



# The All Saints MESSENGER November 2020

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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

## For All the Saints

Dear Parish Family,

The phrase "on the tiptoe of expectation" is usually associated with the season of Advent at the end of November, when we begin to look eagerly with joyful anticipation for the birth of Baby Jesus. But 2020 is an election year, so as this November begins, we are indeed anxiously poised, but mostly with fearful worry about the possible outcomes and aftermaths of this looming election. To further add to the atmosphere of uncertainty, at the same time, the spread of Covid is escalating dramatically throughout much of our nation and again in Europe.

In times of crisis we often find comfort in the gathered and near presence of one another. We seek out the comfort and companionship of friends, families, neighbors, and sometimes of even complete strangers. An irony of the pandemic is that such proximity is precisely what fuels the current rise in infections and deaths.

One of the saving graces of burgeoning technology is that many of us have been able to gather electronically and antiseptically via the internet. After a time, however, the virtue of "virtual" loses some of its appeal as "digital fatigue" sets in. Yet, this connection has been a great blessing and never more needed than now in this anxious time of microscopic disease and societal dysfunction.

As I thought about the importance of connection with one another and the ways in which Zoom contact with each other, even if imperfect, has been soothing, I looked at the Church Calendar and there was another significant November date staring at me! Yes, fellow saints (in training), November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day! It's amazing how anxious thoughts can crowd out more important things, like our parish's "name day"!

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But then, another level of connection occurred to me. As Christians we believe that at all times and in all places we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. This coming Sunday we will pray for all the saints, known to us and held in blessed memory, and others unknown. As you think about some treasured person, now a saint, who has shared your life's journey and maybe sometimes even sat next to you at All Saints over the years, draw near to them in your heart and mind and find comfort in their love and prayers for you and yours. At this time of Pandemic distancing, draw near in prayer to those who from their labors rest. As you think of them, pray with them for God's peace and for healing for a sick and broken world. Draw near and be comforted as we face into an uncertain future, but remember that we do not face it alone.

David +

### All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day, also known as [All Hallows' Day](#), *Hallowmas* (saints have historically been known as *hallows*) and *Feast of All Saints*, is a Christian celebration to honor all known (and unknown) saints and martyrs. It always falls on **November 1**. It is preceded by [Halloween](#), its vigil, on October 31 and followed by [All Souls' Day](#) on November Together these three days of remembering the dead form the triduum (a religious observance lasting three days) of *Hallowtide*.



## Thoughts from your Senior Warden Glenn Sproul:

### Special Events To Look Forward To On Our November Zoom Services

The October Messenger featured personal statements from four parishioners about the importance of the All Saints community in their lives. My thanks again to Chuck Conn, Laura Buel, Sandy Aldrich and Becky Fox for their eloquent writings! In case you would like to reread them, they are reprinted again below for your convenience.

As we enter November, which is traditionally Stewardship month at All Saints, we are changing gears slightly to capitalize on our new tradition of Sunday morning Zoom services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each Sunday service before Thanksgiving will end with a short, recorded video from one of our parishioners on what All Saints means to them. I am delighted to announce the following schedule of special “guest appearances”:

November 1: Chris Sheil

November 8: Cheryl Hooper

November 15: Susan Hartman

November 22: Molly Averyt and her family

Placing these recordings at the end of the service will make it natural for us to chat with the presenters during our “Virtual Coffee Hour”. Thank you Chris, Cheryl, Susan and Molly!

### What Is A Zoom Service, Anyway?

#### And What If I Can't Get Onto A Zoom Service Because I Don't Have A Computer??

Some folks in our parish may not know what we are talking about when we mention Zoom services. A Zoom service allows those of us with computers, tablets or smart phones to hear each other and see each other's faces as we worship together through the readings, sermon and prayers of the day. It's not as good as being in our beloved building, but it's still pretty special to be together in this way.

**But here is good news!** Even if you have no computer, or prefer not to connect by computer, you can still join us on Sunday mornings. Zoom technology allows you to join our Sunday worship by phone! Here are detailed instructions for doing so:

**A few minutes before 10:00 AM, dial 1 6465588656 (unfortunately, it is not toll-free);**

**When asked for the Meeting ID enter the 11-digit number 879 1513 1295, and the # sign;**

**When asked for your Unique Participant ID press # to skip;**

**When asked for the Passcode enter the 9-digit number 696650929 and the # sign.**

You can hear everyone, and we can hear you. It should be easy to join us. While we won't see you, **we will still be so excited to hear your voice!**

During the Zoom service or the Virtual Coffee Hour that follows it, you can participate:

**Press \*6 to Mute or Unmute your phone;**

**Press \*9 to “Raise your hand” so that our host John Bertelsen will see that you would like to speak.**

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 802-881-8096, and I will be happy to try to help.

Sincerely, *Glenn*

**From Chuck Conn**

I was recently asked to write a brief testimonial about what All Saints means to me. When I began reflecting upon this question, the word *home* kept coming to mind. As a result, I thought about what the meaning of *home* really is, and it became abundantly clear to me why I associate that word with All Saints. Allow me to elaborate.

Home is a physical space that evokes feelings of warmth, peacefulness and comfort whenever we enter. That is All Saints!

Home is a place of sanctuary, where we feel safe and secure, and where healing of the emotional wounds that can sometimes be inflicted on us by the outside world can occur. That is All Saints!

Home is a place where quiet spiritual reflection can take place, allowing us to open our hearts and minds to the soft voice of the Holy Spirit, and to receive the message of love which God wants all of us to hear. That is All Saints!

And most importantly, in my opinion, home is where people who are very special to us reside – those who always offer us love, support and nurturing, and accept us for who we are. That, most definitely, is All Saints! This fact began to come into focus for me the very first time I visited our wonderful little church 22 years ago. I, of course, was invited to take part in the coffee hour after the service, and in so doing encountered a welcome like I have never experienced anywhere else. The genuine kindness and warmth shown to me that day is almost indescribable! I think I can say without exaggeration that everyone who was present in the Deforest Room that Sunday morning, most of whom I had never met before, came over to offer a friendly welcome and make me feel comfortable. What a blessing! I was one of the last people to leave the church that day, had already been recruited to be on the stage crew for the annual play, and been handed a member information card to fill out. Is it possible to come home to a place you have never been before? I say the answer is yes, and offer as proof that amazing day all those years ago when I first entered All Saints Church and realized I was home!

So very clearly, the answer to the question I was asked to write about is that All Saints means home to me. And while I, of course, don't live at the church, in many significant ways it is just as much a home for me as my house in Williston. The current COVID-19 crisis has only served to reinforce this feeling, as I find myself experiencing "home sickness" over the inability to gather with my wonderful church family in the place we all love. Though we are fortunate to have Zoom as a means of staying connected with one another during this difficult time, nothing can replace actually being together as a parish community at our beloved All Saints Church. May the Good Lord hasten the day when that joyous reunion occurs!

*Chuck Conn*

**From Laura Buel**

I came to All Saints only two years ago although I've been in the Diocese of Vermont since 1980. I attended Christ Church, Montpelier for 31 years and then most recently Holy Trinity Church, Swanton for the next 7 years before I moved to South Burlington.

As I write this it occurs to me that much of what I love about All Saints has been interrupted by Covid-19. I really miss coming to church and worshipping with other people at the same time in the same place. I miss sitting and talking with people. I have to say that my favorite part of Sunday morning is the Adult Forum that meets at 9am. Even though more and more I feel I'm struggling with the traditional liturgy, the Adult Forum topics and discussion lets us get to the heart of our faith. I love the tradition of folk music one Sunday every month. I love the modern open church sanctuary. I like the relative simplicity of All Saints in that it consists of one fairly modern church building and no other property so the parish can focus more on worship and less on property maintenance. I enjoy the grounds clean-up days in the spring because it's a chance to get to know more people in more ways.

*Laura Buel*

**From Sandy Aldrich**

The Stewardship Committee has invited me to share a little about myself and my connection with All Saints Church. I live in Milton, and I have two married daughters and four grandsons. I grew up in Old Lyme, Connecticut and have many happy memories attending St. Ann's Episcopal Church with my parents and sister.

Nearly 10 years ago, as I was helping my parents move to their South Burlington apartment, I drove by All Saints noticing the Episcopal shield and felt drawn to the church. The decision to attend a service was one of the best I've made. My first Sunday at All Saints I was warmly welcomed by David and the parishioners, and I very quickly felt that I had found a church family. All Saints has become more and more important to me for my spiritual growth and my relationship with God. The Sunday service has been an opportunity to reflect on my many blessings and pray for personal concerns, and as a congregation to pray for universal concerns such as gun violence, social justice, and global climate change. I've enjoyed the fellowship of participating in the outdoor cleanup, Lent Madness and the bazaar, and there are many other activities I'm looking forward to when the pandemic has ended.

The work that has gone into creating the Sunday service since it's gone online is so appreciated. At this difficult time, I'm more grateful than ever for All Saints and feel so hopeful as we pray for an end to this pandemic. When we were worshipping in person, I attended the 8:00 service, so the Zoom services have given me the opportunity to see the other members of the congregation and to enjoy the music ministry. I'm so happy to be on this spiritual journey with such a caring community.

*Sandy Aldrich*

**From Becky Fox**

**A Tradition**

Our lives are upside-down because of this pandemic but in truth this is a repeat in my family history. My Grandmother Fox, Minnie Irene Craig, was born on July 4, 1888 in Carntown, Kentucky. As a young girl her family migrated to Connersville, Indiana in search of a high school from which she and her sister, Rebecca Mae, graduated in 1906.

The residents of East Connersville wanted a church to be built, and old Herman Fox, my grandmothers' future husband's grandfather donated the land, and as reported in church records, a frame building was constructed, becoming affiliated with the Methodist Church in 1889. Arriving in Connersville in 1902 the two sisters were actively involved, teaching Sunday School and participating in all church activities.

Meanwhile, my grandmother met Arthur Fox and got married in 1910 settling in a house right down the street from East Side Methodist Church, close to her sister's new home and proceeded to have three sons, my father being the youngest. Unfortunately, her world was turned upside-down and Arthur died on January 6, 1919, during the flu epidemic. With her widowed mother in tow, she moved to Indianapolis to find work as a bookkeeper to provide for her family. She states in her brief memoirs, "I have always kept up my membership at the East Side Methodist Church in Connersville." Those sons grew up to have families of their own, and in the 1950's I spent my teenage summers in East Connersville with my Aunt Mae. I attended church, went to youth group meetings and I even helped deliver pies to the church "pie tent". Those years were very meaningful to me.

I have to admit, I've never made a pie for our All Saints' Holiday Bazaar, but I have always supported All Saints in some most wonderful endeavors; our fabulous musicals, Saint of the Month, Bazaar raffles, pledge drives, greeting and ushering, music and precious activities with my granddaughter. In reality, I am just a continuation of a tradition that started in the 1800's and I pray that we all stay safe and that this pandemic is soon over so that we all may continue to worship and support our All Saints' Episcopal Church.

*Becky Fox*

“Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote.” -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

### **A Litany for a Time of Election**

By Rev. Shannon Kelly, Director Department of Faith Formation, The Episcopal Church

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

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Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

**Intercessor: God, our creator,**

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

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[Bishop Shannon invites everyone to be part of the morning session of the Diocesan Convention, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.](#)

Morning Prayer will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be open to all (no registration required). Bishop Shannon will give her annual address during worship. The remainder of the morning session is open to all as well.

[Join the Morning Prayer service via Zoom](#) or [watch on Facebook](#) .  
Control + Click to join.

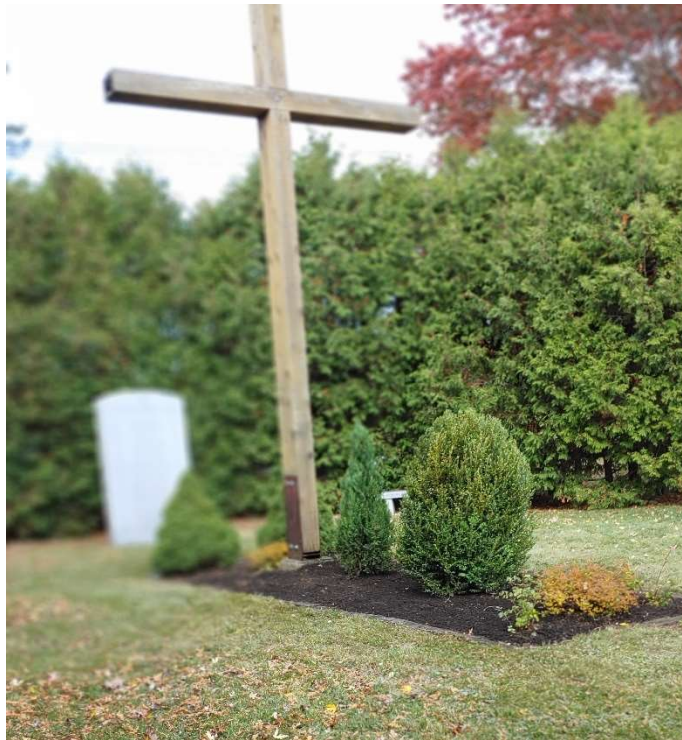
Join by phone by dialing 646.558.8656 and using ID 899.0194.5355.

## All Saints Memorial Garden Refurbished

For some time the juniper and other bushes in the Memorial Garden were showing their age and looking a bit “scruffy.” Most had been planted over twelve years ago! In some places grass and other weeds had overtaken the central garden area.

The Memorial Garden Committee consisting of co-chairpersons Chuck Conn and Martha Chambers and committee members Hilla Damm and Peggy Mathauer consulted experts from Claussen’s to draft a proposal to replace struggling bushes and to weed and mulch the overall garden.

This simple and straightforward plan was presented to All Saints Vestry at its last meeting and the green light was given to commence the work. The photo below shows the simple refurbishing of the central garden area which was recently completed, presenting a view of peace and tranquility fitting for this sacred place. In addition, new bushes along the eastern and northern edges of the Memorial Garden, which are not visible in this photo, frame the space beautifully.





## NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 9:00 to 9:40 in our Zoom Room

November 1: **All Saints Day:** Wear a costume, disguise, funny hat, sunglasses, or come as you are.

**Discussion and Reflection :** We are all Saints in training.

November 8: **Lantern Making :** Children will be guided through steps to create a simple paper lantern.

**Discussion and Reflection:** What is a Saint?

November 15: **Saint of the Month:** Saint Martin of Torres

**Lantern Lighting :** song, verse, story

November 22: **Giving Thanks and Praise**

**Activity:** Weaving gratitudes and praises into a festive table decoration.

### **Advent**

Children are invited to experience the lighting of the Advent wreath, sing songs, learn the Nativity story, and create a paper silhouette creche.

November 29 : **First Light of Advent:** Songs, Verses, Story, Craft

December 6 : **Second Light of Advent: Saint of the Month:** Saint Nicolas of Myra  
Song, Verse, Story, Craft

December 13 : **Third Light of Advent:** Song, Verse, Story, Craft

December 20 : **Fourth Light of Advent:** Song, Verse, Story, Craft

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Quintin McBride  
5 Chelsea Martin  
10 Ben Park  
12 Rick Lockwood  
20 Joe Suarez  
21 Jackie Arbuckle  
24 Kathy Bosley  
28 Marga Sproul  
29 Marie Benoit  
30 Allison Bosley

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Allan & Jackie Arbuckle  
8 Dana & Vicki Brown

IN MEMORIAM

3 Kevin Martin, Jr.  
5 Gil Rood  
14 James Wright  
16 Marge Whittlesey  
24 Muriel Woodaman



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