

Saints Alive!

All Saints Episcopal Church

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January 2012

Wise Men



Still Seek Him

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

Warden

Kathy Doller

Clerk

Roberta Todd

Treasurer

Barbara Boynton

Vestry Members

Marian Cote

Judy Little

Richard DeCusati

Annual Meeting – January 22nd

The Annual Meeting of All Saints Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 22nd after the 10 A.M. service. At this meeting we will conduct the business of the parish including receiving reports and electing our leaders for 2012. It is particularly important in a small parish like ours that every parishioner be present. Please make every effort to attend.

New Outreach Opportunity

Food `n Friends (Attleboro Area Council of Churches) will be opening a new Family Café (soup kitchen) on January 11th. The program is currently seeking two groups to alternate months for cooking and serving. Four to six people are needed for cooking and another four to five people for serving the food. The Café will run every month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M. Everything will be supplied by the Attleboro Area Council of Churches; the program just needs volunteers to do the work.

Also, needed is a Kitchen Coordinator who can volunteer five to six hours per month to oversee the kitchen.

The Family Cafés are free kitchens for families with children 18 years or younger who need help in stretching their monthly food budget.

The current two Family Cafés have been a great success. If you would like to volunteer at our NEW Family Café, please call Pamela Tarallo, 508-222-2933 or send an email to foodnfriends1@gmail.com.

In the Beginning

We have been showing one movie each month produced by Sight and Sound Theatre, which is a theatre company whose productions “bring the Bible to life”. This month’s movie is “In the Beginning”.

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The History of Epiphany

The day of Epiphany is January 6th and marks the end of the Christmas season. The season of Epiphany runs from January 6 to Ash Wednesday. Epiphany (Greek epiphaneia, “appearance”) is a feast celebrated by the Anglican, Eastern, and Roman Catholic churches. The feast originated and is still recognized in the Eastern Church, as an anniversary of the baptism of Christ. In the Western churches, Epiphany primarily commemorates the revelation to the Gentiles of Jesus Christ the Savior. It is portrayed by the coming of the three wise men (Matthew 2:1-12). In both the Eastern and Western churches, the feast secondarily commemorates the marriage at Cana (John 2:1-12), at which Christ performed his first miracle. Epiphany is known to have been observed earlier than AD 194 and thus earlier than Christmas. It has always been known as a festival of high rank.

The eve of Epiphany is known as the Twelfth Night, and the day itself is sometimes referred to as Twelfth Day. In England, the sovereign commemorates the day by offering gold, frankincense and myrrh at the altar in the Chapel Royal at St. James Palace. In the Eastern Church, the holy water is blessed at Epiphany, a ritual customarily taking place on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter) in the Roman Catholic Church.



A Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song
To recall the right and forgive the wrong,
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past,
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not-worth-while of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer
Is to have and to give a glad New Year.
(author unknown)

A Message From Our Interim Priest

Bailey Whitbeck

Happy New Year Greetings,

Before I write about January, I want to share an exciting event. For the first time in many years we have been able as a parish to use \$500 for outreach. The congregation one week suggested places for our money to go to, and the next week voted the money. Our money went international to Heifer International, statewide to Boston to support a group that Rev. Ron helps out with, and locally to food banks and for heating assistance, and to a local family. It was a wonderful way to end Advent.

Christmas is the mysterious center of our Church year and our faith.

January will start with a short, quiet service without music on the first. There will not be any Sunday School. If you can join us, in the church, that would be a wonderful way to start 2012. It will also be the starting day for our new Caretaker / Sexton Nelson. He worships with the Church of God and is looking forward to his duties. If you see him around the church, introduce yourself. Barbara Dykas has been a faithful servant and she will still be a part of our congregation as a reader and healer.

January 8th is the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord. It is a time to renew our Baptismal Vows. With the children around the altar there is a feeling of joy and wonder each Sunday. The most sacred moments of our liturgy are being shared and are

recreating Jesus' friends who were around the table as he celebrated his last supper on earth with them. Now as we recreate those blessed moments we are inviting all ages and peoples to feel welcome and join us.

The center of the altar rail is being left open to demonstrate our openness. This will also be our soup and discussion Sunday.

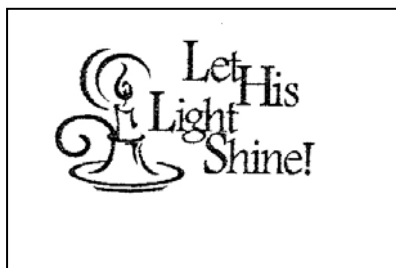
January 15th is the date set aside as Martin Luther King, Jr.'s day. We will be using music from Wonder, Love, and Praise for our service to honor him. If we can get in the right mood, it should be a lively service.

That afternoon we will be host to the Taunton River Deanery from 2-4 P.M. There will be elections, and issues for discussion that affect the whole Deanery.

January 22nd is our Annual Meeting. The budget and plans for next year will be presented. We need many more pledges as costs will go up. I will be with the parish until May 13th. We have a lot to do together before then.

January 29th will be a quiet Sunday. At least I think it will be! As we start off the year with many activities, a quiet day will be welcome. Try to be a part of as many of the activities as possible. The community spirit that is growing is wonderful. If the snow fall allows all this I will be deeply grateful.

Blessings, Bailey





“Hey look! There’s nothing that says the three kings can’t throw on some leather jackets and follow the star on their Harleys. Besides, there’s no way I’m riding all the way to Bethlehem on a camel. Let’s not forget we’re wise men.”

In the Beginning (cont’d from Page 1)

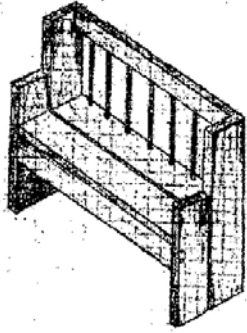
The movie was filmed in high definition before a live audience with spectacular staging and the original soundtrack.

From colorful flowers and animals of every kind, the lush Garden of Eden unfolds in panoramic scope. We will discover with Adam and Eve their delightful surroundings and the wonder of their early relationship with God. We will sense with them what true life really means. Then feel the severe consequences of their disobedience followed by the beginning hope of restoration.

Come and experience, in a dramatic way, the beginnings of who we are today.

P.S.: All Saints people who have seen the previous three films (“Noah the Musical”, “Joseph”, or “Ruth”) but missed one of them have asked that they be shown again because they did not want to miss seeing any of them. Don’t miss this one!

From the DEACON'S Bench



Sarah was born late Christmas night 2010. Darkness had fallen across this portion of our world and the minutes were moving quickly toward a different day. She was born at Sturdy Memorial Hospital, in the modern day birthing environment where all sorts of medical resources are close by and many of the struggles of childbirth can be dealt with in the most scientific of ways and I am grateful for that.

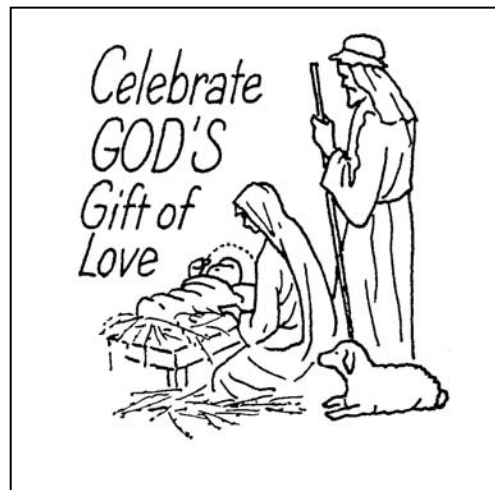
She was born after “Silent Night” had been sung in so many faith communities, after many a fine meal had been eaten, well after the Christmas morning presents had been opened, she was born in the hours when many families had taken to rest for the night. Sarah was born in the quiet of a dimly lit hospital with few around to celebrate her arrival, that is with the exception of her mom and dad and her paternal and maternal grandparents.

I am still struck, a year later, by the love that was evident that night, by the way her parents held her, by the innocence of her very being, by the radiance we all seemed to bask in. I am still struck by the miracle that brought that tiny little creature into the world, in the quiet of that night.

A year later I am still drawn to the image of a manger so many years ago, when quietly, in the middle of all that was going on in the world, a child was born. In my mind I can still see the eyes of that child’s mother and father as they looked down on that fragile little creature they held between them. I still imagine the love alive in that moment, and a certain sense of peace finds its way into my being.

In so many ways our journey begins in the very first breath of that child, Jesus, in his first cry, it begins in the moment when Mary held him to her and their beating hearts comforted one another. The heartbeat of the Creator in eternal rhythm with the created.

Sometimes I think that when the late night has come, and the world around us has grown so much quieter that, if you listen to the stillness, you can hear the divine heartbeat and the cry of the child.





January Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Dykas
- 3 Katherine Cote
- 8 Alex O'Donnell
- 9 Deidre (Dee) Scott
- 13 James Scott
- 13 Robert Betts
- 15 Braylyn Cole
- 16 Joe O'Neil
- 24 William Braunies
- 25 Nicole Lavoie

Meaningful Messages

For almost three years, John Blenkiron has been sending out a weekly Christian inspirational message entitled Meaningful Messages via email. For those who don't have email, he sends out the message by regular mail at no charge to the recipient. A number of All Saints parishioners presently receive these messages.

If you would like to be added to his mailing list, contact John at jblenkir@yahoo.com or call him at 401-598-7267.

If at a later time you decide that you would prefer to not receive these messages any longer, just let him know. No reason is necessary. He will immediately remove your from his mailing list. and assures you that such a decision will not affect your friendship.



Every Sunday (10 A.M.)

Eucharist followed by coffee hour
(January 1st service with no music)

Every Thursday (7 – 9 P.M.)

Praise Music, Healing, Eucharist, and Conversation. For more information, see article on Page 8.

Jan 8th (Sunday) After church service

Soup and Discussion

Jan 9th (Monday) 6 P.M.

Vestry Meeting

Jan 15th (Monday), 2 – 4 P.M.

Taunton Deanery Meeting at All Saints.

Jan 15th (Monday), 7 P.M. promptly

“In The Beginning” A film of the musical performance before a live audience. For more information, see article beginning on Page 1.

Jan 18th (Wednesday)

Deadline for material for February 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 secretary2@verizon.net.

Jan 22th (Sunday) – After church service

(Annual Meeting)

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

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

This is my hope and a prayer for you for each and every day, that by the love and grace of God, we arise in the morning with a sense of hope and faith that carries us through the day. And when we lay ourselves down to sleep at night, that His love enfolds and restores us, so we arise again with hope and anticipation as each new day dawns. This is a never-ending cycle that God has created in his wisdom for this world. This hope and prayer are beautifully represented in an amazing photograph that Rich DeCusati took during one of our Sunday services, which is included on Page 9 of this month's *Saints Alive*.

And so, we enter into yet another period of the renewal of hope, celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day, and look forward to following Him through the coming year.

In January we will hold our Annual Meeting on the 22nd – the fourth Sunday of the month. We are looking for a few more good people to join our leadership team serving All Saints. Roberta Todd, our Clerk and Marian Cote, Vestry member are leading the Nominating Committee efforts to enlist people to serve on the Vestry & join our current Vestry members – Marian Cote, Richard DeCusati and Judy

Little who have done such a super job this year. We also are looking for a Treasurer – Barbara Boynton has been our Treasurer for two years and has done an outstanding job getting our finances in order and leaves everything in great order for her successor. We are very grateful for all her hard work and dedication to All Saints. I encourage everyone to talk to Roberta & Marian and any of our Vestry members and Officers – before or after church or contact by phone, if you are interested in, or want to learn more about, serving on our leadership team.

We will have an Orientation meeting on Monday, January 30th at 6:30 P.M. in the parish hall for all members of our leadership team – continuing and new Vestry members, Officers, and Rev. Bailey & Deacon Ron. This will involve food, of course and will give us some time together to learn about our work serving All Saints, and to organize ourselves so we can work better together during this coming year.

I want to thank each and every one of you, your continuing love, faith, and support are what makes All Saints such a wonderful, warm, caring and nurturing church family.

We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

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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. Bailey.

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 greet parishioners and guests and perform various functions during services. Volunteers are always welcome.

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 \$20 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 with guitarist and vocalist Ken Millette 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

Epiphany is the Season of Light



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Calendar for January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/1 The 1 st Sunday after Christmas Guild Room 10:00 am service (no music)	1/2 Cub Scouts	1/3 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/4 Office hours Rev. Bailey	1/5 Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9 pm	1/6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Church of God 7-9 pm	1/7
1/8 The 1 st Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Sunday School SOUP & DISCUSSION	1/9 Office Hours Rev. Bailey Vestry 6 pm Cub Scouts	1/10 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/11	1/12 Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9 pm	1/13 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/14
1/15 The 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Sunday School Healing Taunton Deanery 2-4 pm	1/16 Movie In the Beginning 7-9 pm Cub Scouts	1/17 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/18 Office hours Rev. Bailey SAINTS ALIVE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	1/19 Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9 pm	1/20 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/21
1/22 The 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Sunday School ANNUAL MEETING	1/23 Cub Scouts	1/24 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/25 Office Hours Rev. Bailey	1/26 Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9 pm	1/27 Church of God 7-9 pm	1/28
1/29 The 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Sunday School	1/30 Cub Scouts	1/31 Church of God 7-9 pm				

Sundays – Church of God 2-5 pm