

Saints Alive!



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January 2011

Minister's Message... Bailey Whitbeck, Interim

Happy New Year Again!! One New Year is in September when we gather together for Church School and our numbers grow after the summer. Advent is the New Year of the Church with new Lectionary readings and our celebration with noise makers and champagne! Now it is 2011! Where did that first decade of the new millennium go? But here is a New Year and it will mean changes at All Saints.

Our Vestry has worked hard for the last three years to raise the money, pay the bills, do the work, hear your concerns and hold things together. Now, most of them have come to the end of their terms and we need to start over with new ideas and new energy. Our motto for this year: "Re-store...Re-new...Re-energize!" needs to become real in the life of our church. This is a pivotal year. Can we go forward as a Parish? Can we grow and find the money to pay our bills so that we can be a place of faith and spiritual rest in the center of Attleboro? Can we find the people to do the day to day work of the parish? I hope we can find the resources we need in people and energy to reach a new level.

We have received two grants at the end of the year from the Diocese. We have also taken \$20,000 out of our invested money to give us the resources we need to get repairs done and start the year with all our bills paid. This new effort will take at least a year. We need to explore who we are, our mission in Attleboro and how best to move forward.

We now have the money to be trained in Godly Play, a Church school program for 3-6 year olds, the growing edge in our Church School. Let me know if you are interested in a 'hands on' approach to teaching our children with visual story boards. It draws the students into the story. It's fun to do. Erin will remain in the nursery for our littlest ones. Mike Lavoie will work with our older children until Jim Scott is well enough to return.

January 9th is our celebration of the Baptism of our Lord with a baptism of our own. Bryar Garrett will join the Christian faith in this very special new way. It should be a joyous way to start the New Year.

January 16th Cynthia Hubbard will be with us to help us learn more about ourselves. She has a very upbeat approach to parish life. We can not do the work of this year without outside support, guidance, and education.

January 23 we hope to have a set of tables that will explain various aspects of parish life that need to be covered in the coming year. My hope is that each person can find a small piece of parish life that he or she can help with. If we can each find a role in the church, small enough to be helpful but not overwhelming, we can involve more people to feel apart of All Saints and get the work done that needs to be done.

January 30th is our Annual Meeting where we look back at all that we have accomplished, thank the Warden and Vestry for their extraordinary hard work of the last three years, choose new leaders for the coming year, and see the budget that has been approved by the Vestry.

It will be an exciting year if we can pull this new way of being with each other off. It is a challenge. The future of All Saints depends on people stepping up accepting a piece of the work. But I think we can do it.

Come and enjoy our journey in Christ this year. With Jesus at our center there is nothing we can't do. I am convinced God wants this parish to be in the heart of Attleboro. We have God's love and support. As disciples of Jesus we have our work cut out for us. We have support from the Diocese. We have our faith in God and in each other. We have all the pieces. Now we need to put them together into a beautiful mosaic.

Blessings,

Rev. Bailey

COMING EVENTS

Sunday School WILL START AGAIN ON JANUARY 9TH, 2011 in the Guild Room with Mike Lavoie for the older children
AND Professional Nursery & pre-school care is available on January 9th through the parish hall in the nursery.

PLEASE MAIL OR BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARDS AND PUT YOUR LEAF ON OUR GROWING TREE



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
ANNUAL MEETING
PLEASE HAVE YOUR
REPORTS
INTO THE OFFICE BY
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 12TH**

**BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD,
7:00 pm IN THE GUILD ROOM
COME ENJOY THE
FELLOWSHIP
AS WE EXPLORE THE
BIBLE**



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 or email to secretary2@verizon.net. Thanks! Cindy Edwards, Editor.

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

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.

Church Calendars

Church calendars are now available in a basket on the Parish Hall counter. There is a manila envelope in the basket for calendar donations. Thank you!



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.

From the Catechism... p. 855 BCP

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

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

Q What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given to 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 duty of all Christians?

A. The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

January Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Barbara Dykas	1/01
Katherine Cote	1/03
Alex O'Donnell	1/08
Deidre Scott	1/09
James T. Scott	1/13
Braylyn Cole	1/15
Joe O'Neil	1/16
William Braunies	1/24
Nicole Lavoie	1/25
Lisa Decker	1/25

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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

Confession of Saint Peter

January 18

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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 his 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list. Jim, Priscilla, Joyce, Mel, Bowie, Peg, Marion, Pam, Deb, Patricia, Edward, Brendan, Janie, Yvonne, Pat, Lillian, Eldon, Wendy, Art, Paul, Harold, Gloria, Ruth, Judy, Pauline, Jim, Filiberto, the Cole Family, Bobby, Helen and Laura.

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.

Hymn 91 Words: Johann Rist

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, greet that glorious sight, our Lord a crib adorning.
This child, this little helpless boy, shall be our confidence and joy,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

Hymn 127 Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?)

*Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;
See them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.
Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at thy glad epiphany,
Unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be.*

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.

Bible Study

Bible study is held on Monday evenings at 7:00 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.

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.

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.*

By Dr. Mark D. Roberts—www.TheHighCalling.org

And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News (2 Timothy 1:10).



January 6th is Epiphany this year, the day after the twelve-day celebration of Christmas (or, in some liturgical calendars, the twelfth day of the Christmas season). The English word “Epiphany” comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means “appearing” or “revealing.” Epiphany focuses on God’s self-revelation in Christ. On this day, some Christian traditions pay special attention to the visit of the Magi. Other traditions focus on the baptism of Jesus, especially the voice from heaven that identifies Jesus as God’s Son. In either case, the emphasis is upon God making himself known to the world through Jesus, the divine Son.

The theological essence of Epiphany is found in 2 Timothy 1:10: “And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.” If you were reading this verse in Greek, you’d find the word *epiphaneia* where we have “appearing.” God has made “all of this” plain to us through the epiphany of Christ.

But what is “all of this”? We find an answer in the previous verse: “For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.” The original language makes it clear that “all of this” is God’s plan (or purpose) and grace. In other words, though Jesus, God not only reveals himself to us, but also reveals his plan to save us, a plan that centers in his grace. The gracious plan of God reflects and confirms his gracious character.

If we want to know God, we must turn our eyes to Jesus. In his words and deeds, and most of all in his sacrificial death, he reveals God to us. On this day of Epiphany, let us thank God for making himself known to us in such a marvelous way. And let us renew our commitment to sharing this good news with the world.

The Three Kings

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Three Kings came riding from far away,
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,
And they travelled by night and they slept by day,
For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.

The star was so beautiful, large and clear,
That all the other stars of the sky
Became a white mist in the atmosphere,
And by this they knew that the coming was near
Of the Prince foretold in the prophecy.

Three caskets they bore on their saddle-bows,
Three caskets of gold with golden keys;
Their robes were of crimson silk with rows
Of bells and pomegranates and furbelows,
Their turbans like blossoming almond-trees.

And so the Three Kings rode into the West,
Through the dusk of the night, over hill and dell,
And sometimes they nodded with beard on breast,
And sometimes talked, as they paused to rest,
With the people they met at some wayside well.

"Of the child that is born," said Baltasar,
"Good people, I pray you, tell us the news;
For we in the East have seen his star,
And have ridden fast, and have ridden far,
To find and worship the King of the Jews."

And the people answered, "You ask in vain;
We know of no King but Herod the Great!"
They thought the Wise Men were men insane,
As they spurred their horses across the plain,
Like riders in haste, who cannot wait.

And when they came to Jerusalem,
Herod the Great, who had heard this thing,
Sent for the Wise Men and questioned them;
And said, "Go down unto Bethlehem,
And bring me tidings of this new king."

So they rode away; and the star stood still,
The only one in the grey of morn;
Yes, it stopped—it stood still of its own free will,
Right over Bethlehem on the hill,
The city of David, where Christ was born.

And the Three Kings rode through the gate and the guard,
Through the silent street, till their horses turned
And neighed as they entered the great inn-yard;
But the windows were closed, and the doors were barred,
And only a light in the stable burned.

And cradled there in the scented hay,
In the air made sweet by the breath of kine,
The little child in the manger lay,
The child, that would be king one day
Of a kingdom not human, but divine.

His mother Mary of Nazareth
Sat watching beside his place of rest,
Watching the even flow of his breath,
For the joy of life and the terror of death
Were mingled together in her breast.

They laid their offerings at his feet:
The gold was their tribute to a King,
The frankincense, with its odor sweet,
Was for the Priest, the Paraclete,
The myrrh for the body's burying.

And the mother wondered and bowed her head,
And sat as still as a statue of stone,
Her heart was troubled yet comforted,
Remembering what the Angel had said
Of an endless reign and of David's throne.

Then the Kings rode out of the city gate,
With a clatter of hoofs in proud array;
But they went not back to Herod the Great,
For they knew his malice and feared his hate,
And returned to their homes by another way.

Senior Meals

Sturdy Memorial Hospital has hot senior meals available for \$4.50 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. in their cafeteria. For more information call Sturdy Hospital at 508-222-5200.

Free Family Dinner

The Attleboro Area Council of Churches through its FOOD “n” FRIENDS program will be offering a FREE family dinner each month at the Family Café at the Evangelist Covenant Church, 841 North Main St. (route 152) Attleboro on the last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 P.M. and also at Living Waters Church, 15 John Diestch Blvd., North Attleboro on the last Saturday of every month at 6:00 P.M. Crafts and activities will be available for children. Walk-ins are welcome but advance notice is helpful. Call 508-222-2933. Adults must be accompanied by a child under age 28.

24th Annual Celebration of *Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*, Monday January 17th, 1:00 pm, Municipal Program at Attleboro City Hall, 2:00 pm, and then an Interfaith Service, “Hope in Action: Dr. King’s Blueprint for Change”, Memorial Baptist Church, 340 Central Avenue, Seekonk, MA. The keynote speaker will be Ed Cardoza, M.A. Min. Partners in Health. Please bring a donation for the Council of Churches Breakfast Program: cereal, canned fruit, juice boxes, etc.

Attleboro Sings! – A warm gathering on a cold night for the whole community, Saturday, January 29th. At the First Baptist Church of Attleboro, 118 S. Main St., there will be a HYMN SING from 6:45-7:45 pm. Before the Hymn Sing there will be a potluck supper at 6:00 pm, bring a dish to share. Parking is behind the church. Contact Janice at J-beck@comcast.net, if you have any questions or would like to request a particular hymn.

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An invitation - The Right Reverend Roy C. Cederholm will preside at a worship service, The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector in which he will bless the ongoing ministry of all baptized people of Trinity Church and institute and induct The Rev. Natasha Franziska Stewart as the 36th Rector of Trinity Church, Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00 pm, Trinity Church, 91 Main St., Bridgewater, MA. A reception of light fare and desserts will follow, please RSVP by Sunday January 2, 2011

JANUARY 2011

							1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2 2 nd Sunday after Christmas 10:00 am Service Rev Bailey Healing Station	3 Bible Study Guild Room 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	4 Church of God 7-9 pm	5 Rev. Bailey office hours 10-5	6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	7 Church of God 7-9 pm	8	
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