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## All Saints Alive

The Newsletter of All Saints Episcopal Church  
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### Mother Bonnie's Corner



This time last year, we were about to begin worshipping in person again at All Saints. Like many of you, I was so excited to once again enter our sacred space as a community, even with our many COVID-related safety protocols. We're now past much of that: masks are optional, we're receiving communion in two kinds, and fellowship events are back on the calendar. While we continue to monitor COVID infection rates in our desire to keep one another safe, much of our day-to-day is back to being "normal-ish."

But is it really? I still hear from many of you about continuing anxiety, weariness, and concerns about the future . . . worries about the Ukraine, inflation, divisiveness, injustice, and this fragile earth, our island home. Many

still experience a heaviness of the spirit, a feeling that so much is still not right in the world. Where can we turn?

Yes, there is suffering and uncertainty in the world, for the world around us is broken, just as we are. We have separated ourselves from God by seeking our own will, rather than God's, and sin does have power over us. We suffer, both individually and as a community when we succumb to the natural self-centeredness of our humanness. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, we do not do the good we want to do, but rather the evil we do not want to do.

Yet we have hope, for we are freed from the power of sin and death through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Christ, we are blessed with the gift of God's grace. We are enabled, with God's help, to become who we are created to be: God's own beloved, living lives of generosity and love, in a joyful relationship with God, one another, and all of creation.

This month, as we come to the end of Lent, we walk together in the Way of the Cross in a real and powerful way, from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the last Supper, his death on a cross, and the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Day. We recall Jesus' great love for us, his willingness to suffer and die for us, so that we too may be blessed with new life in Him.

As we enter into this most Holy Season, lean into this Palm Sunday prayer, found on page 292 of the Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first, he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May we continue to examine ourselves, our priorities, and the realities of this broken and challenging world, asking God's forgiveness for those things we've done and left undone, knowing that we can trust in the Almighty's mercy and forgiveness. For we are an Easter people, invited to lean into the hope of God's kingdom begun, yet still to come: a world being made anew today by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Let us join in Jesus' movement, partnering with our Lord and Savior to carry his light and love into the world.

Peace,  
Mother Bonnie+



**From Our Deacon**



The other day I picked up a favorite book, *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh. I don't know if I've ever read the whole book. I have, on the advice of the gifter, tended to pull it off the shelf, let it fall open and just read. On this particular day, the book fell open to a passage on the Christian Holy Spirit and the Buddha's teachings on Mindfulness. It does sound like a rather odd combination of spiritual pondering (this book tends to do that), but this time it took me to a place of hope, peace, and Presence.

During a trip to Florence, Hanh had asked a Catholic priest to share his understanding of the Holy Spirit. The priest said, "The Holy Spirit is the energy sent by God." (p. 79) The conversation shifted to Mindfulness. Very basically, mindfulness is being so aware of and connected with all around us that we become truly one in the moment. It takes practice, and I'm pretty rusty right now.

I guess this really struck me deeply, because as I sat with the passage for a bit, I began to realize that, for the past few years, I have allowed the busyness of church to be more and more my focus. Of course, the Holy Spirit is sent by God to guide us in living and moving and having our being in the world as followers of Jesus Christ. If we can consider, even briefly, that the Holy Spirit is the bearer of God's energy, perhaps it is within the realm of theological reason to think the Holy Spirit sends God's energy to help us come to a place of holiness, connectedness, and mindfulness. Sort of like sitting beside God on a dock by a peaceful lake, as day is blending into night and everything around us turns into silhouette.

An awful lot of stuff is going on all around the earth, both far away and close to home. It has been like that for a while now and we've been doing what we can to help each other manage our way through the uncertainty. For some, our tank may be running on fumes. Funny thing is, our tanks can't be filled by another errand or doing more stuff. We refuel by stopping, sitting still, allowing God's energy to touch us, joining us on that peaceful dock, and being so aware of all that is around us that we become one with the moment. Mindfulness.

Each of us has our own way of settling into mindfulness with God: that time to rest and be strengthened in who we are as God's child. And that mindfulness time can provide us so much: a moment to *simply be* a part of God's promise; a moment to prepare us for those future moments with our brothers and sisters; a moment that helps us hear; and strengthens us to serve.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,

- Deacon Barbara

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# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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**Sunday** Worship: 10:15 am *in person and online*

**Monday** Children's Choir: 1:30-2:00pm  
Book Study: 4:30-6pm  
Education for Ministry 6:30-8:30pm

**Tuesday** Food Pantry: 9:30-11am

**Wednesday** Pilgrimage: 12-12:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

**Friday** Shawl Ministries: 10:30am-12pm  
ECW Luncheon: 1pm

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## Senior Warden

Spring is here and there has been a rebirth of activities here at All Saints. It was so wonderful to be able to gather together for our first potluck after church on March 6th. It had been such a long time since we had been able to enjoy good food and good fellowship. Our plan is to continue to enjoy many more potluck gatherings in 2022. So, please get out your calendar and mark the first Sunday of every month, and join us in the Parish Hall right after church.

While you are marking dates on your calendar, include Lenten Suppers on Wednesdays. April will be a busy month as we celebrate Easter. We are so excited that ECW will have the English Tea in April and the Wine and Cheese in May. There are so many opportunities to volunteer and serve, so watch for sign up sheets and join the fun. These activities are so important to the work that the Church and ECW do in the community. Money raised during the year is used to support many worthwhile organizations in our community.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to work alongside your fellow parishioners and strengthen old relationships and form some new ones. We have learned over the past few years that those relationships formed here at All Saints are so precious.

Shelley Strickland  
Senior Warden

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# Thank You

A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped care for our buildings and grounds at our March 19th Parish Workday, and especially our Workday Leaders, Linda Christie and Susan Wynn.

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## FOR OUR YOUTH!

Our April calendar will be full of joy and opportunity as we prepare for Easter. This month will require lots of help so I look forward to seeing all of your participation.

- April 3 - We will have the Blessing of the Brains as we enter into the end-of-year testing season. This will happen during worship, and we'll have our own table to sit at during the Monthly Covered dish, so be sure to come to church and join us!
- April 10 - We will be packing Easter eggs and preparing for the Easter Day hunt, so be sure to join us after church!
- April 17 - We're leading the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, so be sure to be at church early for both the brunch at 9 a.m. and the hiding of the Easter eggs at 9:30, so everything will be prepared for the Egg Hunt after the 10:15 service.
- April 24th - We will be having a baking day with Jesus Bread, as we discuss the continuing miracle of Jesus's resurrection with this tasty treat.

Colleen Norris, Youth Leader  
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# Holy Week and Easter Schedule

## Holy Week Events

April 10th: Palm Sunday  
We begin the service outside  
April 14th 8pm-11am  
Vigil: Keep Watch with Me  
April 15th: Stations of the Cross,  
Noon

## Easter Services- April 17th

Vigil, 6:30 am  
Brunch, 9:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, 10:15 am  
Egg Hunt, After Church

## Triduum

April 14th: Maundy Thursday,  
6:30 pm  
April 15th: Good Friday, 6:30 pm  
April 16th: Easter Vigil, 6:30 am

## Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week prepares us for Easter, as we walk with Jesus through some of the worst things in the world into some of the best: from betrayal and death on the cross to forgiveness, hope, and new life.

### Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, April 10th, 10:15: This service begins Holy Week as we get a taste of the narrative of Holy Week, from the triumphant shouts of “Hosanna” to the devastating call to “Crucify Him,” and Jesus’ agonizing death, discovering that those ancient human voices are also our own.

**The Triduum:** Here we dive deeper into the story of Jesus’ last days on the earth, with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil rituals: three parts of one service, an ancient custom to honor the holiest days that connect us all

### *Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 6:30 pm:*

We recall Jesus’ last meal with his friends before his crucifixion, when Jesus shows us what it means to live into the greatest commandment, to love one another as he has loved us, as Jesus takes on the role of a servant washing the disciples’ feet. This is our final Eucharist together until the Great Vigil of Easter. The Altar is stripped of all adornments and trappings, an Altar of Repose is set up for the reserved Sacrament, and then begins a time to keep watch with Jesus: a vigil throughout the night, to lean into our desire to stay awake with Jesus on the night before his death. There is no dismissal, helping

us remember that the Triduum is one continuous service.

*Good Friday, April 15th, 6:30 pm:*

During this service, we recall the crucifixion of Jesus, venerate the cross, and offer Holy Communion in a different way, using the sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday service. Again, there is no dismissal, as this is only the second part of the three services of the Triduum.

*The Great Vigil of Easter, April 17th, 6:30 am:*

This service leads us into the full expression of the Christian life, as we enter into the heart of our faith. We begin in darkness, reminding us of the cross and grave, then light a fire to remind us of both God's first creative gift of light and the light and new creation of Jesus Christ. We hear in Scripture the Good News of all that God has done for us, offering praise for God's presence in our past and praying for God's continued presence in our lives. We renew our Baptismal vows, then joyfully proclaim the words "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" celebrating the reality of the Resurrection, then celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Service, Apr 17th, 10:15 am: This is our second liturgy of Easter, a celebration of Christ's resurrection, as we begin the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

**Other Holy Week Offerings:**

*Vigil - Keep Watch with Me, April 14th - April 15th:*

an act of devotion, as one or two individuals keep watch for an hour of meditative silence at the Altar of Repose, from the close of the Maundy Thursday service until the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

*Stations of the Cross, April 15th, noon:*

an act of devotion and pilgrimage, as we walk through 14 stations in the Sanctuary, stopping at each to say prayers and listen to reflections commemorating events in Jesus' final hours. These liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are an invitation to walk more closely with Jesus, entering the story of salvation in a unique and powerful way. Join us this year at All Saints, as we remind ourselves that God in Jesus Christ stands with us now and always.

This article is adapted from *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, Chapter 11.

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## From Our Ministries

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### Year-Round Stewardship: Stewards Under Fire by Mary Christian

*(Note: I am writing on March 13, knowing that the conflict in Ukraine will have changed by the time this column is published. If nothing else, this column is my response to the news on one day in mid-March and my attempts to make sense of what that news means for all of us as we try to be good stewards. And I am*

*fairly sure that, regardless of how the on-the-ground details in Ukraine may have shifted by the time you read this, the central message of stewardship in times of crisis will still be relevant.)*

In a Sunday morning service toward the end of January, we sang “God the Omnipotent” as our closing hymn (# 569 in our hymnal). There had been no invasion in Ukraine yet, but for weeks the possibility of invasion had hung in the air as the news every day reported mounting numbers of Russian troops deployed around Ukraine’s borders. There had been anxious diplomatic visits and grim questions about what it all meant. These questions came back to me as the choir recessed up the nave, singing “Give to us peace in our time, O Lord” to a tune that had once been the Russian national anthem. The prayer of the hymn’s refrain suddenly felt more poignant and alive than it had in a long time. But after a few pensive remarks and head-shakes on the church steps, my prayerful mood wore off, as such moods usually do, in the midst of the grocery-and-grading routine.

The hymn and its refrain came back to my head a month later, when the invasion happened at last. Pleas for “peace in our time” felt suddenly feeble and hollow amid reports of bombed hospitals, fleeing refugees, and nuclear threats. But for me, the round of teaching and grading, church and errands, went on, and still goes on, much as before.

As I read the news these days, the thought often comes to me: It’s one thing to talk about stewardship—about using our gifts and resources responsibly—when our lives are predictable and secure when our heaviest anxieties are the rising prices at the gas pump and the grocery store. But what does stewardship mean for people whose world has been invaded, for people who must fight to hold on to their country or flee to hold on to their lives? What does it look like to use what you have when everything you have has been snatched away or could be smashed at any moment?

Eight-year-old Alisa Zhuk, after her family fled from Kyiv, answered that question by drawing pictures and selling them to raise money for the Ukrainian army.

Ekaterina Martiusheva, an Airbnb property manager in Kyiv, has answered that question by buying food for elderly neighbors and paying her cleaning and maintenance staff, even when there are no guests to clean up after, using money from Airbnb stays booked by users all over the world, people who never intend to show up, but who want to send help somehow.

Hundreds of ordinary Ukrainians answer that question by lining up for hours to give blood, or by delivering food and supplies to underground shelters.

For them, stewardship means using what they have, giving what they can, whatever it is, not knowing if they’ll be alive tomorrow, but knowing that their tomorrow, if they have any, is bound up with the tomorrows of their neighbors, their communities, their country.

And here I am sitting in my warm house after supper, trying to think of what the message is for me and for all of us at All Saints. If I were a better columnist, I



would have practical action points, things you could do to support the Ukrainians, something more than “give to Episcopal Relief and Development to help the refugees, and give to Amnesty International to support Russians who are jailed for protesting their government’s aggression—and pray.” Come to think of it, if I had more of a list, I’m not sure I’d have much credibility in giving it. My own track record for taking action in public affairs is sporadic at best. But I can start by paying attention and by acknowledging the truth, even if it feels as if the only truth I have to offer is: “There are a lot of awful things going on in the world right now, and I don’t know what to say or do about it.” Attention and truth—if we don’t know where to start as stewards, let’s at least use those resources well.



## **ECW News**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. We will be making plans for the Easter breakfast and for the English Tea.

- The Easter Breakfast will be held at 9 am on Easter morning. A Sign-up Genius has gone out to get a number for those attending. Please respond so we can plan on food quantities. We will decorate for the breakfast on Friday the 15th beginning at 10:30. We welcome all helpers! There will also be a sign-up for making casseroles; all ingredients and recipes will be provided.
- The English Tea will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 24th. Help is needed Saturday to set up the Parish Hall and tables; help on Sunday making sandwiches; help at the event to serve tea and help to clean up. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers so plan to get involved. Any donations for door prizes and the raffle are welcome! Please see Anne Sanders for more information.
- There are so many ways to get involved! We hope that you will join us in these activities!
- AND our Wine and Cheese Tasting Party will be coming up in May on Friday the 13th. There will be sign-ups going out to work with set up, food, serving that night, and donations for the Silent Auction, just to name a few areas that need your help. Plan to get involved!

For more information contact Linda Christie or Sheila Freeman.



# Altar Guild News

Lent and Easter are important times in our church life and we hope all of you will become involved.

On Saturday, April 9th, we will meet at 9:00 to make palm crosses. Altar Guild members and anyone else who is interested are encouraged to attend. We will have directions if you have not made them before. After we finish the crosses there will be breakfast! But work is first!

Holy Week is a very important part of our walk to Easter. Please check the church schedule and plan to attend services. It always makes Easter morning more glorious when you have been through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

On Saturday April 16th we will decorate the church for Easter. There will be lots of things to do – polishing, cleaning, flowers, etc. and all are welcome.

For any questions or more information contact Linda Christie.



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## April Events

- April 2nd:
  - Celebrating the Saints: John Donne, 11am
- April 3rd:
  - Blessing of the Brains, during worship
  - Rector's Forum and Covered Dish - End of Life Planning, After the Service
- April 9th: Palm Cross Workshop, in the Parish Hall
- April 17th: Easter Egg Hunt, after worship
- April 24th: English Tea, 2:00 pm



# **COVERED DISH & RECTOR'S FORUM**

April 3rd, After the Service

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In this month's Rector's Forum, Mother Bonnie will present information on End-of-Life planning, covering some practical topics to consider to help us all care for our families and be good stewards of our resources.

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## **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday 4/6 and Friday 4/15, Noon

Our Lenten and Holy Week journeys can be enriched by time contemplating Jesus' great sacrifice for us by symbolically walking with him on the day of his crucifixion. We do this through Stations of the Cross, a liturgy of prayer, silence, and movement, as we use our sacred imaginations to walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary.

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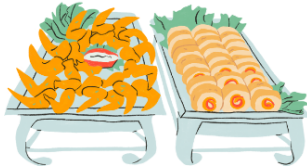
**Will you keep watch this year?**

**Just as Christ's disciples were asked to keep awake and pray with Jesus in the garden at Gethsemane, we too have an opportunity to stay awake and keep watch.**



Our Vigil begins at 8 p.m., Thursday April 14 in the Sanctuary and ends on Good Friday at noon with Stations of the Cross. Signups are available at the *Saints Alive! Welcome Station* and on Signup Genius.

For questions, please contact Stephanie Johnson, Beth Wood, or Mother Bonnie.



## Easter Brunch

Join us Sunday, April 17th, at 9:00 am for a time of fellowship, food, and fun! To sign up for brunch, use Sign-Up Genius or contact the church office.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your baskets!  
After the 10:15 Easter Service on April 17th, a children's Easter Egg hunt will take place.

Youth who are helping to put out eggs are asked to arrive no later than 9:30 to make sure the eggs are all placed prior to the service.



## All Saints English Tea 2022:

How can you help? There's much to do!

Help with Baking (we are hoping to seat 100)- Ideas can be found below.

- Savories: Sausage rolls, Chicken salad Vol au Vents, Cheese straws etc.,
- Sweets: Jam tarts, meringues, mini cup-cakes, lemon bars, scones etc.

**22nd Annual  
"Traditional  
English Tea"**

**2022  
Platinum  
Jubilee Tea**

**All Saints Episcopal Church  
Presents  
Sunday, 24th April 2022**

**Recital by  
Organist & Pianist Kipp Gill**  
(entry free to the public)  
**@ 1:30 pm**

Followed by our  
**22nd Annual "Traditional English Tea"**  
**@ 2:30 pm**  
**(& Celebrating the 70th Platinum Jubilee of  
HM Queen Elizabeth II**

**Tickets \$25**  
(limited reserved tables available)

**(Ladies—wear your hats!)**

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**478-335-1487**

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100 S Houston Lake Blvd., Suite U, Centerville, GA 31028

Dessert: Chocolate strawberries, Eaton mess etc. anything 'red white & blue" (we are also celebrating the 70th Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II!

Help on Saturday 4/23 and Sunday 4/24

- Saturday: Set up tables and decorate the parish hall. (10:00 am until)
- Sunday:
  - Sandwich makers (9-12:30)
  - Kitchen - help to prepare last-minute chores with food; Putting food on trays, etc.
  - Help serve tea,
  - Tea making,
  - Clear up afterward.

### Prizes and Tickets

- Help to gather raffle prizes
- raffle basket making
- Ticket selling (Tables of 4, 6 or 8 can be reserved by prior ticket purchase)

There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome table and at the April covered dish luncheon, but, don't wait - please contact Anne Sanders for recipes, and any questions (asanders@cox.net/478-335-1487.)

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## Outreach

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**Supporting Humanitarian Response  
to the Crisis in Ukraine**



Wondering how you can make a difference? Episcopal Relief & Development continues to work with Anglican and ecumenical partners to provide aid to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Donations can be to All Saints online or by check (indicate ERD on the memo line) or click here to donate directly to Episcopal Relief and Development: [Ukraine Relief](#)



Family Promise allows communities to develop solutions for families facing homelessness. Families in crisis are given an opportunity to rebuild their lives with new skills and the support of their community.

The local Family Promise organization continues to transition into the new facility in Perry. They have had a ribbon-cutting and started enrolling families into the program. All Saints provided three nights of dinners during the month of March. We will continue to partner with Trinity Methodist Church. They will do one of the nights in our rotation, and we will do one of their nights. We have found it very helpful to have a partner. On Sunday, April 3rd, we will be doing one night in their rotation. Watch for SignUp Genius if you are interested in providing part of the meal.

A big thank you to all those who attended our recent volunteer training here at All Saints. I am thrilled to have so many new volunteers who will be able to interact with the Family Promise families. Also, a thank you to all those who volunteered and contributed to the meals in March.

- Shelley Strickland



Thank you to all who participated in our first Rector's forum on Creation Care. To stay up to date on this information, you can visit the [Protect Georgia website](#). This is the best way to take action on coal ash, the Okefenokee, and other policy priorities. This is frequently updated and contains a good synopsis of the issues and how to take action.

- Darlene Meloche



## Life at All Saints



Rev. Shirley with the DOK at our recent Celebration!



Our new confirmands with Bishop Wright and Mother Bonnie



The month of March offered many opportunities for fellowship as All Saints once again began offering opportunities to share meals with one another. Pictured is a photo from a celebration meal for Rev. Shirley Porter's service among us, as the All Saints Community offered her support and encouragement as she sets off to begin a Chaplain Residency Program at Emory University in the fall.

All Saints had four members participate in the Diocesan Confirmation at the Cathedral on March 26th. Congratulations to those confirmed; Suzy Haggard, Ken Hammond, and Taylor Irwin, and to George Nassaney who was received.



### *Vestry*

Shelley Strickland, Sr. Warden  
Susan Wynn, Jr. Warden  
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Marcia Fussell, Outreach  
Anne Sanders, Communications  
Judy Reynolds, Long Range Planning  
Ellen Strait, Stewardship  
Mike Tarnoff and Beth Wood, Co-treasurers

### *Clergy and Staff*

The Rev. Bonnie Underwood, Rector  
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