

# READ ALL ABOUT IT

News and information for the Parish of All Saints-by-the-Sea

December 1, 2013

## BOOK TABLE DEBUTS; SHOP FOR YOUR FAVORITES

The All Saints-by-the-Sea Book Table will debut this morning. Stop and shop for Episcopal resources, including Bibles, prayer books, hymnals, liturgical calendars, appointment calendars, decals and other items.

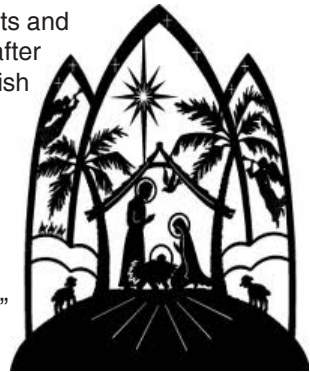
Books on spirituality and practice, gift items and other topics will be sold. Begin Advent and the new liturgical year with meaningful gifts for family and friends or purchases for your devotional library. All Saints is representing the Cathedral Center Book Store in this endeavor and 20 percent of all sales will be returned to All Saints to benefit Outreach. No sales tax will be charged on merchandise and no shipping fees will be applied to orders.

The Book Table will be on the patio after each Sunday service. For more information, contact the Rev. Vicki Mouradian by e-mail at [Vicki@asbts.org](mailto:Vicki@asbts.org) or by telephone at the church (805) 969-4771, ext 110.

## PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY

All Saints Christmas Pageant cast members, parents and crew are reminded that the first rehearsal is today after the Family Feast, which starts at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This year's Christmas Pageant will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, December 15.

The second rehearsal is after Sunday School on Sunday, December 8. Lunch will be served. The final rehearsal is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 14. Families are invited to stay for a chili lunch, followed by the "Greening of the Church" at 12:30 p.m. If you are planning to come to lunch on December 14, please contact the Rev. Vicki Mouradian at [vicki@asbts.org](mailto:vicki@asbts.org) so that an appropriate head count can be given to the caterer.



**The flowers on the High Altar are given by Dick & Jan Ann Kahler to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of James Austin Knight.**

**The flowers in the Chapel are given by Barbara Kucera to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Elizabeth Kucera, Bill Kucera & Robert Dill.**

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS

As we begin the Advent season, we have a number of special services and events you may want to note on your calendars:

- December 4: 6 p.m. Eventide & Supper  
7:15 p.m. "Coping With the Holidays" class
- December 8: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Lessons and Carols
- December 11: 6 p.m. Eventide & Supper  
7:15 p.m. "A History of Advent" class
- December 15: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Children's Pageant
- December 18: 6 p.m. Eventide Service  
6:30 p.m. Dickensian Christmas Feast
- December 22: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- December 24: 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service  
singalong carols  
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist  
10 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist with Incense
- December 25: 10 a.m. Christmas Day Festival Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. All Saints Christmas Dinner  
6 p.m. No Eventide Service

## ***Coping with the Holidays to be Discussed on Wednesday***

Have you ever wondered why is it that during the holiday season lots of people experience sadness, loneliness and depression instead of joy? We invite you to a special conversation, facilitated by Dr. Gordon Hess, to reflect on the challenges that so many people experience this time of year. The discussion will take place after the Eventide Service and supper in the Parish House. The discussion will be from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 4.

## ***More 'Greening of the Church' Cleanup Volunteers Sought***

Volunteers are sought to help with the December 14 "Greening of the Church" and especially to aid the clean-up effort afterwards. Pine boughs will be brought in and placed around the inside of the church to give it that holiday feel. All volunteers are invited to a chili lunch at noon, after which we will get started. Contact the Church Office at (805) 969-4771 to sign up.

# CHRISTMAS MUSIC & FLOWERS

Thanksgivings, Celebrations and Memorials

Help bring the Advent and Christmas seasons to life at All Saints with a gift to help support our floral and musical programs.

Your name will be printed in the 7 and 10 p.m. Christmas Eve bulletins. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 16**, with your check.

Advent & Christmas Flowers and Music are sponsored by:

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Celebration  Thanksgiving  Loving Memory  \_\_\_\_\_

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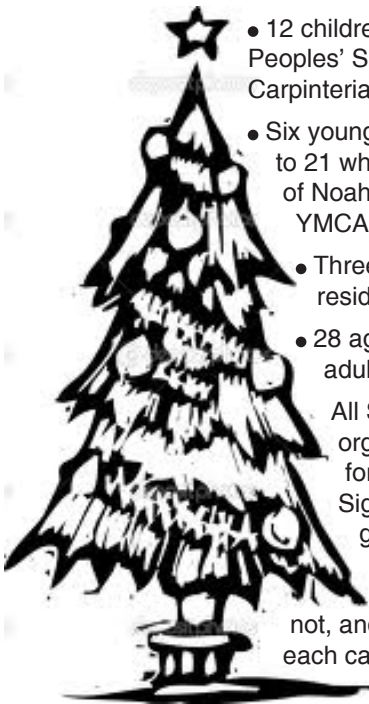
## **Christmas Day Dinner Offered at All Saints After Service**

Couples, singles, and families, if you find that you will be on your own for Christmas Dinner, please consider joining the All Saints family for a festive meal at 11:30 a.m. following the Christmas Day worship service at 10 a.m. The church will be ordering turkey, stuffing, and gravy and we invite you to bring the rest. We will need appetizers, salads, Christmas side dishes, desserts, wines and waters. A sign-up sheet will be available on the information table. We need to have an accurate count for the day and an indication of what you wish to bring. For those who would like to "party on" after dinner, we will have rousing board games to play. Questions? Please speak to the Rev. Vicki Mouradian or contact her by e-mail [Vicki@asbts.org](mailto:Vicki@asbts.org) or telephone (805) 969-7441, ext. 110.



## **Giving Tree Will Benefit Outreach Committee Projects**

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be on the patio over Advent, starting this morning. The tree offers opportunities supported by the Outreach Committee for parishioners to buy gifts for:



- 12 children in four low-income families who live at the Peoples' Self-Help Housing Dahlia Court apartments in Carpinteria;
- Six young new or expecting single mothers ages 18 to 21 who are being helped by the outreach program of Noah's Anchorage, a branch of the Channel Islands YMCA;
- Three boys and three girls ages 11 to 17 who are residents at the Noah's Anchorage youth shelter;
- 28 aged, partially disabled or low-income single adults who live at the PSHH Victoria Hotel.

All Saints parishioners work with the parent organizations mentioned above and can vouch for the condition and needs of the recipients.

Sign up to take recipient tags from the tree, buy gifts and return them to the tree on Sundays or to the Church Office during the week.

Guidance for buying gifts, wrapping them or not, and dates for returning them to the church for each category of recipient will be provided at the

Giving Tree. For more information contact Susan Evans, 969-1380, [sf.evans@cox.net](mailto:sf.evans@cox.net), or

David Boyd, 969-2170.

## **Flower Deliveries This Morning Will Brighten Someone's Day**

After the 10 a.m. service our beautiful floral arrangements are split into bouquets to be delivered to sick or senior members of the parish, or those celebrating special occasions, by willing volunteers.

If you have a few extra minutes in your schedule this morning, consider talking to Anne Hopkinson in the Flower Room about brightening someone's day with a bouquet of altar flowers. You might become a bright spot in someone's day.



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

<b>Preacher</b>		The Rev. Dr. Michelle Woodhouse
<b>Celebrant</b>		The Rev. Paul Collins
<b>Officiant</b>		The Rev. Dr. Michelle Woodhouse
<b>Deacon</b>		The Rev. Ann Symington
<b>Crucifer</b>	8:00	Toni McDonald
	10:00	Sean Sutherland
<b>Acolytes</b>		Sophie Graham, Lexy Belanger
<b>Director of Music</b>		Steve O'Connor
<b>Assoc. Music Director</b>		Temmo Korisheli
<b>Organist</b>		Kevin Rose
<b>Guest String Quartet</b>		Emily Sommerman, Daniel Sommermann, Angela Miller, Larissa Fedoryka
<b>Intercessor</b>	10:00	Julia Dawson
<b>Advent Wreath Reader</b>		Karen Dietz
<b>Lectors</b>	8:00	Robert Brown, David Agnew
	10:00	Fred Allen, Doug Davidson
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00	Susan Evans
	10:00	Fred Allen, Nicholas Miller
<b>LEMs</b>	8:00	Robert Brown, Barbara Rose, Jane Zonka
	10:00	Karen Dietz, Ben Short, George & Sally Messserlian
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00	David Agnew, Dave Kent, Phil & Sally Wilcox
	10:00	Jim Haslem, Chris Jacobs
<b>Information Table</b>	8:00	Russ & Charlotte Tyler
	10:00	Alyce & David Boyd
<b>Welcome Center</b>		
<b>Refreshment Table</b>		Sally Messserlian
<b>Next Week's Preacher</b>		The Rev. Vicki Mouradian
<b>Next Week's Lections</b>	8:00	Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
	10:00	Lessons & Carols

### ***Group to Choose Book for January 14 Discussion***

Readers and Book-Aholics unite! Our new Book Group enjoyed our potluck dinner and discussion regarding Dan Brown's book "Inferno" recently and wants to meet again! Join us. We will plan to meet every other month on the second Monday of the month, beginning 6 p.m. Monday, January 14, in the Parish House.

As we prepare for our next evening, please consider one of the two suggested books: "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth" by Reza Aslan, Ph.D., and "Proof of Heaven" by Dr. Raymond A. Moody Jr. Respond to Rev. Vicki by e-mail, [vicki@asbts.org](mailto:vicki@asbts.org) by Monday, Dec. 16, with your choice. She will inform you of the most-selected title. A sign-up sheet will be available toward the end of December for potluck dinner items. Bring book suggestions to the January meeting for future consideration. For more information, call (805) 969-4771, ext. 110.

### ***Cookie-Sharing After the Christmas Pageant***

Parishioners are asked to bake their favorite holiday cookies to share after the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15. We anticipate many visitors from the Parish Preschool that morning, and your cookies will be a fitting act of hospitality.

### ***Plastic Bags Sought for Carp Food Distribution***

Please continue to bring plastic food bags to church and leave at the Information Table. They are reused to package fresh fruit and veggies for the monthly free food distribution in Carpinteria.



# PARISH CALENDAR

## Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Centering Prayer - *Church Office*
- 10:00 am Family Feast - *Parish Hall*
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - *Parish Hall*

## Monday, December 2

- 9:00 am Bible and Babble - *Church Office*

## Tuesday, December 3

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Community Kitchen

## Wednesday, December 4

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Centering Prayer
- 6:00 pm Eventide Service & Supper
- 7:15 pm "Coping with the Holidays" Discussion

## Thursday, December 5

- 11:30 am Christ-Centered Prayer
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

## Sunday, December 8

### TRANSITION HOUSE DINNER

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:45 am Sunday School - *Parish Hall*
- 10:00 am Lesson & Carols - *see note below*
- 11:15 am Healing Prayer - *Church Office*
- 11:30 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Lunch - *see note on front cover*

*About 60 members of homeless families will enjoy the All Saints dinner at the Transition House emergency shelter tonight. Please sign up at the Welcome Table to donate food and help serve. Servers need to be at Transition House at 5 p.m.*

## 'Lesson & Carols' Services Planned for December 8



The Advent "Lessons & Carols" service is planned for 10 a.m. Sunday, December 8, at All Saints. Join the choir and musicians of All Saints-by-the-Sea at this traditional worship experience. In this service, we listen to Scripture lessons, which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah and the Incarnation. Each lesson is followed by a carol or choir anthem that reflects the lesson's message. "This year, each lesson will be preceded by the chanting of one of the ancient monastic 'O-Antiphons,' which bids the coming of the Savior," said Music Director Steve O'Connor.

Also, a 7 p.m. Lessons & Carols service will be held at St. Michael's University Church in Isla Vista. The service will include music by a combined choir with members from area Episcopal churches, including All Saints. St. Michael's is on the corner of Camino Pescadero and El Greco Road.

## Christmas Eve Singers Invited to Join in with the Choir

The All Saints choir is inviting all singers to participate in Christmas Eve services music. Weekly rehearsals begin during this week and will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the church (for 15 minutes) and on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, (for 30 minutes).

If you'd like to participate, just show up. For more details, contact Music Director Steve O'Connor at [steve@asbts.org](mailto:steve@asbts.org) or call him at (805) 969-4771, ext. 109.

### **Parish School Student Leads Food Drive**

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. The Parish School staff felt it was a great idea and our preschool, helped by donations from parishioners on November 17, collected and donated 643 pounds of non-perishable items to the FoodBank of Santa Barbara County in one week.



The idea came up while Charlie was having breakfast one morning and his mother told him that some children that don't have enough to eat will go to school hungry. Charlie said he thought was horrible and was visibly upset by that notion, his mother said. His mother asked Charlie if he would like to do something about it and the idea for the food drive was born. Parish School staff, the parent Council and All Saints parishioners all pitched in and by the end of last week, the 643 pounds of non-perishable food was picked up and trucked to the FoodBank.



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## **YOUR VESTRY**

We welcome all questions, and invite you to contact any member of the All Saints Vestry.

Chip Nichols  
Sr. Warden

Fred Allen  
Bitsy Bacon  
Sharon Bifano  
Charley Cairns  
Steb Chandor

Kent Damon  
Susan Evans  
Sally Green  
Marni McGee  
Ladeen Miller

Nathan Sigler  
Alex Smith  
Robin Wilby

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