



# All Saints Parish Notes

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, 18 October 2020

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## ONLINE

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### WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYERS

[Use this link to pray with us online during the week.](#)

#### Said Morning Prayer

*Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 7:00 am*

#### Said Compline

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8:00 pm*

#### Centering Prayer

*Thursday, 6:30 pm*

### SUNDAY LIVESTREAM

[Use this link to access Sunday's livestream service.](#)

### CHURCH SCHOOL

#### Children's Church (PreK-fifth)

*Sunday, 9:30 am*

#### The Bible's Greatest Hits (Middle School)

*Sunday, 11:30 am*

#### Where the Bible Shows Up (High School)

*Tuesday, 20 October, 5:30 pm*

#### [All Saints Facebook Support and Encouragement Group](#)

is a private group for All Saints parishioners to share support and encouragement during the COVID-19 emergency. It is not a public group. Request access, and one of the All Saints Facebook Administrators will admit parishioners.

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## THANK YOU

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Thanks to our Treasurer, Rob Hillman, and our Assistant Treasurer, Ken Coleman, for last Sunday's Financial Update. We are grateful for their hard work and expertise.

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## THIS WEEK

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### UPCOMING COMMUNION SERVICES

We continue to experiment with short, in-person Communion services on the lawn at All Saints. Following Commonwealth and diocesan guidelines, each service is limited to 25 people. Attendance is first-come, first-served, and you must sign up at [this link](#). If the weather is bad, the service is held in the church. This week's opportunities for in-person worship with Communion are:

- Sunday, 18 October, 8:30 am
- Sunday, 18 October, 1:00 pm

We will contact everyone who registers with procedures for the [required health and wellness screening](#).

Contact: [Richard](#)

### LIVING STONES LISTENING PROJECT—RELAUNCH

*18 October, after church*

The Living Stones Listening Project is going online! Join us on Sunday, 18 October, as we make connections through story sharing. During the Zoom social hour, we will reintroduce the project, provide an easy structure for sharing and listening to stories, and initiate this effort in small groups. Living Stones is a great way to build meaningful connections with each other and to stay more fully present to God's work in the world during this physically distant time.

Contact: [Janelle Mills](#)

### BIBLE STUDY: MARK'S GOSPEL

*20 October, 7:00 pm, via Zoom*

Mark's Gospel will be the source of most of the Gospel readings during the 2020-2021 liturgical year. Our October meeting will focus on Mark 3:37-4:41 and will use online materials from the [Yale Bible Study](#). The website's curriculum for Mark's Gospel includes an [introduction](#) to the Gospel. For the discussion of October's passage, there is a two-page [study guide](#) and [short video](#) of two biblical scholars discussing the passage. All are welcome at the meeting whether or not you have attended previous sessions. The eight study guides and videos are [available](#) for anyone wanting previously covered materials or information about future sessions. E-mail [Jonas](#) for more information and the Zoom link.

Contact: [Jonas Barciauskas](#)

## CONNECT

### LOVE AT ALL SAINTS LOOKS LIKE . . .

*Lynne Montross* says that Love at All Saints is, “. . . the plants and flowers we use to decorate our church are markers of love as we try to follow Jesus. We, as individuals, use them to express how loved and precious someone was and still is to us. We, as a congregation, use them to celebrate the parish’s holy days. We adorn the rooms, walls, and the sanctuary with them. We use them as symbols of Jesus’ love. When we see these flowers, we know that they and their beauty are markers of God’s love and that we are at home.”

Please share your response to *What does love look like at All Saints* via this [online form](#).

Contact: [Wendy Wheeler](#)

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

*Names and Donations Due 25 October*

Please submit the names of loved ones to be included in the Book of Remembrance on the Feast of All Saints (1 November). Flowers will decorate the church to remind us that, despite the constraints of this pandemic, the Feast of All Saints is a joyous celebration. Donations can be made by clicking “Donate Online” on our website and selecting Flower Fund. Then, enter your credit card information. If you donate by check, please note “Flower Fund” in the memo line.

Contact: [Lynne Montross](#)

### FAMILY HIKE!

*Sunday, 25 October, 1:00 pm*

Our St. Francis Day Hike and Blessing of the Animals was so well-received that we are organizing another outing! We will meet at Kennard Park in Newton in the Dudley Street parking area ([here](#)) at 1:00 pm on Sunday, 25 October. The park features an [outdoor sculpture trail](#) and is dog friendly (on-leash). [Registration](#) is required. All are welcome.

Contact: [Jennifer Giannini](#)

### SPONSOR A SAINT FOR ALL HALLOW’S EVE

*Family Event, 31 October, 4:00 pm*

All Saints is planning a “Spooky Saints Spectacular” for Halloween. The sanctuary will be decorated with stations dedicated to spooky saints. We are looking for families who are interested in sponsoring a station. The planning committee of middle school students will happily provide guidance about how to prepare your station and a list of suggested saints from which to choose. If you would like to help create a Halloween to remember for All Saints children and youth, sign up [here](#).

Contact: [Jeff Thibault](#)

### PARISH LIBRARIAN NEEDED

We are looking for a new volunteer Parish Librarian. If you have a passion for bringing books and people together; and want to help others in their spiritual journey; and if you have just a few hours a month to spare; this position is ideal for you.

Contact: [Richard](#)

### RECTORY APARTMENT

The second-floor studio apartment in the All Saints Rectory is available. This 500-square-foot rental unit has a separate entrance. Laundry facilities are available at the ground level.

Contact: [Beth Shuman](#), 508-397-0001

## LEARN

### CHURCH SCHOOL

*Sunday, 18 October, 9:30 am and 11:30 am*

On Sunday, Children’s Church (PreK-fifth) will meet at 9:30 am, and the Bible’s Greatest Hits (Middle School) will meet at 11:30 am. Obtain Zoom links in the weekly Church School e-newsletter or contact Tammy.

Contact: [Tammy](#)

### MEN’S BOOK GROUP

*Saturday, 24 October, 8:00 am via Zoom*

The Men’s Book Group meets on 10 October at 8:00 am to continue their discussion of [The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis](#). We will discuss letters 25 through 30. In this satirical self-help book, an aspiring young devil, Wormwood, writes to his uncle, Screwtape, for advice on how to tempt “The Patient.” The novel is as hilarious, and as relevant, as when Lewis wrote it in 1942.

Contact: [Alan McLellan](#)

### NEW FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Copies of the November-December-January issue of the daily devotional, *Forward Day by Day*, have arrived at the church. Please contact the office if you would like a copy mailed to you. The daily *Forward Day by Day* devotions are available online as well.

Contact: [Office](#)

## GIVE

### PLEDGES AND DONATIONS

Mail pledges and donations to:  
All Saints Parish  
1773 Beacon Street  
Brookline, Massachusetts 02445  
Or [donate online](https://www.allSaintsBrookline.org/donate) at [allsaintsbrookline.org](https://www.allSaintsBrookline.org)

### FALL PARISH FINANCE UPDATE

If you missed the Financial Update last Sunday you can [watch the recording here](#) and/or download the [PowerPoint presentation here](#). As you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021, if you have questions about the finances of the church please reach out to our Treasurer, Rob Hillman, or Assistant Treasurer, Ken Coleman. They will be glad to answer your questions.

Contact: [Rob Hillman](#)

### 2021 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

The Stewardship Committee thanks the following members who have made 2021 pledges to All Saints. These commitments are significant Markers on the Way of Love. Please join them in pledging!

Jonas Barciauskas and Katie Lee Crane  
Margaret and Thomas Bridge  
Ken Coleman and Sue Morelli  
Hugh and Mary Dunlap  
AnneMarie Ellis  
David and Alissa Fencsik  
Jennifer Klaus  
Suzanne McAllister and Ralph Engstrom  
Richard and Lynne Montross  
Chris Newth  
Betsy Noecker  
Tom Nutt-Powell  
Harold and Karen Petersen  
Ted and Josie Petersen  
Timothy Roach  
Brad Rothrock  
Sharon Siwiec and Don Foxworthy  
Doug and Karen Skillins  
Peter and Jean Stringham  
Elizabeth Taglauer and Amir Khan  
Pamela Trosino  
Doreen Vittori  
Wendy Wheeler and Ian Reid  
Donald Wilhelm  
Noriko Yasuda

\* If you have made a recent pledge but are not listed, your name will be included next week.

## SERVE

### HELP WITH MANNA CASSEROLE PREP

Our parish households have been faithfully supporting our relationship with MANNA by providing hearty casseroles for meals on the fourth Monday meal of each month. Our unhoused and poorly housed MANNA friends show their resiliency, faith, and teamwork as they continue to face unthinkable challenges for safety, food, and shelter in a city that remains largely vacant. Our next MANNA casserole dropoff will be on Sunday, 25 October, at 12:30 pm. Please [SIGN UP](#) now to prepare a casserole or provide other help for the meal.

Contact: [Sharon Siwiec](#)

### UNITE FOR THE BROOKLINE FOOD PANTRY

*Saturday, 17 October, 7:00 pm*

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a huge toll on families and businesses across the country, and Brookline is no exception. More of our neighbors than ever before are struggling to make ends meet as we continue to face uncertainty about daily life, health, safety, and child care. The needs continue to grow. Help us feed our neighbors by joining [Unite for the Pantry](#), a virtual fundraising event on 17 October from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

With Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) as our co-sponsor, we will present an online, professionally produced program that describes and explains food insecurity in Brookline and also tells us how we can help to solve these serious problems. The event is free. We hope you will [register and donate](#) to help care for our neighbors.

### GET YOUR FLU SHOT

As we enter flu season in the midst of a pandemic, it is important that everyone has a flu shot. Many localities are offering free flu shot clinics.

Find places to get your flu shot at [this website](#).

### OUR CHRISTIAN OBLIGATION TO VOTE

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, implores us: "It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."

Here are a few helpful resources to prepare for the US General Election on 3 November.

- Learn more about applying to vote by mail [here](#).
- Find and track the status of your mail-in ballot [here](#).
- View your ballot and polling location (for voting in person) [here](#).

- Sign up to be a poll worker [here](#).

### HELP WITH B-READY

For some years, All Saints has been one of the diocesan partners for the B-READY program at St. Stephen's Parish in Boston's South End. B-READY offers after-school programs and numerous services to low-income, school-age (K-12) children. During the pandemic, St. Stephen's is providing bags of groceries to many families. At this point in time, the need outstrips the groceries that St. Stephen's parishioners can provide. The church has asked their B-READY partners for help. To assist St. Stephen's families, All Saints has committed to delivering 25 bags of groceries in October and November.

Contact: [Wendy Wheeler](#)

### MUSIC NOTE

Although one of his aunts considered him to be a "hopelessly bad musician," Ralph Vaughan Williams went on to study at the Royal College of Music with Hubert Parry and eventually C.V. Stanford. His family also expected him to receive a university education. In 1892, he suspended his studies at RCM to spend three years studying history and music at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Vaughan Williams was a firm believer in the value of music education and "serviceable" church music. Although he was an agnostic (like his great-uncle, Charles Darwin) and attended church only to avoid upsetting his family. In 1904, he was invited by Percy Dearmer to serve as the music editor for *The English Hymnal*. This project would take Vaughan Williams two years to complete. In selecting music for the hymnal, he felt that these tunes should be congregational in character and the resulting collection is a "thesaurus of the world's finest hymn tunes." His sensitivity to the twentieth century human condition (especially following his experience in the First World War), his flexibility in writing for all levels of music making, and his imagination combined to make him one of the key figures in twentieth century music.

In 1934, the novelist E.M. Forster wrote "The Abinger Pageant," a play about the history of England, performed to aid the preservation of St. James' church in Abinger. Vaughan Williams' *O how amiable* was written to be sung by amateur performers as part of the festivities. The communal nature of the pageant experience is emphasized by the mainly unison choral writing and the final addition of the traditional "O God our help in ages past."