Worship* again. We will be using its imagery to reinforce the theme of light that permeates this season. Each week in Epiphany shows us a different aspect of Jesus' divinity. It is a time of wonder. Just as we face snow, ice and darkness, our Sundays will be full of light and hope. Come and join us as we plan for the future,

Blessings, Bailey



Warden's Message

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. *Proverbs 3, 5-6*

As I write my last Warden's message and end my term on the vestry I reflect on the above passage and know that indeed God does direct our paths! We put behind 2009 and begin another year 2010. God has certainly blessed our church in 2009 with many new families, a successful quilting/crafting, yard sale, an amazing PULLING TOGETHER FAIR, just to name a few of the many blessings and accomplishments throughout 2009.

St. Nicholas Day was exciting and fun and a lesson learned! A big Thank You to Nick Wolosewicz for playing St Nicholas, and to all the children and our Sunday school teachers for the story so well played out.

Our Ingathering of Pledges Sunday and Celebration of St. David's generous gifts to All Saints was a mixed blessing. For all Saint's it was a celebration of new signs, gifts of many hymnals, prayer books and other books, being thankful for all God has provided our Parish with. For members of St. David's that attended the service knowing that in a time of bittersweet as they handed down parts of their church that they served and worshiped in for many years had come to an end. Roberta Todd taking the time to make a memory in each prayer book which allows St. David's to live on. God directing our paths, sometimes it may not be the path we see as the path we want to take, but it is the path the Lord knows will bring us to the future he holds for us.

Our Christmas Eve service was beautiful and well attended and prepared our hearts for the birth of Christ on Christmas day. Rev. Bailey is truly a gift from God.

What does 2010 hold for All Saint's Episcopal Church? If we **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct "our" paths. *Proverbs 3, 5-6* More blessing and possibilities than we can fathom! I look forward to taking that journey together with you!

I am thankful for the time I spent on the vestry and the short term fill in as Co-Warden.

Please take time to pray and see if God is leading you to be part of our vestry, whether it be Co-Warden or a member of the vestry. Is God calling you? Want to know more about serving? Ask Rev. Bailey, a vestry member, Dee or myself.

Happy New Year!

Cathy

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ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 31, 2010

The annual meeting will be held after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, January 31, 2010. There will be a Potluck Luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish; there is a sign up sheet at coffee hour.

If you have a report for the Annual Meeting due, please email it or leave it in the secretary's mailbox by January 18th.



Our **Quilting /Crafters Circle** will be meeting on Tuesday, **January 12th** from **6:00- 7:30 pm**. Join us for some fellowship and to work on a great mission project on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions, contact Brooke Wolosewicz 508-226-2309.

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

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 nametag. 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!

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

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 leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters" in the hallway or email to secretary2@verizon.net.

Deadline for the February issue of Saints Alive is January 20th!



Dates to Remember

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST –
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Sunday, January 3rd – 10:00 am Service
A Healing Intercessor will be available at the side altar for the laying on of hands for healing.

Sunday, January 10th, The Rt Rev. Bud Cederholm will be celebrant.
9:00 am – The Bishop will meet with new members and confirmands.
10:00 am – Service followed by a potluck luncheon. Please bring your favorite recipe to share. Following the Potluck Luncheon, he will meet with the vestry.

Monday, January 11th – Bible Study, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, January 12th –
Quilting/Crafting 6:00-7:30 pm

Sunday, January 17th – 10:00 am Service
A Healing Intercessor will be available at the side altar for the laying on of hands for healing.

Monday, January 18th, Bible Study, 7:15 pm

Sunday, January 24th – 10:00 am Service

Monday, January 25th – Bible Study, 7:15 pm

Sunday, January 31st – **ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, February 7th – Boy Scout Sunday

Prayer List

January Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

January 1st: Barbara Dykas
January 3rd: Katharine Cote
January 8th: Alex O'Donnell
January 9th: Deidre Scott
January 13th: James T Scott
January 16th: Joe O'Neil
January 24th: William Braunies
January 25th: Nicole Lavoie
January 25th: Lisa Decker
January 27th: Steven Henriques

Please pray for all those on our prayer list. Priscilla, Bud, Joyce, Mel, the Milhous family, Bowie, Peg, Marion, Pam, Deb, Patricia, Edward, Brendan, Harry, Kay, Janie, Lily, Yvonne, Donna, Lorraine, Heather, Emily, Pat, Logan, Ralph, JoAnn, and Lillian. 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.

Birthday Prayers

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 for those in the Armed Forces of our Country:
BCP page 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 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

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 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.

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 Mike Lavoie.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Top 10 Predictions for 2010

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't It Great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever."
(1 Peter 1:25)

January Prayers

For the New Year: January 1st

O God, Father and Creator: I thank you for all the joy of the year ending; for the things I have learned, the fun I have had, and the love that has been shown me. I ask you now to go with me into the New Year. Let me feel your presence, and teach me to depend on your help. Help me to be more like Jesus Christ in the coming year than ever before.

Epiphany Prayers:

January 6th: The Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
BCP: page 214

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We bring to thee, O God, the best we have and offer it to him who is the Light of the World, for we recognize in him that which makes manifest the hidden things of darkness. Help us to show forth in our own lives such a measure of that Life that other people may be drawn out of the shadows in to the brightness and glory of it. Amen

January 18th: Confession of Saint Peter
BCP, page 238

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

January 25th: Conversion of Saint Paul
BCP, page 238

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

EPIPHANY

From the Greek *epiphaneia*: a manifestation or showing, more particularly of a divine, or a least supernatural, being. The Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, commemorates the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

The Gentiles, which is to say we Gentiles, are personified in this feast by the Magi, or Wise Men from the East, who were the first non-Jews to have contact with Jesus and indeed the first men of any race or nationality to be aware of his divine nature. The Epiphany therefore is a statement of the expansion of men's idea of who and what Jesus was. Throughout the Old Testament there runs the expectation of a Messiah who would someday come to be the leader of the Jews. This feast signifies the removal of any nationalistic limitation on the mission of Jesus and the recognition of him as Saviour of the whole world.

The Feast of the Epiphany began in the East as early as the third century as a memorial of the Lord's baptism in the river Jordan by St. John the Baptist. Matthew 3:16-17 tells that on this occasion the heavens opened and a voice was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Certainly this was a "manifestation."

Within the next hundred years the commemoration had grown to include such other manifestations of Jesus' divinity as his miraculous birth, the visit of the Magi to the manger, and the water-into-wine miracle (his first) at Cana of Galilee.

When the feast was introduced into the Western part of the Church, sometime in the fourth century, the birth, baptism, and first miracle elements were dropped, leaving only the visit of the Magi, the representatives of the Gentile world.

In former times Epiphany was also called Twelfth Day, January 6 being the twelfth day after Christmas. Twelfth Night, an evening of considerable merry-making, was the night before Twelfth Day and would therefore more properly have been called Epiphany Eve.

Taken from *The Episcopalian's Dictionary*

JANUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 2ND Sunday after Christmas 10:00 am Service Sunday School Healing Station	4 Cub Scouts	5	6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Rev. Bailey in office	7 Boy Scouts	8	9
10 Epiphany 1 10:00 am Service The Rt Rev Bud Cederholm Celebrant POT LUCK LUNCHEON	11 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron Cub Scouts	12 Quilting/Crafting 6:00-7:30 pm	13 Rev. Bailey in office	14 Boy Scouts	15	16
17 Epiphany 2 10:00 am Service Sunday School Healing Station	18 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron Cub Scouts	19	20 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm Rev. Bailey in office	21 Boy Scouts	22	23
24 Epiphany 3 10:00 am Service Sunday School	25 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron	26	27	28	29	30
31 Epiphany 4 10:00 am Service Sunday School ANNUAL MEETING	Cub Scouts			Boy Scouts		