

SAINTS ALIVE! February 2018

The All Saints Anglican Church Monthly Newsletter

FROM THE RECTOR

The importance of reading Scripture publicly

One of the responses I often get from people who are new to Anglicanism is surprise at the abundance of Scripture that is read in our worship services. Whether it is in the Daily Office, Holy Eucharist, or even weddings or funerals, the public reading of portions of the Bible is central to every act of worship we do. And yet, for many Christians, faith has become overly individualized. The important thing, we are told, is our own personal relationship with Christ. That is all I need. So it should be enough for me to just read the Bible on my own, right? Well, not exactly. While I certainly believe that all Christians need to spend time reading and studying God's Word privately on a daily basis, it is also vitally important that we read it publicly when we gather together as a community.

The history of the public reading of Scripture goes back long before the formation of the Christian Church. When Josiah discovered the Book of the Law in the Temple in 2 Kings 22-23, his first order of business was to have it read in public. The people of God had neglected this practice for so long that they no longer knew what the Lord required of them, and consequently had fallen into idolatry. When Josiah had the book read aloud before the people it sparked a national revival and return to the ways of the Lord. Unfortunately they did not continue with the practice, and quickly fell back into idolatry and ultimately were exiled to Babylon.

In Babylon, the Jewish exiles began gathering together on the Sabbath and reading portions of the Law and Prophets as a way to maintain their identity in a foreign land. Often one of the readers would give a short sermon, called a dearshah, at the conclusion of the readings. When the Jews returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the Temple they brought their synagogues with them, and these communities devoted to the reading of Scripture became the focal point of worship for most Jews. The early Christians followed the same pattern of prayer and the public reading of Scripture when they met, adding to it the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

This same pattern serves as the model for our own Anglican worship today. The lectionary provides us with a three year cycle of set readings for each Sunday which include lessons from the Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles, and Gospels. The lectionary helps us to not only focus on certain seasons and themes throughout the year, it also ensures that we are covering the full breadth of the Biblical narrative and not ignoring parts that we might not always like. While the preacher for the day does not necessarily preach on all of the readings, it is certainly our practice at All Saints to focus on at least one of them for the day's sermon, and the lectionary often forces the preacher to address difficult passages or subject matter. But even though we are not preaching on all of the readings does not mean it is unimportant to read them. The more Scripture we hear read publicly, the more we will begin to internalize the eternal message of God's revelation to us.

In addition to the weekly Sunday morning lectionary, we have assigned readings for Morning and Evening Prayer. The Daily Office lectionary is a one year cycle that includes two readings at each service (a total of four readings each day) and does a very admirable job of covering the majority of Scripture in a year. We also read through the Psalms each month in Morning and Evening Prayer.

So, given that we have the Daily Office Monday through Friday, Women's Bible Study on Thursday, Men's Bible Study on Saturday, and Eucharist each Sunday, it is safe to say that the Scriptures are being read publicly every day of the week at All Saints. As we approach the season of Lent, I would like to encourage all of you to take the opportunity to be present for these services as much as possible. Allow yourself to hear God's Word proclaimed publicly each day. Although the season of Lent is technically a fast, permit yourself to feast on the Word of God and let it nurture you soul.

The Church Directory is in Simple Church

With the simple church directory - you can update your photo, or contact information when necessary. You can look up other people in the church and get their contact information. You can access your financial giving. You can send emails to groups who have been established by the church office. You can have all of this information conveniently accessible by getting the app on your smart phone. Below is the instructions on how to uplaod this information on your computer and then get your app for your phone.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIMPLE CHURCH

In order to get the smartphone app you must first load Simple church onto your laptop or home computer.

To access the directory:

Step 1: Go to the All Saints website (www.allsaintsspringfield.org)

Step 2: Go to the “about us” tab and select “parish directory” from the dropdown menu. You will then be taken directly to the church directory

To log in for the first time

Step 1: When the login scree appears, click on “forgot password”

Step 2: Enter your email address when asked

Step 3: You will be emailed with your user name and password

Step 4: Return to the login page and enter the information

To edit your user information (e.g. user name and password)

Step 1: Once you are logged in, click on your initials in the upper right corner of the screen

Step 2: Select “view profile” from the dropdown menu. You will be taken to your profile page

Step 3: From the navigation bar under your name, click on “account” at the far right

Step 4: On this page you can change your user name and password to access the directory

Step 5: When you are done, be sure to click on “save” at the bottom of the page

To update/edit your personal information

Step 1: Access your profile if you are not already there (click on your initials in the top right hand corner of the page and click on “view profile”

Step 2: From the navigation menu below your name, select “edit”

Step 3: Update any personal information that needs to be updated, add a picture, etc.

Step 5: Be sure to click on “save” at the bottom of the page

To view the directory

Step 1: On the left hand side of the page click on “directory”

Step 2: You can scroll through the list of people and click on an individual to see their information

To email an individual, just click on their email address

To search for an individual, type their name into the search box at the top of the page (next to the magnifying glass)

To use the mobile app:

Step 1: Make sure you have already logged into a computer system and have a user name/password

Step 2: Go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for “SimpleChurchCRM”

Step 3: Download the SimpleChurch app

Step 4: When you first open the app, it will ask you for a domain. Enter “allsaintsspringfield”

Step 5: Enter your user name and password

Step 6: Enjoy having the entire church directory at your fingertips!

**Annual Super Bowl Party Sunday
February 4th
Philadelphia Eagles
vs.
New England Patriots**

**Arrive at 5:00p.m.
hosted by the Johnson family:
Dn. DJ, Darla, Abbie and Erika**



Our annual church family Super Bowl party will be at The Johnson's home again this year. Come watch the Super Bowl game and cheer for your favorite team even if they are not in the Super Bowl. Come dressed in your teams colors and have a time of fellowship food and football, even if you do not like football, I assure you you will have a great time!!!

We will provide hot dogs, brats and the toppings and beverages, and you can help by bringing your favorite side, finger food or dessert recipe to share. It would be helpful to know if you are able to come join in, so please shoot us an email to RSVP by January 31st.

GALLOWAY GATHERING WEDS 6-8 P.M.

Class #1

"The First Millennium of the Christian Faith"

Dr. John Gram

This is a broad survey designed to introduce people to some of the major events, issues, and persons of the first thousand years of the Christianity. We will begin with the first-century church and continue through the Great Schism between the Western and Eastern Churches in 1054.

Class #2

"Glorifying God Through The Arts - A Historical Survey" Dn. Robert Little

A seven-week course that will be a look at how artists, through the centuries, have glorified God and enlivened Christian faith through (visual) artistic expression. Topics covered include: church architecture, painting, icons, illuminated manuscripts, stained glass, sculpture, and drama.

Class # 3

"Golden Plates, Godhood, and Garments:

The History, Theology, and Practices of the Mormon Church" with Dr. John Hutchinson

This seven-week class will provide: (1) a brief overview of the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from its founding to the present day; (2) the central theological and doctrinal beliefs of Mormons; (3) rituals and practices of the modern church; and (4) how Christians should respond to the aggressive practices of Mormons.

Galloway Gatherings for Kids

will take on a fresh topic this winter. The elementary class will again meet upstairs at Galloway House. Miss Kim & Miss Jayne want to examine the word "Mystery".

Nursery for infants - 4 year olds

will be in the classroom on the end of the downstairs hallway, adjacent to the chapel classroom.

CHOIR NOTES by Barth Fraker

Have you ever considered joining the choir? We have a place for you!

We rehearse at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings in the Chancel.

Our primary purpose is to lead in worship. Would you consider joining us?

For more information, please contact Barth at bfraker@allsaintsspringfield.org.

We have some beautiful music to offer coming up for Lent and Easter seasons.

WOMEN AT ALL SAINTS by Georgia Long

As the cold wintery weather of January cleared just a bit, the Women's Bible Study reconvened as planned on January 18th. We are all glad to be back in our study mode as we resume the Book of Isaiah, and are blessed too as we have new sisters joining us. Our study had us look at exhortations found in the early chapters of Isaiah and answer whether they are appropriate for God's people....then, now, and for also for us personally. This underscores our sense that the message of Isaiah was relevant in his day, but also in our world today. We look forward to all the Lord has for us as we continue in His Word.

On a different note, details are beginning to gel for our Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 3rd at The Storybook Barn. Following is what we do know at this point:

- 1) There is no charge for the use of the Storybook Barn facilities, only a \$25 registration fee that covers the simple light snacks and lunch, as these will be catered.
- 2) Our speaker is now confirmed, and is our own Jill Bright.
- 3) Tentative timeframe that day will be 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- 4) The Light refreshments and Luncheon Menu have been chosen, keeping in mind that we will be in the Lenten Season.
- 5) Musicians and music are in process, as are details of the breakdown of the flow of our time together.
- 6) An event flyer and Registration Form will soon be available. Watch for an email on Simple Church for the form, the registration process and payment details, as well as the registration deadline. (The forms and \$25 payment will be due in the Church Office to our Business Manager. She will see that a check for the total amount for all registered is paid to The Storybook Barn.)

So ladies, please mark your calendars if you haven't already and consider a time of fellowship, reflection, sharing and listening, as we gather for a retreat in the beautiful venue at The Storybook Barn.

NEED PRAYER?

Contact Susan Frame at
ouray@att.net to be placed on the
prayer list.

You can also request prayer by completing a
blue request card located in the Narthex at the
church.

HAVE A PRAISE REPORT?

Men's Bible Study



Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The study is on Genesis and is held in Classroom 3 and 4 in the Education Wing

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 13, 2018

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

\$5/person
\$20/family



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

These are the current dates to remember. For the most up to date information look for E-News emailed every Friday.

JANUARY 28: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (AFTER THE 10:45A.M. SERVICE)

JANUARY 31: GALLOWAY GATHERING 6:00-8:00P.M.

FEBRUARY 1: BOOK CLUB MEETS 6:30P.M.

FEBRUARY 2: ART GALLERY OF RECENT WORKS BY JOHN H. SIMMONS 6:30P.M.-8:30P.M.

FEBRUARY 4: SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE JOHNSON'S HOME 5:00P.M.

FEBRUARY 7: COMMUNITY DINNER AND PRAYER 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

FEBRUARY 12: VESTRY MEETING 4:15P.M.

FEBRUARY 13: SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 5:00P.M.-6:30P.M.

FEBRUARY 14: ASH WEDNESDAY IMPOSITION OF ASHES -NOON AND 7:00P.M.

FEBRUARY 21: GALLOWAY GATHERING 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

FEBRUARY 28: GALLOWAY GATHERING 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

MARCH 7: GALLOWAY GATHERING 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

MARCH 14 GALLOWAY GATHERING 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

MARCH 21: PASSOVER TEACHING MEAL - COMMUNITY DINNER- MORE DETAILS TO COME

MARCH 29: MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND TENEBRAE 7:00P.M.

MARCH 30: GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AND SOLEMN COLLECTS 7:00P.M.

MARCH 31: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 1: EASTER DAY

Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 14
12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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PROJECT LYDIA by Georgia Long



In the short time since we began supporting this project, we have raised slightly over \$1,150. As I deliver the third check for Project Lydia to the Project Manager on January 23rd, I will also be picking up more inventory items, and perhaps some items we have not had before, depending on availability. So please remember to stop by to browse and/or purchase on February 4th and 18th during the time between our first and second Sunday Service. If you would be interested in helping on one of the Sundays we are open each month, please contact myself or Lynn Price and we can share how simple the process is on the days we are open.

A new addition available in our armoire is The Anglican Church Calendar. These are available for purchase for \$5.00

Thank you to all who support the different areas that are contained in the beautiful armoire and we are thankful to the Lord also for allowing us to have different areas of interest centralized in such a beautiful display.

Please keep in prayer, Julie Pash who is the Director of Project Lydia in Lawrence Kansas. Her husband Cliff had a medical emergency as they were about to board the plane to return home from Africa. He died a short time later that day.

By the middle of the month our liturgical season becomes "purple". I hope that the children who come to All Saints will glean more from this season of introspection than a color! Let us each consider what the psalm writer says in Psalm 78:4, "We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Whether you are a young parent, grandparent or great grand, consider adding just one of the ideas below into the rhythm of your time with a child during Lent. Dr. Leslie Thyberg shared the suggestions below during a workshop I attended at the 2017 ACNA Provincial Assembly last summer. I have been waiting for just the right time to introduce these simple, but impactful, ideas. Truly, they can be implemented any time of year!

Weekly Rhythms of Family Life

Morning Prayer (to commemorate God's faithfulness)

When and where? At the breakfast table, during wake-up cuddles, walking to the bus stop, during car pool. . . .

Sources:

Book of Common Prayer

Robert Weber

Pauline Baynes. *Thanks be to God*

Hands-on Parental Blessings

At the start of the end of the day: "May the Lord bless you and keep you"

Lunchbox Surprises

Notes of love and encouragement (or just a tasty treat)

Mealtime Rituals

e.g. Seats of honor. Candles for weekend meals. "Sunday cereal" (indulging in special cereal - the kind that tastes so good but isn't necessarily the healthiest) Jazzing up the dinner table. Applause for the cook. Before asking to be excused from the table, thank the one who prepared the meal. (Remember: our feasts and fellowship around the table are a rehearsal of sorts for what is yet to come at the banquet table of Heaven.)

Mealtime Discussion Starts

If the "How's your day?" question isn't getting you much mileage try: "What's the best thing that happened to you today? What was the worst or hardest thing that happened to you today? When and why did you laugh today? When did you think about God today? If you could use only one word to describe your day today, what would it be and why?"

Table Grace

The simple and symbolic act of joining hands for grace gives unity to the family circle, as well as helping still the little ones who are prone to wiggle. There are numerous books with family prayers at table.

Family Read-Aloud Time

Following the evening meal or before bedtime everyone can go to a designated place (eg. The living room) for a half-hour of reading aloud.

Taking walks (or bike rides) together

Hymn Sings and Memorizing Verse Together (scripture, poetry, hymns, etc.)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS CONTINUED

Bedtime Rituals

Silent prayer. Bedtime whispers. Reading in bed. Using a favorite expression: ("Sleep sweet.") Evening prayer and compline. Prayer of conscience (examen): (where did I fall short/How did I sin against God and my neighbor? Prayers of consciousness/awareness: (Thanking God for your awareness of His Presence and Providence during the day).

Family Night

Going out for ice cream, watching selected videos, cooking a meal all together, ice-skating, camping out in the backyard

Family meeting night

Once a week to discuss plans, work schedules, family relationships

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