

SaintsAlive!

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All Saints Parish, Brookline, Massachusetts

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From Our New Rector, Richard Burden



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ at All Saints Parish,

Grace and peace to you. Advent will be particularly poignant and meaningful for us this year as we wait to begin ministry with you, and we are very excited and eagerly anticipating meeting all of you over the course of the coming months.

One of my favorite spiritual tools is the labyrinth, and perhaps you can see why, after reading the wonderful introductory letter regarding me and my family that you received announcing my call to All Saints. Our path to All Saints Parish has been anything but a direct line, but I have come to see the pattern of faith in it. I'm grateful for all the twists and turns of my life, because they have carried me ever closer to the center...to God, and taught me that faith is more like a pilgrimage than a destination. I very much look forward to joining you, wherever you are, in your journeys of faith.

I'm also very grateful to all who have worked, and are continuing to work, prayerfully, diligently, and (mostly) behind the scenes to make sure our arrival is smooth: the search committee, the Vestry and especially Roberta your Senior Warden, the staff, and your interim priest Sarah. I trust you will continue to offer thanks and praise to all who are sharing their gifts so generously in preparation for this new beginning. As we wrap up our ministries here in the Diocese of Lexington and say goodbye to friends and colleagues, please be assured of our continued prayers for you. We are excited to begin a new adventure with you, and to see where the Spirit will lead us all next.

Faithfully,
Richard

Christmas Season Services

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

- 3:30 p.m. *Music of the All Saints Schola*
- 4:00 p.m. *Festal Choral Eucharist. A family service for all ages.*
- 10:30 p.m. *Choral Music for Christmas and Carol Singing*
- 11:00 p.m. *Solemn Festal Choral Eucharist*

Christmas I, Sunday, December 29

- 10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*



Schola Rejoices on Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is one of the most beautiful services of the church year. At 3:30 p.m., enjoy anthems by Schola, the children's choir; handbell settings; and carol singing. The 4:00 p.m. service begins with the procession to "Once in Royal David's City." All are welcome to come and worship the Holy Child. ~Emily Howe

Midnight Mass

For many Episcopalians, no service of the liturgical year can quite match the holiness, beauty and intimacy of the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. At All Saints, the music will be provided by the extraordinarily fine adult Choir of All Saints, beginning with a half-hour of choral and congregational carols at 10:30 p.m. The service of Holy Eucharist begins at 11:00 p.m. ~Donald Teeters

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Our New Rector to Start January 11-12

We are pleased to announce that our new rector, Rev. Richard Burden, will commence work at All Saints Parish a week earlier than originally planned. His first services will be the Celtic Eucharist on January 11 and the Sunday Eucharist on January 12. The celebration of the Feast of Epiphany on January 5 will be the final service for our interim priest, Rev. Sarah Conner. We will thank Sarah and bid her a very fond farewell at the reception after that service.

Join Us for a December 19 Bistro Farewell to Sarah

Please mark your calendars for a special All Saints Parish Bistro Dinner on Thursday, December 19, 5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This will be a festive parish family meal in honor of Sarah Conner and her interim ministry among us. If you would like to help out, contact Wendy Wheeler at wendywheeler@mail.com.

~ Roberta Schnoor, Senior Warden
& Susan Wheeler, Junior Warden

From Your Interim Priest

Dear friends,

You'll see on the front page a letter from All Saints' new rector, Richard Burden. Richard brings remarkable gifts and enthusiasm to his ministry, and he will be a great blessing to you!

In his letter, Richard speaks of a labyrinth and how its winding path leads always to the center. In the same way, I think of the path we trace through the liturgy week by week. Our liturgy is arranged so that we walk many of the same steps every time we gather for worship, and yet it takes us somewhere. It leads always to the center, to God, and yet I think the liturgy can bring us over time to thresholds we need to cross. Along the way, the liturgy can safely hold many things for us, including the subtle shifts and sifting, the holding on and letting go, the hopes and concerns that arise during a time of transition.

At this threshold of a new season of ministry, as I prepare to say goodbye to you, I'm so very grateful for the gift of time with you; it's been a privilege and a great joy. I will keep you always in my prayers, and in my heart.



Bishop Search Process Continues

As many of you know, our diocese is in the midst of seeking a new diocesan bishop. Earlier this year, Bishop Tom Shaw called for the election of a new bishop; Bishop Shaw will retire in September when the bishop is consecrated. A Discernment Committee has been hard at work screening applications and interviewing candidates; the committee anticipates that a final slate of candidates will be released in January. A series of "walkabouts" will be held in March to give everyone an opportunity to meet the candidates. The electing convention will be held on April 5, 2014 at the cathedral. Please pray for the Discernment Committee as they continue their careful work on behalf of all of us. For more information about this process, go to www.mabishopsearch.org.

Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26

All are invited to a parish luncheon and the 120th Annual Meeting of our parish on Sunday, January 26, from noon to 2:00 p.m. We will elect officers, Vestry, and delegates, and hear brief reports on the “state of the church.” The Yule Candle will also be presented. Here are the past recipients of the Yule Candle:

1942	Mr. Arthur K. Hunt	1967	Mr. Allan M. Macleod	1994	Susan Barraclough & Michael Field
1943	Mrs. Percy C. Idell	1968	Mr. John L. Arnold	1995	Rosamond Lovering
1944	Mrs. George Bray	1969	Miss Katherine L. Bruce	1996	Lucy Barry
1945	Mr Robert. Mortimore	1970	Mr. Thomas E. Chandler, Jr.	1997	Bonnie Randall & Thomas Nutt-Powell
1946	Mr. Nelson Whitney	1971	Mr. & Mrs. J. Rosson Overcash	1998	Mary & Hugh Dunlap
1947	Miss Helen Smith	1972	Katherine R. Perch	1999	Barbara & Brad MacDonald
1948	Mr & Mrs. R.G. Norris	1973	The Rev. Louis W. Pitt	2000	Barbara & Larry Sykes
1949	Mr & Mrs. Roger Manning	1974	Virginia Evers	2001	Marylene Altieri & Keith Glavash
1950	Mrs. Edward K. Chapman	1975	James S. Jennison	2002	Wendy Wheeler & The Rev. Sarah Conner
1951	Miss Ida Harris	1976	Nellie L. Woodcock	2003	Larry & Doris Coe
1952	Mr. & Mrs. Grafton Wilson	1977	Elva B. Dimitroff	2004	Candy & Harold Petersen
1953	Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Moore	1978	Jessie Stevens	2005	Laura Vennard & Chuck McVinney
1954	Mr. Clement K. Stodder	1979	A. Frances Hayes	2006	Jean & Peter Stringham
1955	Dr. & Mrs. S.A. Wilkinson, Jr.	1980	Edith Bies	2007	Doreen Vittori & Kendrew Caporal
1956	Miss Francenia Horn	1981	F. Henry Pepper	2008	Marianne & David Evett
1957	Mrs. John C. Watt	1982	Barbara Nelson	2009	Roberta & Bill Schnoor
1958	Mrs. James S. Jennison	1983	Not awarded	2010	Lynne & Rick Montross
1959	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Curtis	1984	The Rev. David Chandler Ward	2011	Meg & Tom Bridge
1960	Miss Edith M. Perry	1985	Lela Clutz	2012	Ingeborg & Friedrich von Huene, Ken Coleman, the Rev. John Keggi
1961	Mrs. Coylar P. Dodson	1986	Donald Teeters	2013	Susan Cleaver & Colin Johnstone
1962	Mr. Kenneth W. Robie (posthumously)	1987	Lois Collins		
1963	Mrs. Stuart Burchard	1988	John Swift & Mary Ann Yukevich		
1964	Miss Barbara T. Joss	1989	Lois Caporal		
1965	Mr. George Brett	1990	Marjorie Lash		
1966	Mrs. Guy O. Edmunds (posthumously)	1991	Edith Bies		
		1992	The entire parish		
		1993	Anne Marie Ellis & John Swift		

Update on the Together Now Campaign



Together Now, the collaborative capital campaign we undertook in partnership with the Diocese, continues to bear fruit. The public solicitation phase of the campaign was completed in April 2012. Now we are

within the continuation phase, as there is a five-year period through 2017 for donors to fulfill their pledge payments.

The total amount pledged at All Saints was just under \$1.4 million. If all of the pledges by All Saints parishioners are fulfilled, our parish will receive a total of approximately \$950,000 from this campaign. The remaining amount will be retained by the Diocese and most goes towards the important mission, environmental and building initiatives to which the Diocese has committed. (There is also a modest 2% charge for administering the follow-up and processing of campaign pledges.)

To date, All Saints Parish has received \$364,148 from the Together Now campaign for our local parish purposes. As planned, 10% of this has been earmarked for Mission and Outreach. Most of the remaining funds are currently being held for future use. However, approximately \$26,000 has been spent out of these funds on plans to modernize the Rectory and also to investigate whether the Town of

Brookline will permit the creation of some additional residential units within the Rectory. The Rectory renovation and its possible transformation was one of the goals identified in our Together Now campaign.

Another significant need identified in our Together Now campaign was the evident water intrusion on the Beacon Street and Dean Road sides of the Sanctuary. The Vestry is hopeful that the work necessary to address this ongoing damage will be undertaken in 2014.

Thanks to all who have been fulfilling their Together Now campaign pledges. As you can see, we are likely to be putting the funds raised to important purposes at All Saints Parish very shortly, so we are grateful for your efforts to keep current with your pledge schedule. By the end of the year we would hope that you would have contributed 40% of your pledge.

If you have any questions about your pledge, or are interested in learning more about the Together Now campaign or making a contribution, please contact the Together Now Continuation Committee at togethernow@allsaintsbrookline.org.

*Ken Coleman,
Chair, Together Now Continuation Committee*

From the Director of Children's, Youth, & Family Ministries



During the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany, our children and young people will be immersed in the stories of Jesus' birth and ministry. If you do not have children in our formation programs, but want to see what we are doing, please contact Becky Taylor to arrange a visit to a classroom. Or, if you are sensing a call to teach or mentor, Becky will explore that with you. Get in touch!

During Advent (December 1, 8, 15, & 22)

- *Cherubs* will journey with the Prophets, the Holy Family, the Shepherds and the Magi on the way to Bethlehem and the mystery that is Christmas.

- *2nd – 5th Graders* will explore the Christmas story in a unit called "Be Alert, Shepherds!"

- *6th – 12th Graders* will reflect on the appointed scripture readings for Advent as they organize the parish gift drive for the residents of Crossroads Shelter and the children at B-READY.

During Epiphany

(January 5 & 26; February 9 & 23, March 2)

- *Cherubs* will explore the sacrament of Baptism and engage with some of Jesus' parables.

- *2nd – 5th Graders* will get acquainted with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

- *6th – 12th Graders* will reflect on the lectionary readings for the season, looking for how these connect to their daily lives.

No Classes on December 29 & January 19



Youth Chapel happens at 10:15 a.m. on the Sundays when Church School classes are scheduled. Children and adult mentors in Grades 2-12 meet in the Dining Room for a simple service of prayer and scripture reflection before heading off to class. The door is always open to visitors. Come!



Nightwatch 2014

Maundy Thursday evening, April 17, to Good Friday morning, April 18

An overnight spiritual retreat for kids in Grades 3-12

- Information will be mailed out in early March –



"OUR TIME" for kids in

Grades 6, 7 & 8

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on January 10 & February 7

BETA (Brookline Episcopal Teen Alliance) for high school kids

6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on January 24 & February 28

This is a collaborative ministry with the youth and adult mentors at the Church of Our Saviour, Brookline. All meetings include dinner. Friends are always welcome!

Want to go to City Reach in January?

There is growing interest in getting a group of teens and adults together to go to this overnight urban outreach program hosted by Ecclesia Ministries on January 24 & 25. The event at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston helps participants gain first-hand experience with homeless persons. City Reach starts on Friday night with conversation, outdoor walks, and worship with members of Common Cathedral. After a sleep-over in the cathedral sanctuary, participants organize a clothing give-away on Saturday morning and serve a simple meal to those in need. Before going home on Saturday afternoon, they reflect upon their experiences and plan for how they will share what they've learned with their own congregations. This is an opportunity for high school kids and adults. Please talk with Becky Taylor if you are interested, or want to know more.

An Invitation

To celebrate the lives of these young people as they begin their Journey to Adulthood

Aiden Briney
Grace Neary

Megan Hakimian
Luke Whited

Dinner on Saturday, February 1, 2014

6:00 — 9:00 p.m. in the Dining Room

and

A Special Ceremony on Sunday, February 2

During the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Christmas Party at B-READY

Friday, December 20,
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Join the fun with the elementary-aged children and their adult and teen staff at the after-school program at the Church of St. Augustine & St. Martin in Roxbury! Volunteers are needed to help with games, craft activities, and meal prep. This is a terrific project for families to do together.

Can't help on the day of the party? Please consider giving a new storybook to one of the children. Tags are available on this year's "Giving Tree" in the worship space.

Please contact Becky Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org) to learn more.

Advent Wreath-Making Sunday, December 1, at 11:45 a.m. in the Dining Room



**Greens, ribbon, candles &
metal wreath form - \$20**

Take \$1 off the price for every nonperishable food item you bring for the Brookline Food Pantry. Cut the cost even further – take \$5 off – by reusing your wreath form.



Ash Wednesday Service for Children

**March 5, 4:00 p.m., in the
Langdon Chapel at church**

A 30-minute service of prayer, song, and conversation about how to get ready to journey for the 40 days of Lent with Jesus. Imposition of ashes will take place at this service. Especially designed for children in PreK to Grade 5.

Adult Education Opportunities

Advent Retreat: A Time of Promise Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Come spend a quiet morning of prayer and meditation contemplating the promise of the Christ Child and its meaning for you. We will gather in the Guild Room on Saturday, December 7; the retreat will be facilitated by colleagues from the Bethany House of Prayer in Arlington. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.; coffee and light refreshments will be available. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students.

Journeys in Faith 2014

Beginning on Wednesday, February 5, the Rev. Richard Burden will lead an 11-week course offering a solid grounding in our Episcopal tradition. This year we will use the book and video segments from *Jesus Was an Episcopalian (and you can be one too!)* by the Rev. Chris Yaw. The course is especially designed for adults seeking to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, but it is also well-suited for anyone seeking a refresher course, or wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church in the 21st century and/or anyone wanting to deepen their spiritual practices. Our deanery confirmation service will be held on Saturday, May 10 at Christ Church in Needham. For more information, visit:

<http://www.jesuswasanepiscopalian.org>

Get Your Ticket Now for "Jerusalem" at the Museum of Science

"Take an inspiring, eye-opening tour of one of the world's oldest, most enigmatic cities. Destroyed and rebuilt countless times over 5,000 years, Jerusalem's timeless appeal endures. Learn how it became the center of the world for three major religions and how its historical, artistic, and spiritual connections have made it so important to so many different cultures."

The Adult Education Committee invites everyone on an outing to see the IMAX film "Jerusalem" at the Museum of Science on Saturday, January 11, 2014, and for a post-film luncheon and discussion at +ArtBar, at the nearby Royal Sonesta hotel. The film has had rave reviews, with footage made from a helicopter flying very low over the city. It traces a day in the lives of three women - Christian, Muslim and Jewish. Go to this website (<http://www.punchbowl.com/parties/6733489-le>) for the digital invitation and details. This is a limited engagement and the tickets are selling out, so please buy your ticket early if you would like to attend. Family, friends, and neighbors welcome.

Mission & Outreach Opportunities

Help Habitat for Humanity on December 14

All Saints Parish will be helping Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, December 14th at one of their local sites, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We are looking for 10 volunteers, 16 years of age or older. Those who are 16 and 17 will need to be accompanied by an adult. No special skills are needed although some physical activity will be required. If interested, please contact Chris Newth at cnewth@gmail.com.

Next Oasis Monday Night Dinner is December 16

Come help prepare and serve a hearty meal for members of Boston's most needy community, those living on the margins. Food preparers meet at All Saints from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Servers meet at St. Paul's Cathedral, 138 Tremont St. in downtown Boston, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact Ginny Adams to find out the many ways you can help. gjadams1@comcast.net, 617-969-5175.

Caring Ministry Team Update

The Caring Ministry Team recently celebrated our 2nd anniversary of reaching out and helping parishioners in times of need and also in time of celebration. We are always looking for volunteers to add to our growing email list. We have over 30 team members whom we contact by email from time to time when there is a need for assistance with meals, transportation, cards, prayers, etc. Please contact Jean and Peter Stringham at jean.stringham@gmail.com or peter.stringham@gmail.com or call 617-734-8115.

Mission Notes from Tanzania

In early October I traveled to Tanzania on a solo mission trip – my sixth – to the Anglican Diocese of Tanga. I spent the first weekend visiting my friend Father Joel Makame at Holy Cross Parish in Magila. (Father Joel was our guest at All Saints two years ago.) I attended a wedding, read the lesson in Swahili during Sunday worship, and accompanied Joel to a soccer match between the Holy Cross team and a team from the local public secondary school. The soccer team is part of an outreach program initiated by Father Joel to bring young men in their 20's and 30's back to the church. And it's working! Several young men on the team who were lapsed churchgoers have returned, bringing friends with them. It was a great game, but despite loud support from the stands, our team went down to a close defeat, 3-2.

However, the Holy Cross team looked splendid in their new red uniforms! The uniforms, boots, and soccer balls had been blessed and dedicated on Sunday morning at Holy Cross. These items were purchased from two funding sources: a donation from my good friend Dianne Moss from St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas, Texas, and from the freewill offering at Mary Ricker's recital at All Saints in late September. Mary, a member of our choir, wanted the proceeds of her concert to benefit the Children's & Youth Ministries of our parish. After consultation with her and Becky Taylor, half the money was used here at the parish to purchase new chairs for one of our Church School classrooms, and half went to support our ministry with young people in Tanzania. What a marvelous way for our parish's music, youth, and mission ministries to collaborate!

~ Colin Johnstone



Mission Trip to Tanzania in January 2014

Seven parishioners from All Saints will be traveling to Tanzania in early January 2014 as part of a larger mission group from the Diocese of Massachusetts. They are: Colin Johnstone, who is leading the mission team, Jim Daniell, Elinor Horner, Emily Howe, Guy Parry, Carol Piñeiro and Wendy Wheeler. They will join fellow Episcopalians/Anglicans from 5 other parishes in our diocese as well as the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Salisbury in the Church of England.

The group, 18 in total, will have a busy week in Tanga visiting projects and programs supported by All Saints and other churches in Massachusetts, Salisbury, Hereford and Ohio. Among other places, they will visit the Misufini Leprosy Care Center, Father Joel's church (Holy Cross Magila), St. Alban's parish Mgombezi, Hegongo Holy Cross School, St. Augustine's Hospital in Muheza and the newly built health center in Kizara. A highlight of the trip will be the laying of a foundation stone for the nursery school to be built next to the church of St. Francis Xavier, Kizara. This school will be named in honor of Bishop Shaw as the "Bishop M. Thomas Shaw SSJE Nursery School."

- Colin Johnstone

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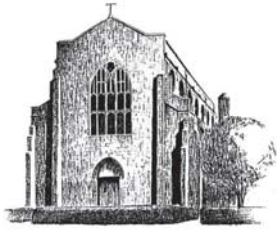
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Celtic Holy Eucharist

Sunday
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with Prayers for Healing
(Child care during the
10:30 a.m. Service)

Save These Dates

Saturday, December 7

Advent Retreat, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 19

All Saints Bistro Farewell to Sarah,
5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
3:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday, January 11 &
Sunday, January 12**

The Rev. Richard Burden
Begins His Ministry

Sunday, January 26

Annual Meeting and Lunch,
Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5

Journeys in Faith Begins