

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

DECEMBER 2023

ALL SAINTS

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Dear All Saints,

Happy December! This month we enter Advent and celebrate Christmas. Christmas. A wonderful time. God came to earth at Christmas. Immanuel, God with us, Jesus was called. The second person of the Trinity, the Son, took on human flesh. He is forever mankind, while yet, still God. Humanity untarnished; deity undiminished. Awesome!

Advent is the period of waiting. It means “coming.” It is preparation for the coming of Jesus. The lectionary readings for this season are “telescopic.” They reference His first coming at the Incarnation while at the same time referencing His second coming, the Parousia. He first comes in grace; He comes finally in glory.

Advent is unique, perhaps paradoxical. We wait, while at the same time, we are there--we have arrived. We already know this One who is coming, and yet we wait to “see Him as He is.” We are already forgiven, declared righteous in God’s sight, yet we wait to be one day fully glorified like our Lord and Savior. During the season of

Advent we look, expectantly, for Him to come. And yet, He comes each time we hear the Gospel preached and receive the sacraments of Baptism and the Supper. We live in this present age, and yet, at times the age to come intersects where we live. Awesome.

Christ has come. Christ is coming. Look for Him. Be ready for Him. Trust Him. Compline gives us some good advice as we wait: “Guide us waking, O Lord, and

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guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.”

This is a beautiful season. Enjoy it in every way. Food. Fellowship. Festival. Family. Most of all, rest. Rest in Him who has made celebration a good thing. Christ has come. Christ is coming. Rejoice! *Fr Rick*

PLEDGE REMINDER

It's that time of the year again when the topic of pledging arises. It is not easy to ask people for money. However, it is necessary and All Saints hopes that our members will prayerfully fill out their pledge cards so that the Vestry can move forward in producing as accurate a budget as possible. Without a clear picture of the funds that are committed, we can not know what kind of financial base we can count on for 2024. There are bills to be paid, salaries to be paid, projects to complete, etc. Jesus said that wherever we put our treasure, we can find our hearts. And by extension, we might say that wherever we decide to put our treasure, our hearts will follow. Please prayerfully fill out your pledge cards and return them by Sunday, December 3.

SECRET SISTERS SANTA



You should have received the name of your Secret Sister by email. If you have not, please contact Margie. Reminder of how it works: there are no rules as to what you are to give, with one exception: we have a spending cap of \$20. Other than that, it is entirely up to you what to give. You may buy something, make something, bake something...whatever you want. It is your gift to your All Saints Sister. Our REVEAL Party this year (where we will exchange and reveal presents over wine and coffee) will be at Margaret Buford's home on Thursday, December 21, at 1 pm. Bring your present and a snack to share. Please park at Christ of the Hills church and carpool, as parking is limited at her house. If you cannot make the party, please bring your present to the church and we will see that it gets to the party. (And we will get your gift to you!) This is a wonderful time of fun and laughter and togetherness. *Margie and Virginia*

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TIPS ON WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Narthex (the entrance area) before service should be a quiet area before service. It would be great if after you are greeted, that you proceed to the Fellowship Hall for conversation (maybe coffee and a cookie if you get there early enough!)

The blessed or holy water as you enter the sanctuary is there to be used to remind ourselves of our baptism by dipping a finger into the bowl and performing the sign of the cross.



How to make the sign of the cross: First, place our hand as in the picture with three fingers together, with two fingers folded down toward the palm. The three fingers together symbolize the three Persons of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the two fingers together symbolize the divine and human natures of Jesus Christ. With your hand in position, trace Christ's cross upon your head (center of forehead), heart (center of chest), left shoulder, right shoulder.

How to Receive Holy Communion: Receive the bread:



You may kneel at the rail to receive unless you are physically unable. Kneeling or standing, place your hands flat with palms up to receive the bread. The minister will say the words of administration, "*The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.*" Your response is "*Amen*" You can bow your head if you would like to avoid eye contact, and that is fine. Or you can choose to make eye contact, and that is fine as well. Lift your hands to your mouth (not using your fingers to hold the bread) and eat the bread. Many people make the sign of the cross before receiving each element (the bread and the wine). Others make the sign of the cross after receiving both elements. You do not have to make the sign of the cross, and you can make the sign of the cross. This is not a rule, it is a custom.

Receive the wine: This is where you need to be ready. As the wine approaches you, put out your hands to guide the chalice to your lips, and drink. The chalice bearer is

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suppose to keep hold the chalice with you, so that neither of you spills the wine. However, sometimes they will completely hand you the chalice. Either way, just try to make sure that the chalice doesn't get dropped. The chalice bearer will also say the words of administration "*The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.*" Your response, either before or after drinking is "*Amen.*"

Intinction (dipping): If you choose to do this, you receive the bread as stated above. Then you take the bread between your fingers, and dip it slightly into the wine, before placing it in your mouth.



Receiving a blessing instead of Holy Communion: Adults who are not baptized, or who are not going to receive, can come forward to receive a blessing. If you like to do so, cross your chest and you will receive a blessing.

DID YOU KNOW?

In November 2003, the first official position in All Saints Anglican Church was established. An Outreach Chair (*Carolyn Bromaghim*) was unanimously elected within the 1st 30 days.

There was no priest, no vestry, no deacons, no bishop oversight, and no hymnals. Yet the unanimous focus was to reach out to those less fortunate.

The official name was All Saints Anglican Fellowship. Why? First, because all Anglican leaders in the USA required 50 members to be a church. Our 49 members dropped to 36 within days of the church's beginning. Second, suggested names included St. This and St. That. To include all the suggestions, the name All Saints was selected. All Saints Day became the obvious choice for all paperwork requiring a date of organization.

All Saints first Outreach Project was serving meals to the homeless at Master's Table in Hot Springs. (*Now closed*)

The 2nd Outreach Project was with Harvey's Chapel's outreach to the struggling area of Mountain Pine.

Both were in December 2003 and church participation was overwhelming.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023



Sunday, November 12, was a special day at All Saints. We welcomed two new members, Theresa and Billy Aughtry, as members to join with us in worshipping God, hearing His Word and sharing His Table, by fellowshiping together, and to proclaim the Good News of God in Jesus Christ through word and deed. All Saints is thankful to God for sending them our way.

All Saints also installed our new Verger, Justin Pierce. For those not familiar with the role of a Verger, the position of Verger first evolved in medieval England where a man served as “Protector of the Procession”. He led and protected the Clergy, Deans or Bishops as they processed within the precincts of the church or cathedral. As a sign of liturgical authority vested in his Office, the Verger carried a large mace known as a “Virge”. The Virge was often used to dissuade animals or unruly people from disrupting the procession. Vestiges of this tradition still exist throughout the Anglican Communion as Vergers leading processions have the staff they carry as a sign of their Office. Today the Verger serves as a lay assistant to the rector, helping to both oversee the preparations for church services and manage physical aspects of the service.



Christmas Eve and Advent Soup and Sandwich Schedule

December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent, ALREADY! We begin our Advent Soup, Sandwich and Study Wednesday, December 6 and again on December 13. (There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for soup and sandwiches.) Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5 pm, Father Rick will lead us in Advent Study at 5:30 pm. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, we will have Morning Prayer at our 10:30 am service, and a candlelight service at 5:30 pm. There will be no services on Christmas Day.

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ADOTS SYNOD AND MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2023



The Anglican Diocese of the South (ADOTS) annual Synod and Missions Conference was held in Loganville, Georgia this year. Deacon Sami Jo went as our clergy representative and Dottie Stewart went as our lay representative. The annual conference is always a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow Anglicans and learn what God is doing in our Diocese.



GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!



Art and Margaret Smith were married on June 22, 1985, at Canterbury Episcopal Chapel, at The University of Alabama. Margaret grew up in Tuscaloosa and finished nursing school there, She later completed her Masters Degree at the University Tennessee in Memphis. She went on to become the Quality Management Chief at the VA Medical Center in Memphis. Margaret and Art started life together in Greenville, Mississippi where Art served as the County Agent for the Mississippi State University Extension Service. He received his Bachelor's and Masters degrees in Starkville. They moved to Southaven, Mississippi in 1989 where they raised their two sons, Andrew and Morgan. Art retired in 2010 as the Area Agronomist before going into private consulting, finally retiring in 2018. After several visits with friends to the HSV area, they decided that this is where they wanted to downsize and enjoy all the Village has to offer. They visited ASAC and several other churches in the Village, but their desire to be grounded in God's word returned them back to All Saints. A plus was that they found everyone sincerely warm and welcoming. The roots of their beginning, they said, had brought them full circle. They have a 2 1/2 year old granddaughter in MI and 2 month-old grandson in Southaven. If they are not at All Saints on a Sunday, we can be pretty sure they are probably with a grandchild!

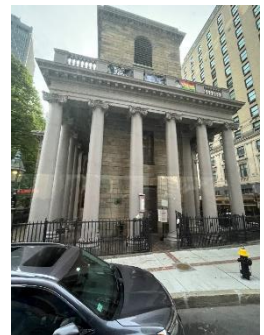
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VIRGINIA SMITH GOES TO BOSTON



Virginia Smith and her cousin, Vickie, traveled round trip from Boston to the tip of Nova Scotia in October. They made stops along the way at Sydney, NS; St. John and St. Martin, NB; Bar Harbor and Portland, ME. They were a little disappointed that the leaves had not yet begun to turn, but the beautiful lighthouses and the abundance of lobster rolls, lobster, crab cakes, and clam chowder made up for it. There were so many amazing sights and excursions. One day trip in particular that stood out was a visit to the St. Martins Sea Caves in New Brunswick. The caves they visited were created in the sandstone by the daily 48-foot tide changes. One of the wonderful surprises happened at the end of the trip. While touring Boston on the way to the airport, they got to see the King's Chapel, which is the first Anglican Church built in Boston in the 1680's. Especially interesting is that it was the first Anglican Church (or Church of England) in a region that was otherwise dominated by the Puritan colonists. There was much to see, that it was impossible to get to all the places they'd hoped. So, both Virginia and Vickie have already signed up for a similar trip to the same area next October!



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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

	All Wednesdays
8:00 am	Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies
9:00 am	Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies



December 3	Pot Luck Sunday (No Sunday School)
December 6	SSS 5:00 pm Soup and Sandwiches; 5:30 Study
December 10	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
December 13	SSS 5:00 pm Soup and Sandwiches; 5:30 Study
December 14	Vestry Meeting 10:00 am
December 17	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
December 24	Morning Prayer for Morning Service 10:30 am Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist 5:30 pm

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries
12/6 Kim Williams	12/7 Allan and Deb Schaeffer
12/21 Deb Schaefer	12/19 Tom and Margaret Buford
12/26 Brandon Meeks	12/23 Joe and Nancy Norton
12/29 Bob Mongrain	12/27 OJ and Barbara Fuller
12/29 Virginia Smith	12/27 Fr. Rick and Nancy Moore
	12/29 Don and Lynda Valdez

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