



All Saints Parish Notes

The First Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

Welcome to All Saints Parish

As a community of faith, we ...

- Welcome all seeking refuge, inspiration, and nourishing relationships with one another and with God.
- Provide a place devoted to creating beauty and experiencing God's grace.
- Empower people to act in service to others and to care for God's creation.

LINKS

The most frequently used links are now in one place.



THANK YOU

Thank you to our many excellent pie makers. Last Sunday at least 40 people from All Saints and other faith communities produced 60 apple pies for patrons of the Brookline Food Pantry. Special thanks to Bradley MacDonald and Jo Shields for their leadership.

SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS

This Sunday, Nancy Snudden and Charlie Rigg are hosting Social Hour in the Guild Room. Thank you, Nancy and Charlie!

There are openings to host social hour in December and January. [Sign up here.](#)

THIS WEEK

ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to support our neighbors this Advent season. We hope that everyone will join us in one or more of these activities.

- White Socks and Hand Warmers for MANNA
Due 4 December
- [Gifts for B-SPARKLE](#) for St. Stephen's kids
Due 7 December
- Groceries for St. Stephen's families
Due 7 December
- Gifts for families in the Crossroads Shelter
Due 11 December
- Items from the [MANNA wishlist](#)
Throughout the season

No time to shop? Consider making a [donation to the All Saints Outreach fund](#) in support of all our ministries during this Advent season.

Contact: [Wendy Wheeler](#)

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

Sunday, 27 November, 11:30 am

Following the service on Sunday, 27 November, All Saints parishioners are invited to make Advent wreaths. Supplies are limited, so please sign up to reserve a space. A donation of \$10 is suggested. [Sign-up HERE.](#)

Contact: [Tammy](#)

NOVEMBER MANNA OUTREACH

- We still need someone to deliver our food for Monday's MANNA meal. Drivers receive the casseroles at All Saints on Sunday, 27 November by noon and deliver them to the Cathedral on Tremont Street in Boston. Please sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Mary Urban Keary](#).

- **Casserole Dropoff**

Sunday, 27 November, after church by noon

Contact: [Mary](#), mukeary@gmail.com

WORSHIP

NAVE PLATFORM EXPERIMENTATION

Ongoing through Advent, first phase

At All Saints, the altar is at the center of our worship life. Services are led from the altar, and we gather there as a community to join in the Eucharist. Over the next few liturgical seasons, we will be experimenting with where we place the nave altar and how we receive Communion. We hope to identify an altar platform configuration and Communion procedure that best serves our parish's needs at this time.

Our first experiment will take place between 13 November and 18 December, during which time we will use no platform, only a rug, with the altar placed roughly where it currently stands. From 13 November to 27 November, we will receive Communion standing and at stations. In December, we will add prie-dieu. [Provide feedback here.](#)

[Read our reasons for this experiment here.](#)

Contact: [Richard](#)

COMPLINE

4 December, 7:00 pm, in person and livestream

Our next monthly service of choral Compline will be sung on Sunday, 4 December, at 7:00 pm. This candlelit service is the final prayer of our day. Lasting 30 minutes, the liturgy is sung by the choir on behalf of the congregation and centered around the chanting of psalms, scripture, and prayers for a peaceful night. Join us in-person or online as we conclude our weekend with reflection, calm, and peace.

Contact: [Stephan](#)

LESSONS AND CAROLS

18 December, 5:00 pm

The Choir of All Saints will sing a service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas on Sunday, 19 December, at 5:00 pm. Through spoken word and choral offerings, the story of Christ's birth is told anew. Featuring music of Eleanor Daley, Jonathan Dove, Herbert Howells, James MacMillan, and Elizabeth Maconchy alongside familiar congregational carols. A reception follows the service. All are welcome.

Contact: [Stephan](#)

LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEYS - CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

NURSERY *NOT STAFFED* THIS SUNDAY

27 November

Please note, the nursery will not be staffed on Sunday, 27 November.

Contact: [Tammy](#)

NO BREAKFAST CLUB THIS SUNDAY

27 November

Breakfast Club will not meet this Sunday, 27 November.

Contact: [Michael](#), mthompson5510@gmail.com

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

4 December, 4:30 pm

All parishioners are invited to bring a donation of new socks or handwarmers and participate in this family chapel service celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas. The service will include lighting the All Saints Christmas tree in the garden, celebrating Eucharist in the Langdon Chapel, and blessing winter items collected for the MANNA community. After the service, all are invited for hot chocolate, cider, and cookies at the Rectory.

Contact: [Tammy](#)

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, 11 December, 11:30 am, Dining Room

On Sunday, 11 December, all high school students and their parents or guardians are invited to attend an information session to learn more about confirmation in the Episcopal Church. We will meet in the Dining Room following the 10:30 am service.

Beginning in January 2023 and continuing through the spring, All Saints will offer a Preparation for Confirmation class. All high school students are invited to participate in this program as they discern their adult relationship to the church. Confirmation services will take place in the fall of 2023 for those students who choose to be confirmed. You may learn more about confirmation in the Episcopal church [HERE](#).

Contact: [Tammy](#)

LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEYS - ADULTS

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

Saturday, 3 December, 8:00 am, via Zoom

The All Saints Men's Book Group will discuss [Robin Wall Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass*](#). As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer was trained to ask questions about nature using scientific tools. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons, though we often forget how to hear their voices. She argues that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires acknowledging and celebrating of our reciprocal relationship with the whole living world. Join us! Email [Alan McLellan](#) for the Zoom link.

Contact: [Alan, mclellan.alan@gmail.com](mailto:Alan.mclellan.alan@gmail.com)

EPISCOPAL 101

Monday, 28 November, 7:00 pm, via Zoom;

[REGISTER FOR THE ZOOM LINK.](#)

Monica Burden leads a series of guided conversations on Monday evenings covering the spirituality, history, structure, and liturgy of the Episcopal Church.

Upcoming sessions:

- 28 November: How We Got Here—a brief history
- 5 December: What We Do—worship and people
- 12 December: What Else?—lingering questions and stump the rector (Richard will join us.)

Come for one session or come all of them.

View the recording of this week's session: [Who We Are](#)

Contact: [Monica, monburden@gmail.com](mailto:Monica.monburden@gmail.com)

RELIGION AND CULTURE BOOK GROUP

Saturday, 10 December, 8:00 am, via Zoom

To prepare for the Christmas season, the Reading Religion and Culture book group is reading [Hogfather: A Novel of Discworld](#) by Terry Pratchett. The book, with Hogfather as a Santa-like figure, “combines the energy of *The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and the inventiveness of *Alice in Wonderland* . . . It has also an intelligent wit and a truly original grim and comic grasp of the nature of things.”

We will meet over Zoom on Saturday, 10 December, at 8:00 am. Contact [Wendy Wheeler](#) for the Zoom link.

Contact: [Laura Daniels, catalyze93@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Daniels@catalyze93@gmail.com), or [Wendy, wendyb Wheeler@gmail.com](mailto:Wendy.wendyb Wheeler@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

NOVEMBER VESTRY UPDATE

At the 16 November 2022 meeting, the Vestry:

- Discussed their individual opinions on whether 2023 was the year to run a capital campaign.
- Discussed what the next steps would be for the capital campaign discernment process.
- Looked at the status of the 2023 draft budget.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTOS

If you contributed a picture of a loved one for our All Saints Day altar of remembrance, please pick it up at your earliest convenience. They can be found on a table at the back of the church.

MESSIAH SING FOR PROJECT BREAD

Come sing, or listen to the Messiah, on Friday, 9 December at 7:30 pm at All Saints. There will be fine soloists and a full orchestra! Tickets are \$10 dollars (\$5 for students/seniors). All proceeds will go to Project Bread to support food insecure children and families.

Contact: [Honor McClellan, hem2753@gmail.com](mailto:Honor.McClellan@gmail.com)

MANNA OUTREACH

All Saints is not preparing a December MANNA meal.

JANUARY

• Casserole Kit Pickup

*Sunday, 15 January, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
or following weekdays during office hours*

• Casserole Dropoff

Sunday, 22 January, after church by noon

2022 PLEDGES

If you would like to know the remaining balance on your 2022 pledge, email the [treasurer](#) for information.

DONATION ENVELOPES

Next year, we will not provide numbered donation envelopes. Instead, envelopes are provided in a basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who prefers to put a check or cash in an envelope before placing a gift in the collection plate. Parishioners who donate cash should note that they must write their names on the envelopes if they want records of yearly cash donations.

Contact: [Treasurer](#),
treasurer@allsaintsbrookline.org

HOLIDAY CONCERTS AT ALL SAINTS

- **BOSTON CECILIA**

Saturday, 3 December, 8:00 pm

- **MESSIAH SING, TO BENEFIT PROJECT BREAD**

Friday, 9 December, 7:30 pm

- **LONGWOOD CHORUS**

Saturday, 10 December, 7:00 pm

- **BROOKLINE SYMPHONY**

Saturday, 17 December

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who has made a 2023 pledge to All Saints Parish. A full list of pledgers can be found in the service leaflet. Respond to God's Grace by joining them in pledging. Place a pledge card in the offering plate or [pledge online](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY

DEAN ROAD DRAWING

Saturday, 10 December, 10:30 am

The next Dean Road Drawing session with clothed models is Saturday, 12 November, from 10:30 am to 12:45 pm in the Parish House. Please join us! No experience necessary. We have supplies. We have fun! The first session is FREE.

Learn more at: www.DeanRoadDrawing.com

IN THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN CONVENTION REPORT

As the lay delegates of All Saints Parish to the annual Diocesan Convention, Jim and I are writing to inform you of the events of this year's Convention, which took place on 28 and 29 October 2022 in Danvers. Our clergy are Convention delegates as well.

The theme of this 237th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts was *The Call of Love in Our Time and Place* which was abundantly manifest in the nature of the actions taken by Convention this year. Some highlights as noted below.

- In an act of great significance, Convention voted to establish a Reparations Fund for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts "as a part of our effort to address our legacy of the wealth accumulated through the enslaved labor of Africans and Afro-Caribbeans on our behalf and for our use today." Reparations have been discussed and proposed in the past. This year's resolution, the product of

work done by the Diocesan Racial Justice Commission, was overwhelmingly approved.

- A commitment to furthering the education of individuals in the ordination process, by including a "significant experience of cross-cultural ministry in at least one internship, contextual education placement, or other supervised practicum placement in a context that will embed them in a worshiping community or other Episcopal context whose dominant racial, ethnic, and/or linguistic make-up is unfamiliar to the ordinand at the time of the placement."
- Convention also endorsed a commitment to engage and participate in the Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign.
- An important piece of clerical news is that our Diocesan Suffragan Bishop Gayle E. Harris has announced her retirement after almost 20 years of service. Prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for her faithful leadership were offered as Convention honored her in a variety of ways. Bishop Alan Gates has chosen to appoint an assistant bishop, rather than call for the election of a successor bishop suffragan, and Convention endorsed the bishop's decision. This more flexible approach will result in a significant savings of search and election costs.

Details about all events at Convention, including the text of Bishop Alan Gates' noteworthy Convention Address are available [HERE](#).

We were honored to serve as your Convention delegates this year.

Faithfully,
Roberta Schnoor and Jim Besancon