



The All Saints MESSENGER January 2021

All Saint's Church
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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
9 a.m. Adult Forum
10 a.m. Child Care & Christian Education
for Children and Teens.

The Rev. Canon David Hamilton, Rector
The Rev. Peggy Mathauer, Deacon
Vestry:

Glenn Sproul Senior Warden
Whye Yap Junior Warden
Josh Cheney
Charles Conn
Hilla Damm
Susan Hartman
Marian Halloran
Cheryl Hooper
Katrina McGibney

Vestry Clerk: Julie B. Pierson

Special Warden for Property: Julie Bonanno

Treasurer: Marcia Corey
Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary: Don Crofut
Assistant Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling

Church Secretary/Administrator:
Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:
Katrina McGibney

Middle School & Teen Ministry:
Don Crofut

Adult Education Leaders:
Josh Cheney/Whye Yap

Dear Parish Family,

Over the past few days, I have been asked a number of times, "How was your Christmas?" "Different!" usually has been my first response. Of course, Christmas 2020, could not have been anything but "different," but that wasn't all.

As I have reflected further, I am aware that my experience of this Christmas, even in this year of pandemic, was, for the most part, the same heartwarming, substantive and holy experience it has always been for me. I am blessed that I was brought to church as a child, so that the carols, the decorations, the Nativity story, and the prayers and pageantry were woven into my inner sense of the Mystery of Christmas. It had comforting power then, and it still does.

Christmas, different and blessedly the same. These are the themes stirring within me as I have reflected on this Christmas. "Different" and the "same" came together for me on Christmas Eve as we shared worship via Zoom electronically and differently from any other year. Yet there was the same sense, or nearly so, of being community together on this Holy of Nights. There we were, for each other, the faces and voices of the beloved people of God called All Saints.

This Christmas Eve Service with the Eucharist done differently "at a Distance" didn't feel to me like we were distant at all. In fact, as we shared the Body and Blood of Christ, even from tiny chalices, I sensed we were truly One in Christ. As the Dismissal was pronounced, I left our blessed time together feeling that I had truly been to Christ-Mass. I hope you felt that way too!

Blessings,

Dear folks,
Occasionally a prayer or spiritual message seems worthwhile to pass on to you. This is one of them. David+

Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

*In the new year I do not wish for you
that God will bless you,
since God already intends
only the deepest blessings for you.
I don't wish that good things will happen to you,
since I don't know
what will most beautifully shape your soul—
in what losses you will receive grace,
in what challenges you will gain wisdom,
in what struggles you will become more truly yourself.*

*Instead I hope for you this blessing:
that your heart be at peace,
that your mind be open
and your will be lovingly present;
that you live each day this year with love, courage and beauty,
with gentleness, trust and gratitude.
that you speak and be the truth,
that you find joy and wonder in your life,
that you be deeply mindful
of God's indwelling presence,
God's deep delight in accompanying you
in every breath.*

*May your work be fruitful,
your hope vibrant,
your voice clear,
and your friends faithful.*

*Whether you feel it or not,
deep blessing will be yours this year.
May you know it, and rejoice,
and live in harmony with God's grace.*

New Year's Blessing by Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes who is a poet, songwriter and retired pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Acton, MA.

As we welcome a new year, among those whom we lost this past year we remember Congressman John Lewis, hero of the civil rights movement, whose words still give us hope as the struggle for racial justice and equality leave much work to be done...by all of us!

"When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide."

--John Lewis

News From Sunday School

It was a wonderful December of virtual Sunday School. The children poured their imaginations into creating nativity scenes and the Christmas Pageant.



Eliza with her Nativity

Below you will find the weekly themes for January. Each lesson is accompanied by a song, verse, story and an activity.

December 27	The Hero's of Christmas, the Magi visit the manger
January 3	Escape to Egypt
January 10	On All His Children God Shines His Sun
January 17	Jesus, a sacred name to Martin Luther King
January 24	Learning about Jesus as He grew.
January 31	5 C's of Christianity

Adult Forum

After Sunday, January 3rd, the 9 a.m. Adult Forum will be taking two weeks off. A new series will begin later in the month.

**ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH**

The All Saints Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the 10 a.m. Zoom service on Sunday, January 24th.

The following reports are expected for the Annual Report. Please email them to allsaints16@gmail.com as soon as possible. We would like to publish and email the report to everyone by Wednesday, January 20th.

Rector	Outreach Committee
Deacon	Pastoral Care Committee
Vestry Summary	Book Club
Senior Warden	Adult Forum
Junior Warden	Christian Education
Associate Warden for Property	Altar Guild
Treasurer	Music
2021 Budget	Folk Group
Stewardship Results	Food Shelf
Parish Statistics	Torpey Fund
Fund Raising Event	Labyrinth
United Thank Offering	Prayer Chain
Episcopal Relief & Development	Prayer Group
Hospitality	

The Nominating Committee has chosen the following people as candidates to be elected at the Annual Meeting to fill vacancies that will occur this year:

Slate for 3-year Vestry Terms:

Sandy Aldrich
Katrina McGibney
Whye Yap

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Hilla Damm
Martha Chambers
George Huffman

Alternate Delegates

Whye Yap
Sandy Aldrich
Becky Fox

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Steve Reynes
6 Bailey Rae Simmons
14 Deborah Lockwood
18 Jean Page
19 Joe Staples
21 Mike Torpey
Robbie Welch
23 Damian Dattilio
24 Frank Geier
25 Briana Dattilio
26 Don Crofut
28 Deborah Johnson
29 Peggy Mathauer
30 Lauren McBride

IN MEMORIAM

2 Taiya Mathauer
4 Jack Packer
7 Lyman Spooner
13 Gladys Zelman
18 Pierson Wolff
19 Joseph Kent Stevens
Bonnie Stiles
24 Barbara Mathauer Ullman
27 Arthur Wegner
30 Bev Post



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