

Saints Alive!

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Saints Alive... Again!

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Welcome to the first 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,

It is so great to have a Newsletter!! Cindy Edwards and Caitlin Medeiros are doing a wonderful thing for communication within the parish. As we learn what people want in this letter and gather your thoughts together in future Newsletters, it will grow and develop. With the Vestry working hard, a new organist, Fred Brewer, and a developing choir, the Church School raising money by selling colorful fish for the Heifer Lenten Project, the delicious Pancake Luncheon put on by several men of the parish, All Saints is feeling more and more like "Saints Alive." Cathy Lavoie is working with Linda Airey to keep our web site updated. Better communications is one of the goals of the Vestry Retreat.

Eleven people stayed after church for the continuing Lenten program and others who were not able to be with us will join us in coming weeks. The Rev. Dwight Fortune will be doing the Wednesday noon Eucharist and a program on the 23rd Psalm and Jesus as the Good Shepherd. John Blenkiron continues the Monday night Bible Study. *Continued on page 2*

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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*

Alter Flowers

Anyone wishing to give flowers for the Alter 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.

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The Rev. Brad Hultman will be the celebrant for March 22 and 29 and will be the leader for the Lenten programs those Sundays. I will be on vacation with my husband, Phil, for those two weeks, but will be back in time for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Lent is usually a time to slow down. A time to review our lives and search for ways to be closer to our Lord. But this Lent has felt very different to me. We do not seem to be slowing down! It has been full of flowers on the Altar that have helped to raise our spirits as we have faced storms weekend after weekend. Fred has brought back the Doxology and will be adding extra music to the service. Marie Lee, as our temporary organist, did a faithful job of carrying us through very hard times. More and more people are coming forward to volunteer. Lent is a time of renewal and that is what is happening to us. Not all will feel this way at the same time. We have been through a great deal as a parish during these past few years. Recovery takes time and patience. But the spirit that I have found at All Saints is inspirational. We are slowly growing in numbers, but as important, we are growing as a community based in our faith in Jesus Christ. Faith has carried us through very dark places. Dwight's choice of looking at the 23rd psalm is significant. We are coming through the valley of the shadow of death as we move toward Easter. The Lenten symbols that The Rev. Bill Underhill began are again on display thanks to the hard work of the Altar Guild. What a joyous Easter we will celebrate!

Join us on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and for the social and outreach events listed in the calendar. Join us in worship and in community. Let the discipline of Lent bring you closer to our Lord and to each other.

Blessings,
Bailey O. Whitbeck, Interim



Save The Date!

April 4th & 11th: Church Yard Clean Up

April 5th: Palm Sunday (Service will begin in the Parish Hall)

April 9th: Maundy Thursday 7pm Service

April 10th: Good Friday Liturgy 12pm Church will be open until 3pm.

April 12th: Easter Day Breakfast 9am, Service at 10am

May 10th: Mother's Day Breakfast 9am in the Parish Hall. 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.

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.

March Birthdays

3: Arthur Taylor, Sandra Allard, Noah O' Neil

12: Kaylee Henriques, Chris O' Neil

14: Kevin Lingard, Karen Kull

17: Matthew Lavoie

19: Amy Simoneau, Charles Thomae

23: Addie Moxham, Mavis Ogg

27: Yvonne Dvoske

29: Allison Jaques



March Church Events

Lenten Program

On March 1st after a light lunch, the Lenten program will be held from 11:30am- 1:00pm. The program will be held on five consecutive Sunday's ending on March 29th. Lenten topics will be: Anglican 101, Episcopal 101, The Prayer Book and two weeks of Pastoral Theology with Brad Hultman. To attend, please sign the sheet in the Parish Hall.

Lenten Services

Lenten Services will be held at noon on Wednesdays in the Guild Room. The Celebrant is the Rev. Dwight Fortune. This will begin on March 4th and continue through April 1st.

Quilting & Crafting Circle

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 9am to 12pm. Please join us for fellowship and to work on a great mission project! You may even bring your own project to work on.

Contact: Brooke Wolosewicz at 508-226-2309 or the church office with any questions.

The Quilting/Crafters is still in need of a sewing machine! If anyone is willing to donate a portable

sewing machine in working condition, contact Brooke

From the Wardens Desk...

How wonderful to have a newsletter again! Many changes are around us all at All Saints' and all of them are exciting! Since the Annual Meeting in January, we have brought into the New Year strong focus and goals that will be met this year. The goals are posted in the Parish hall; I am hoping you have had a chance to see them. If you have not, please take a few minutes to read them over and feel free to ask any questions. The wall in the parish hall is filling with all our parish families. Scrapbooking has become a regular event each month now. Join in the fun. If you need some pictures of yourself, let me know and I will be glad to take some for you (I usually have my camera with me).

February 22 the men of the parish put on a very successful pancake luncheon where fellowship was very evident. My favorite was the M&M pancakes. A very big Thank you goes out to Terry Edwards, Jim Scott, Phil Allard, David Difiore, and Matt Taylor for your time and dedication in making that day so wonderful. I look forward to the many more breakfasts and luncheons this year. The next one is Easter breakfast before service on April 12 between 9 -10 AM. If you would like to help out, please see me or Mike.

Come join us the first two weekends in April for the clean-up. Bring your rake if you have one! Let's hope for no snow. Spring should be here by then. We can make the outside of the church as beautiful as the inside. Even if you don't have a green thumb, like me, you are needed. If you do have a green thumb, come teach those of us who don't.

Look for movie night starting again- I already picked out a new movie. What better way to spend a night than popcorn, pizza, and a good movie with friends. I can promise you it isn't *Cold Comfort Farm*. Although that movie is now on my watch again list –LOL. That movie was on cable about 12 more times after Bishop Harris visited us. I finally got the humor in it after watching it a few times. If anyone has a movie suggestion that they would like to see on the list, let me know. I'll add it.

Mike and I will rotate writing our news every month. I tend to be longwinded as everyone knows --- I just love to talk!

Yours in Christ,
Dee Scott



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

Spiritual Life Center at Trinity Church, Wrentham...

-Labyrinth Walk, Friday & Saturday, March 6th & 7th.
Walk times are Friday evening from 7 – 9pm and
Saturday morning from 9 – 11am.

-Lenten Quiet Evening: Friday, April 3rd. A soup supper
will be followed by meditations on a Lenten theme.

-Healing Workshop: Friday, April 24th from 7 – 9. This
will be led by Pat Warren.

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