

## Giving Campaign 2014 Report

Our 2014 giving campaign has been wonderful, primarily because you were part of it! We gathered as family around God's table for communion and then took our offering for next year up to that table. We listened to the Rev. Anne Howard talk about the big table of saints, some famous, some not, who also gave of themselves in love to God and to our world. And then we gathered around tables on the patio to celebrate our commitment to God and to our All Saints church.

The campaign is showing every sign of being successful. We are right on track with previous years' giving for another glorious year at our church in Santa Barbara. Thank you for being involved in this Christian community. Of course, this prediction of success depends upon receiving the good number of pledges that have not yet been renewed for the coming year. If you have lost or misplaced your pledge card please let the Church Office know and they will happily send you a new one. Cards are also available in the pews and at the Information Table on Sundays.

We're glad you are here!

*Sally Messerlian*  
Junior Warden

## Sanctuary Readiness Project

There's a wonderful Calypso song made popular by Harry Belafonte that begins:

*"A house built on a weak foundation,  
It won't stand, oh no."*

The song is about spiritual foundations as a bulwark in times of trouble, of course, but like a good parable there is every-day practical truth in it, and it is apt in our case. After 113 years, the foundations of our Sanctuary and the iconic Bell Tower rising above the Sanctuary's main doors are in critical need of shoring up, if All Saints is to be made ready for the next 113.

In the every member survey sent to Parish households in August and the Town Hall meeting in the Sanctuary on September 22, the Parish resoundingly supported taking steps to seismically reinforce the Sanctuary foundations and the Bell Tower. We are moving forward with the engineering and planning for that work first, as the risk is great and the permitting requirements relatively straight-forward. Happily, it now appears that closure of the Sanctuary during this construction will not be required.

The question is, while we are girding our Sanctuary to stand, shall we also equip it to be the best it can be as our foundation for worship, formation and outreach in the next 113 years?



Left: Parishioner and architect Jock Sewall's rendering of a new stained glass window for the Memorial Chapel

In the Parish-wide survey in 2011, the congregation identified a number of desired enhancements, including:

- making the Sanctuary more accessible for those with mobility challenges,

- improving the acoustics and lighting,
- replacing our failing pipe organ,
- building a columbarium, and
- making better use of available seating space.

In the survey this August, by far the majority of respondents supported these enhancements, and at the Town Hall, after viewing Jock Sewall's magnificent architectural drawings, there was a clear groundswell of conceptual support.

**Accessibility.** We must address the handicapped accessibility issues identified by the Diocesan expert who toured our Campus last year, including the creation of a lavatory accessible to wheelchair users, installing a small lift for handicapped access to the Chancel and Choir areas, and moving our Communion Rail and kneelers down from the Chancel to the congregation level, so that worshippers who cannot or should not use the stairs can receive Communion with the rest of the congregation. (This would not affect the Chancel or central steps, as the middle portion of the Communion Rail would swing open for processing up to the Altar.)

**Acoustics and Lighting.** We must also address congregants' ability to hear and see during worship. The very features that make the Sanctuary an architectural treasure—its great length and width relative to its height, and its craftsman interior beams and buttresses and asymmetrical architectural additions over the years—make it an acoustical challenge. Also, the existing conical lighting above the pews is out of keeping with the Sanctuary's architecture and grossly inadequate to permit reading the bulletin or hymnal. A flexible, architecturally appropriate lighting system and those acoustical modifications most recommended by the engineer we retained are readily achievable without changing the "look and feel" of the Sanctuary. Upgrades to the public address system as well as electronic aids in the pews for hearing-impaired congregants must also be included in the work.

## Sanctuary Readiness Project, Cont'd

### Parish School Food Drive a Success!

Charlie LeRenard, a 5-year-old student at All Saints Preschool, had an idea to help feed people that do not have money to buy food. It came to Charlie while he was having breakfast. In an attempt to motivate Charlie to finish his bowl, his mother told him that some children don't have enough to eat and go to school hungry. Charlie said he thought that was horrible and was visibly upset by that notion, so his mother asked him if he would like to do something about it and the idea for the food drive was born.



Above: Charlie solicits donations on the church patio

The Parish School staff, the Parent Council and All Saints parishioners all pitched in and by November 20, the 643 pounds of non-perishable food was picked up and trucked to the FoodBank, just in time for Thanksgiving. Thanks for your participation!



Above: Charlie is delighted with the truck-bed full of donated food

**The Pipe Organ.** All Saints' present pipe organ was installed in 1988, but only 30% to 40% of its original functionality remains, and experts have opined that while it may last another 10 years, frequent disruptive breakdowns and costly repairs can be expected. Some of the pipes were purchased used or were of poor quality, some were positioned away from the others, behind the Side Altar on the north side of the Sanctuary, affecting its performance. But most critically, our instrument is electro-pneumatic, meaning that it depends upon numerous electronic components, contacts and connections to activate the pipes, all highly susceptible to our caustic salt air environment. The lead time to research, design, construct and install a traditional tracker pipe organ is as much as three years, and we must be well along that road before our organ gives up the ghost. We don't need the biggest pipe organ in the County but the importance our congregation places on All Saints' music ministry means our organ cannot be second rate.

**Memorial Chapel.** Replacing our ailing pipe organ will permit us to consolidate all organ pipes behind the Main Altar, where they should be. This will free up marvelous space behind the Side Altar in which to create an enclosed Memorial Chapel with columbarium niches available to parishioners and their families for interment of cremated remains. (There is even basement space beneath that area for additional banks of columbarium niches.) The Chapel will be entered through a door to the right of the Side Altar. A new circular stained glass window high on the east exterior wall will illuminate the Chapel's interior, while light will shine softly into the Sanctuary through antique glass windows built into the wood-paneled west wall. All Saints has been our home for baptism, confirmation, marriage, worship and formation, and with a Memorial Chapel it can finally serve those who wish to make it the home of their earthly remains.

**New Chapel/South Side Seating and Access.** There is an opportunity to put the present Vesting Room space to a "higher and better" use by moving the east wall out and changing the north interior wall (separating the

*continued...* Vesting Room from the Sanctuary) into wood panel folding doors incorporating the wall's interior stained glass windows. This will create an enclosed Chapel ideal for weddings and other smaller services which might feel "lost" in the main Sanctuary, with no change to the look of the Sanctuary, and when the doors are open the Chapel space would become additional Sanctuary seating (for Christmas, Easter other special services) and direct access from the Sanctuary to the Patio at the end of services.

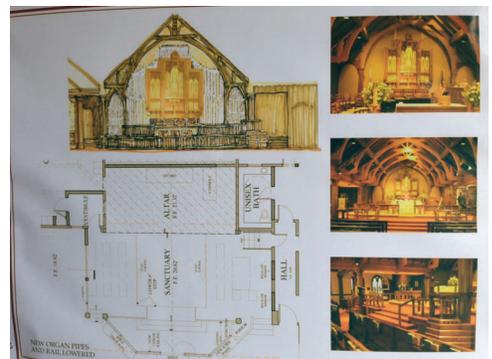
### Next Steps

And so it is time to address the ways and means of achieving those objectives. A Task Force of parishioners has been appointed to help guide a goal feasibility study that will assess the project's fundraising potential, develop a fundraising plan of action and determine the parish's readiness to embark upon a capital campaign. This will be ongoing through the fall and into early next year.

65 years ago, shortly after being called to All Saints, The Rev. Dr. George J. Hall wrote in his first Annual Report to the congregation,

***"I hope that we shall continue to build together on the foundation which is our heritage from all those who have gone before us in the work of the Church."***

Our prayer is that generations to come may look back on the commitments and sacrifices of time and treasure we have made to reach our goal with the same thanks that fills our hearts for those upon whose shoulders we stand.



Above: One of Jack Sewall's first public sets of plans and renderings for our sanctuary space

# The Parish Profile is Coming

From its first meeting on March 17, your Profile Committee—Megan Fuller, Gail Harling, Raye Haskel, Pamela Hawes, Joe Jannotta, Ken Larson, Chairman David Telleen-Lawton, Holiday Vaill, Ladeen Miller and Alex Smith—has been in nearly perpetual motion. The Committee began by delving into our rich historical archives and gathering parishioners' thoughts about All Saints and their desires for its future. This fed into our Legacy Party in May, where over a hundred parishioners came together to celebrate and remember All Saints' past and visualize our Church's next chapter. Following that, a series of Parish Conversations, each attended by 20 to 40, were held throughout the summer, each focused on a specific topic - worship, adult formation, children/families/youth, outreach, our campus, and pastoral care. A Parish-wide survey was concluded in November, with nearly 250 responses. And now, after more than 20 drafts, the Parish Profile, distilling everything we've learned, is being put in final format for review by the Vestry, Discernment Committee and congregation, and then into the hands of prospective Rector candidates. Together we have created a picture of All Saints in all its facets and dimensions of which we can be truly proud.



Above: The Profile Committee gather outside the Parish House after a meeting

# Communications Overhaul at All Saints



Above: The latest of the many iterative drafts of our beautiful new website

Several changes have been afoot at All Saints over the past few months, as we reassess and restructure our communications with the parish and our community-at-large.

Since late summer a group of parishioners and staff have been discussing All Saints' need for a new website. While our current web presence was not intended to be a long-term solution, the impending publication of our Parish Profile created a new sense of urgency around this project as Rector candidates will inevitably get their first impression of our community from our website.

After selecting local web-design company Dowitcher Designs to tackle the work, Diana Andonian, Sheri Benninghoven, Robbie Boyd, Kathie Deviny, Pat Gast, Temmo Korisheli, and Marshall Miller worked with the designers to refine the vision of this new chapter in All Saints' online communications, which should be ready to launch along with the Parish Profile in December. Once the website and Profile design work is complete, this committee will move on to address the design of our weekly email, Newcomers Welcome packets and other pieces to ensure that All Saints is presenting a consistent front in all our communications.

In response to these positive developments, in mid-October we created and filled the new position of Communications Manager. Ray Estrada was hired for this job and has taken on production of the weekly *This Week* email update and the Sunday bulletin insert, *Read All About It*, freeing Director of Administration Robbie Boyd to work on some longer-term strategic projects. Ray has also been busy helping to edit copy for the new website and raising All Saints' profile in the community through press releases and liaising with the media on a range of topics.

A parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous donated the funds to pay for both the development of our new website and the Communications Manager's salary through the end of 2013, and we extend our heartfelt thanks.

# All Saints Vestry

Chip Nichols  
*Senior Warden*

Sally Messerlian  
*Junior Warden*

Fred Allen, *Treasurer*

Marni McGee, *Clerk*

Bitsy Bacon

Sharon Bifano

Charley Cairns

Steb Chandor

Kent Damon

Susan Evans

Sally Green

Ladeen Miller

Nathan Sigler, *Co-Clerk*

Alex Smith

Robin Wilby

The Rev. Bob  
Honeychurch  
*Interim Rector*

## New Welcome Committee Up and Running

We like to think of All Saints as a welcoming place, and the recently re-launched Welcome Committee is here to do all we can to make sure that it is. One committee member lets visitors and newcomers know “we’re glad you’re here,” during Announcements for each service and stands ready at the iconic pink Welcome Center table on the patio after service to welcome them with information about All Saints and its many offerings and a simple sign-in sheet. A follow-up phone call to invite them back and let them know about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events keeps the ball rolling.

Campus tours will be a monthly tradition to familiarize new and not-so-new All Saints-ers with the wonders of our beautiful campus, and newcomer gatherings—brunch or lunch—will acquaint newcomers with clergy, staff and lay leaders as well as the many opportunities to get involved.

What can you do to help? The Welcome Committee is always open to new members, but there are things we can all do to make All Saints more welcoming: wear your name badge each Sunday (it helps newcomers learn names) pass the peace far and wide (it’s a beautiful and personal act of welcome that can touch newcomers deeply) and watch for new folks at coffee hour (if you see a person or couple standing alone, introduce yourself.) Try these in the coming weeks (we always have plenty of visitors over the holidays) and help the Welcome Committee keep All Saints truly welcoming!



*Welcome Committee members, Anne Hopkinson, Lore Dobler, Sally Messerlian and Robin Wilby*