

Saints Alive!

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Saints Alive Newsletter

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Welcome to the second issue of 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."

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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



A Message from Rev. Bailey

Greetings,

I am writing this when Spring feels near by, but it hasn't come just yet. It is warmer, but still cooler than feels truly Spring-like. But the daffys are out, the forsythia a burst of yellow brightening the road sides and gardens. How wonderful to have yellow as the primary color this time of year, when our souls need to be lifted from the snow, rain, and ice of this past winter. The glory of God revealed in the Resurrection is reflected by this abundance of color. Even after rainy days, we know that the yellow will be there, added to as May goes on with new flowers, new colors, new warmth of sun.

Holy week and Easter may seem long ago, but they were very special this year. Our Wardens and Vestry have worked hard to rebuild and strengthen All Saints. The Sunday School worked hard on our large school of fish which swam from one side of the Nave to the other. The Altar Guild's closing acts on Maundy Thursday were dramatic and heart rending. On Good Friday, both The Rev. Dwight Fortune and the Rt. Rev. Bud Cederholm gave memorable sermons. To then see the Church filled with Memorial Flowers and pansies for the children on Easter was a delight and showed the power of going from the emptiness of the tomb to Resurrection joy. To see the Church filled with young and old, newcomers and old faithfuls was a joy. To know that All Saints is a place of welcome that is felt by many, makes my heart sing. Our small choir added to the Easter service as did Fred Brewers

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GOALS for 2009!*

- 1) Sign and Landscape
 - a. **Vestry** – Money, Presentation, Show Up, Recruit.
 - b. **Clergy** – Cheerleader
 - c. **Congregation** – Show Up, Contribute, Donations, Support, Expertise
- 2) Communication
 - a. **Vestry**- Creating newsletter, Phone Tree, Be Open, Info – clearance
 - b. **Clergy**- Write Articles, Recruit, Follow Through
 - c. **Congregation**- Read, Provide Info, Ask Questions, Input
- 3) Music
 - a. **Vestry**- Define what, Education at Music, Budget
 - b. **Clergy**- Supervision, Select
 - c. **Congregation**- Sing
- 4) Fellowship
 - a. **Vestry** – Find out Interest, Recruit, Delegate, Show Up, Be Example
 - b. **Clergy**- Show Up, Support
 - c. **Congregation**- Attend, Invite, Set Up, Clean Up, Participate

**All Saints' Episcopal Church Vestry Retreat 2009*

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.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are held on Sunday's at 10am.

Healing Intercessor

On the first and third Sundays, a Healing Intercessor will be available at the side alter 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.

use of all the aspects of the organ. What a grand Lent, Holy Week and Easter!

Now Eastertide goes all the way through May. It is not a day or even a season. It is an understanding of God continually working in the world and in our hearts. The first Sunday in May coffee hour will include soup and discussion. The next Sunday is Mother's Day with a 9AM breakfast to honor all the women of the parish. May 16th is the Yard Sale and a time to clean out attics and enjoy the fellowship of those who are selling and those who are buying.

Memorial Day Weekend comes early this year, and no it is not the end of the Church Year!! The next Sunday is Pentecost. This is considered the birthday of the Christian Church as it is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and others still closed in in the upper room. This gift propelled them out into the world to spread the Good News of Christ. Our coffee hour will celebrate by having 6 cakes. Two months will be represented by each cake. Find your month and meet the people born at the same time. It is a way to meet new people or find out something about a person you have known for years!

At the beginning of the month I will be attending my 30th Reunion at the Episcopal Divinity School. I can't believe it has been that long. I know many priests who have enjoyed their work and many who never found their true calling. I feel very blessed to have had an unusual ministry which has taken me to 15 parishes all over the Diocese. I have seen the richness of Lay ministries. I have seen people come alive in their understanding of their faith and role it can play in their lives. I have shared the grief at the loss of a beloved relative or friend. It is an honor to be accepted by a parish and to help it move into the future. That is one of the main roles of an Interim, to always be looking into the future and where a church can go and how it can grow. For 30 wonderful years, beginning at Grace Church, Newton, I have been blessed with a ministry I love and work that is fulfilling. Like Easter, this reunion is only a marker on the journey. With God's help I will continue to minister in God's Church and yours.

Blessings,
Bailey

Save The Date!

May 2nd: Quilters/Crafters Circle 9 – 11am
May 3rd: Soup & Discussion after 10am service
Baptism during 10am service
May 9th: Church Yard Cleanup
May 10th: Mother's Day Breakfast 9am
May 16th: Bake Table & Yard Sale 9-3pm & AACC
Bike Ride. Taunton - LaSalette
May 17th: Scrapbooking with Creative Memories
11:30am
May 29th: Movie Night 6:30pm
May 31st: Pentecost – Birthday Cakes following 10am service

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.

Bake Table & Yard Sale

A Bake Table and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 16th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Last year we enjoyed the fellowship while FUNdraising! Please no large furniture or mattresses. If you have any questions regarding this event, or would like information, speak with Barbara Dykas 508-761-5526.

For A Birthday

From The Book of Common Prayer 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.

May Birthdays

1st: Lindsey Decker
3rd: Suzanne Goodwin
4th: Frederick Moehle
12th: William Darling , Barbara England
14th: Nick Wolosewicz
21st: Sybil Bibeault
23rd: Cindy Akers, Matt O' Neil
25th: Ruth Gower, Linda Paquin
29th: Becky Dailey
31st: Priscilla Hall



100th Birthday Remembrance

Long time parishioner Irv Sargent would have been 100 years old on May 2nd. There are many of us who remember Irv's warm smile and his loving hugs for anyone who came through the church door.

Shopping Event A Success!!

All Saints Episcopal Church held a Mothers Day Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, April 11th from 9am – 1pm. The event included representatives from companies such as Mary Kay, PartyLite, Silpada, Tastefully Simple, & Creative Memories to name just a few. The event raised a total of \$700!! All proceeds from this event is going towards renovating our Nursery Room as well as redeveloping a faith based program for children age 0 -3 and their parents.

Monthly Warden's Report

"Whosoever trustest in the Lord, happy is he."
Proverbs 16:20

Greetings! April Showers Bring May Flowers! You wouldn't know it by today though, as I write this it is an absolutely beautiful day outside and not a cloud in the sky. Happy Spring! A lot has been happening in the past month and it brings me such joy to bring such great news! The outside of the church was spruced up by the BoyScouts on March 29th and the weekend following they had their open house signups. What a great job they did.

April 4th we wrapped gift baskets in the morning for the vendors fair the following weekend. While we were wrapping, we discussed the Fall Fair in November- everyone had such great ideas! Please consider joining our team in planning. The more ideas the better. To have a successful event, we need lots of people to make that happen. Please see me if you have any ideas, or would like to be a part in any way of the festivities.

When I asked for creative ideas in fundraising, Caitie Edwards came up with the idea of a vendor fair—I loved it! We went for it and it was a huge success with a total profit of \$700.00. We had 18 vendors that day and a wide variety for shopping. The vendors asked when we were having another one! We will be having more fundraising events in future months.

Holy Week services were absolutely perfect. Bailey is an absolute joy to listen to and her sermons always leave a message with you long after services end. Maundy Thursday with the stripping of the Altar was beautifully done. I was glad to be part of it. It was such a powerful, spirit filled, inspiring thing to watch and be part of. Both Good Friday services at 12 and 7 PM had a good turn out. Bishop Bud attended the 7 PM. His Homily – Were you there? Every word that he spoke is imprinted in my mind. We sang "Were You There?" which I hadn't sang in a long time. The words are very powerful and very perfect for Good Friday. They really make you think. Thank you Bishop Bud.

After a very successful Saturday for the Vendors Fair, Easter morning greeted us with a great breakfast downstairs in the undercroft. The food was wonderful and I loved seeing new faces join us in fellowship. Thank you to Terry and Jim for picking up, donating, and cooking for us. Mike made wonderful potatoes – they were yummy. Our next breakfast is to celebrate Mothers' Day on May 10th prior to service at 9 AM. We will probably have that one upstairs in the parish hall. I'll make sure to announce it at the service the week before. *(continued on page 4)*

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John Blenkiron has resumed Bible study on Monday evenings at 7:15 - 8 PM. Please consider coming if you haven't. It is easy to pick up every week. I have missed a week or so in between and I am able to catch up where it was left off. Even if you haven't opened a Bible in a long time, John makes it easy to understand the scripture that is presented in a new light. So don't be afraid that you are not going to understand what is said because you will. If you don't, he stops and does explain by showing other scriptures that relate to what is being said. I have learned so much by attending. I strongly urge everyone to try it at least once. There's no minimum or maximum amount of times that anyone has to attend. I know you will love it and after the first, you'll want to return again and again.

Baptisms are always a joyous event. It is wonderful to see one; on April 19th there were three! Three wonderful little boys. I was blessed to be part of the service that day. Bailey makes it extra special by having the children that are present bless the water with her.

Once a month we have our Vestry meeting, this past meeting we voted to get a new copier. The one we have is reaching a million copies and has had to be serviced a number of times in the past month. The new copier will also save us not only time, but money as well. Over \$40.00 a month. We also voted to sponsor a mile for the Attleboro Area Council of churches bike ride which is on May 16th, the same day as our yard sale. We will have a mile marker in our name and on the advertisement. Once you have shopped at the yard sale, please consider standing at our mile marker (as soon as I know where it is, I'll let you know) and waiving to the bikers as they go past to show your support. It is amazing to see the hundreds of bikes go by.

Anyone is welcome to attend any of our Vestry meetings—our next one is May 7th at 6:30, if you have any interest in learning more about what we do, please let me know when you would like to come.

Friday April 17th, the movie FlyWheel was shown in the Guild room on my makeshift screen using a projector. There was pizza, drinks, and goodies to eat while watching. We had a short discussion after the movie. Everyone loved it- you do cry while watching it, but at the same time a few laughs. Everyone is welcome to attend, join in fellowship and laughs and enjoy each others company. If you have any suggestions on a movie that should be shown, please see me. Next movie night will be outside on the lawn shown on the side of the garage (weather permitting). Date to be determined.

In the month of May, the Congregational Development Grant (CDG) is due. If there is anyone who has grant writing experience or can offer any ideas of what to include in the grant, please come see me. Kathy Doller has offered to put the grant together for submission by May 16th. This is a great opportunity to receive grant money from the Diocese and fund /use the monies to grow and develop the parish.

Next month-- news from Mike Lavoie. We are alternating months in writing so that you can hear from both wardens. In closing, I want to leave you with one quote, there are many that I just love that are posted all over my work computer, but this one stuck out for this month, I hope you like it. This is from Mary Kay Ash, the founder of Mary Kay Skin Care and Cosmetics. **"God didn't have time to make a nobody, only a somebody. I believe that each of us has God-given talents within us waiting to be brought to fruition."**

Blessings,
Dee Scott

Choir Members Needed

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!

Crafting & Quilting Circle

The members of the Quilting and Crafting Circle announced their meeting dates for the rest of 2009. They are as follows: May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, August 8th, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th.

In addition to quilting, members also participate in all manner of crafting in preparation for the annual Fall/Christmas Fair. Please join us, we are a fun group!

The next meeting will be on May 2nd from 9am – 11am. For more information, contact Brooke Wolosewicz at 508-226-2309.

Movie Night

Movie Night will be held on Friday, May 29th at 6:30. Movie to be announced. Drinks and some snacks will be provided, but we are asking for people to bring along a snack or dessert item to share.

Christian & Episcopal Links

All Saints Episcopal Church Website
<http://www.all-saints-episcopal.org/>

Other Websites...

Upcoming Scripture Lessons
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/>

The Episcopal Diocese Website
<http://www.diomass.org/>

The Daily Office
<http://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

Forward Day By Day
www.forwardmovement.org

From The Catechism

Q: What are we by nature?

A: We are part of God's creation, made in the image of God.

Q: What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

A: It means that we are free to make choices; to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.

Q: Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?

A: From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and wrong choices.

Q: Why do we not use our freedom as we should?

A: Because we rebel against God, and we put ourselves in the place of God.

Q: What help is there for us?

A: Our help is in God.

From The Book of Common Prayer, Page 845

For the Unemployed...

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

From The Book of Common Prayer, Page 824

The Episcopal Diocese Website
<http://www.diomass.org>
<http://www.missionstclare.com/epdialab/>
Forward Day By Day
www.forwardmovement.org

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 pew in the back of the church.

Member Contact Information

Please take a minute to share your email and birthday 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!

Bible Study

Bible Study is held on Monday nights at 7:15. The study is led by John Blenkiron and meets in the Guild Room.

Scrapbooking Demo at All Saints

Barbara Couchon from *Creative Memories* will teach us some great new scrapbooking ideas including digitalizing and photo storage. All Saints has started a bulletin board showcasing members and their families in the parish hall and would like to continue the project. Everyone is invited to this event in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 17th at 11:30 following the service.

PartyLite Fundraiser

Jen Karamanian from PartyLite will be at All Saints on Sunday, June 14th at 11:30am to kick off our first summer fundraising event. She will be selling products directly out of the catalog, as well as introducing us to the fundraising package that PartyLite offers. All Saints will receive a profit from both catalog sales made that day, as well as on the products we sell within the fundraising period. More information will be available mid May.