



# The All Saints MESSENGER June 2022

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10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II or  
Morning Prayer

The Rev. Peggy Mathauer, Deacon

Vestry:

Ed Darling      Senior Warden  
Whye Yap      Junior Warden  
Charles Conn  
Susan Hartman  
Art Hessler  
Cheryl Hooper  
Katrina McGibney  
Judy Lawson  
Candace Smith

Vestry Clerk:

Treasurer: Sandy Aldrich

Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling

Church Secretary/Administrator:

Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:

Katrina McGibney

## Sign Posts of Faith

On Wednesday, May 11, by chance Art Hessler and I happened to be in the church office at the same time. Art needed the church credit card so he could get a new metal post to replace the one a city snowplow had demolished at the corner of the entrance to the parking lot.

As we talked, the idea came up of digging up one of the three posts at the edge of the lot near the church and using that to replace the demolished one at the entrance. Then we thought, why not dig up all three posts? There were also the five posts with yellow panels on Spear Street blocking the old entrance, and everyone was used to the new entrance, so we didn't need the three signs at the edge of the lot anymore.

We got Julie Bonanno's blessing, and on Friday, in the time we had, we dug up the two smaller of the three posts and the demolished post at the entrance, and started on the big middle post, but ran out of time. On Saturday we met again to tackle this last post. We dug and dug, pried and pried, pushed and pushed it from side to side, back to front, lifted and lifted, but the post, stuck two feet in the Champlain Valley clay, would not budge.

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We talked about how it had been Art and Sean Chagnon, with some help from David Hamilton, who had installed these posts in the first place, with Sean standing on the back of a truck and pounding the posts in with a sledgehammer. And now Art was digging them up. The morning was getting late and hot, and I had to leave. I said, “Let’s stop for today and come back next week.” I was certain we weren’t going to get anywhere with this post.

Art said, “Let’s give it one more try.” I thought it would be useless, but didn’t say no. So we tugged again.

And there was a difference: the post was on a slant this time, rather than straight up and down. And lo and behold, as we tugged, it started to give a little, then more and more, and we pulled it out. I couldn’t believe it. Mission accomplished. Art had been right. I had been wrong. On the spur of the moment, I said jokingly “O ye of little faith!” referring to myself.

But the next day, this mundane post experience got me thinking about faith—the big Faith Jesus talks to us about. I have friends who would say it’s ridiculous to leap from having faith when you’re removing posts to having religious faith, but that’s what happened. Something unexpected had blossomed out of an everyday event into the blessing of thinking about what faith is and means. (I wonder if the post’s being an “All Saints post” had anything to do with it!)

Pray for All Saints, for our staff, the congregation, the Vestry and the MDC. Someone told me recently that we have been fortunate in our sticking together during our transition. Thank you for your part in that, for your faith that we will make it through this uncertain time, and for being faithful with your pledges and offerings.

In faith,

*Ed Darling, Senior Warden*

## **JUNE AT ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost!**

**Everyone wear a little or a lot of something red.**

Deacon Peggy Mathauer will lead Ministry of the Word Service,  
Matt McGibney will lead the Folk Music, and  
Glenn Sproul's A Capella music group Syrinx will return as our guest  
performers in lieu of a sermon.

**Mondays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27**

**5:30 pm** Prayer Group meets in DeForest Room

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Eucharist

Guest Celebrant and Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Jill Rierdan

**Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm** Vestry Meeting on Zoom

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Prayer will be led by Dana Brown

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Eucharist

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## **Thanks to Josh Cheney**

**Thank you, Josh** for all that you have done for All Saints for many years as one of our worship leaders. You have always been around for a supportive conversation or a helping hand when needed. You served on the Vestry as a member and Clerk. You helped with technical issues both in person and on Zoom. Your presence and leadership in the Diocese as Secretary of Convention made us proud as you reflected that All Saints Church was your home.

We are thankful for your leadership of the Adult Forum, where you have created meetings where participants have felt safe in express their thoughts about deep topics, expanding their ideas and getting to know each other better. You have gotten us in touch with theologians and biblical scholars, giving us a graduate course in religious history and thought.

We shall miss your presence among us.

## **Meet Emma Xia, our newest musician!**

I am happy to introduce Emma Xia to you as the newest member of our rotation of music leaders. You may have heard her playing piano quite capably on May 8 and May 22. Though she has other commitments that will prevent her from playing for us in June, Emma will probably be playing piano for us an average of two times a month, occasionally three.

Emma is a student of the eminent local pianist Claire Black, who recommended her. Though she is completing her first year at South Burlington High School, Emma is already a very busy young woman! In addition to piano, she is studying violin and plays it in the Vermont Youth Orchestra and in a string quartet. She also plays flute in the SBHS band. And she is on the SBHS girls' tennis team. Emma lives with her mother Quan Chen, her father Tian Xia and her brother Evan Xia in South Burlington. We look forward to hearing the fruits of her piano studies for several years. Welcome, Emma!

*Glenn Sproul,  
Music Coordinator*



### COTS WALK 2022

On May 1 All Saints resumed our tradition of participating in the annual COTS Walk to raise money for COTS, the Committee on Temporary Shelter. Our All Saints Church team raised **\$2495** in online donations, which placed us **seventh** in fundraising accomplishment among more than eighty teams altogether. Among faith-based teams, only St. Catherine of Siena from Shelburne and Temple Sinai from South Burlington were ahead of us. We had many additional donations in the form of cash and checks which brought our grand total to **\$5,622!!!**. Yea team! Well done!!!

Our walkers were **Laura Buel, Carmen Drost** (one of Ed Darling's piano students), **Yolande Franklin, Glenn Sproul, and Marga Sproul**. We wore our All Saints tee shirts, and we carried an All Saints banner for the entire 3.6 mile walk. Virtual walkers for the All Saints team who raised lots of money but couldn't be present for the walk were **Edward Darling, Chris Sheil, and Erinn Wetherby**.

Walkers were well supported by friends, neighbors, family members, and work colleagues. We were also very well supported by the All Saints parish, with **at least twenty-six members of the parish contributing to our collective effort**.

We were blessed with a beautiful spring day. The walk took us to seven different sites where COTS provides services. Wonderful music including local jazz musicians, Taiko drummers, and solo vocalists playing guitar added to the festive nature of the event. Tasty snacks along the way were provided by Cabot Creamery, Lake Champlain Chocolates, and Sugar Snap (Cookies for Good), with a Ben and Jerry's ice cream truck waiting for us at the finish in Battery Park. Mascots Champ (of the VT Lake Monsters) and Rally Cat (UVM Athletics) were present providing good cheer, high fives, and abundant enthusiasm.

To see photos which capture the flavor and spirit of the day, go to [cotsonline.org](http://cotsonline.org), then click on "Donate to the Crop Walk", then scroll down to "Walk Photos."

The walk was fully successful, exceeding the overall goal to raise at least \$205,000. This provides an important part of the COTS annual budget. Next year the walk will take place on **Sunday, May 7, 2023**. Please save that date on your calendar and consider joining us, either virtually or in person, for the **34<sup>th</sup> Annual COTS Walk**.

Thanks to all who supported this effort!!!

Marga Sproul, team captain

## UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER

I met with the Vestry on May 16. We decided the following:

- 1) We will continue to hold both in person worship services and online services via Zoom.
- 2) We will continue to require that masks be worn during in person worship services.
- 3) We will continue to ask people to remain in their pews during exchanging of the peace.
- 4) We will continue our expectation that all people attending in person services be fully vaccinated.
- 5) We will continue to defer holding coffee hour because of the greater risk of transmission of virus when people are unmasked and eating and conversing.
- 6) Lingering after services to converse and connect, especially outdoors, is welcomed and encouraged. (This wasn't discussed in Vestry, but it is my personal recommendation.)

Our decision is informed by the current high prevalence of the very contagious BA2 variant of the omicron variant of the coronavirus. We will re-evaluate the situation at the monthly Vestry meetings.

Recommendations:

- 1) A second booster shot, either Pfizer or Moderna, is strongly recommended for everyone age 65 and older and for everyone with complicating medical conditions.
- 2) A second booster shot is available and recommended for everyone age 50 and older.
- 3) Booster shots are now approved and recommended for children ages 5 to 13.
- 4) Masking in indoor settings is recommended during periods of relative high prevalence as we are currently experiencing.
- 5) Self-testing before and after gatherings with groups of people in indoor setting is recommended.
- 6) If you test positive for COVID and are age 65 or over or have a complicating medical condition, contact your primary health care provider to see if treatment with the antiviral Paxlovid might be appropriate for you.

The most current information about the pandemic in Vermont can be accessed at [healthvermont.gov/current activity](https://healthvermont.gov/current-activity). A comprehensive weekly surveillance report is published each Wednesday. This has replaced the daily case dashboard.

Please inform me when you have new immunizations so I can keep our records up to date. You can show me your card before or after church, or send me an image via text to 802-881-8097 or e-mail to [marga.sproul@uvm.edu](mailto:marga.sproul@uvm.edu). Your data will be kept confidential.

May you be safe and healthy!!!

Marga Sproul MD, Chief Health Officer

# JUNE SCHEDULE

## CRUCIFER

June  
5 N/A  
12 Whye Yap  
19 N/A  
26 Marga Sproul  
July  
3 Marian Halloran

## EUCCHARIST MINISTER OR LITURGIST

June  
5 Marga Sproul  
12 Marian Halloran  
19 Marga Sproul  
26 Jullie Bonanno  
July  
3 Glenn Sproul

## LECTOR 1

June  
5 Candace Smith  
12 Becky Fox  
19 Iris Darling  
26 Jackie Arbuckle  
July  
3 Yolande Franklin

## LECTOR 2

June  
5 Ellie Bushweller  
12 Yolande Franklin  
19 Cheryl Hooper  
26 Matt McGibney  
July  
3 Becky Fox

## INTERCESSOR

June  
5 Margaret MacLean  
12 Judy Lawson  
19 Ellie Bushweller  
26 Candace Smith  
July  
3 Iris Darling

## USHERS & GREETERS

June  
5 Chuck Conn/Marcia Corey  
12 Larry Baxter/Candace Smith  
19 Whye Yap/Becky Fox  
26 Chuck Conn/Larry Baxter  
July  
3 Candace Smith/Whye Yap

## ALTAR GUILD

June  
5 Marga Sproul  
12 Lisette Baxter  
19 Peggy Mathauer  
26 Marga Sproul  
July  
3 Peggy Mathauer

## VERGER

June  
5 Whye Yap  
12 Chuck Conn  
19 Whye Yap  
26 Chuck Conn  
July  
3 Whye Yap

## COUNTER

June  
5 Chuck Conn  
12 Whye Yap  
19 Susan Hartman  
26 Art Hessler  
July  
3 Cheryl Hooper

## MUSICIANS

June  
5 Matt McGibney  
12 Ed Darling  
19 Ed Darling  
26 Glenn (A Cappella)  
July  
3 Ed Darling



## EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF SUGGESTIONS

Cereal (low sugar)  
Peanut Butter  
Baby Food, Baby Formula,  
Diapers  
Canned Soup (low sodium)  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Fruit in juice or light  
syrup  
Pork & Beans  
Canned Vegetables (low  
sodium)  
Tomato /Spaghetti Sauce  
Dry Pasta, Rice  
Juice (100% juice)  
Meals in a can

If you wish to make a monetary  
donation, every gift helps.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Francis Duval  
10 Lu Moxhet  
11 Alan Averyt  
12 John Bertelsen  
13 Marty Torpey  
21 Anne Averyt  
Adam Mathauer-Pudvah  
23 George Singer  
25 Stewart Pierson  
26 Julie Pierson  
Carole Wageman  
29 Josh Cheney

### ANNIVERSARIES

22 Dick & Judith Phillips  
24 Jerry & Susan Martin  
25 Ed & Stephanie Hockenbury  
26 John & Marion Dooley  
27 Glenn & Marga Sproul  
29 Thomas & Pam Roberts

### IN MEMORIAM

3 Julie LaChance  
7 Jonathan Parrish  
12 May Stevens  
14 Peter MacLean  
22 Tom Drolette  
26 Sean Chagnon



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“Find your roots in the rituals and traditions of a people with a history.”