



WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to the family of All Saints-by-the-Sea. We are an energetic Episcopal community that comes together to serve and praise God through Worship, Formation and Outreach.

Whether you are visiting All Saints for the first time or have been a part of the parish for decades, we are glad you are here. We sincerely hope to extend to you the generous hospitality of God's love, and if you have felt that hospitality we hope you will consider

joining us again soon for one of our regular services. If you are interested in finding out more about us, please take a moment to peruse our new website to see a little of what is taking place in this, the Body of Christ in beautiful Santa Barbara!

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL FOR ALL SAINTS: WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT RECTOR?

Who will be our next Rector? All Saints has devoted the past several months to a series of discussions about this very question. Hundreds of parishioners have taken time to participate in this vital process of discernment by attending the all-parish Legacy Party last May, attending several formal, facilitated small group discussions, completing an extremely comprehensive survey, and editing the Parish Profile that captured all of the results of this extensive participation.

The Parish Profile has now been completed and is being made available through the Diocese of Los Angeles to candidates from around the country. This national search for All Saints' next Rector is being led by our Discernment Committee, which will begin to accept applications as of January 1, then continue to review the interest expressed by candidates, conduct interviews, and eventually make their recommendations to the Vestry. It is anticipated that we will be meeting our new Rector in late 2014. We know God knows who this individual is And we anticipate their arrival with great excitement. More information about the Rector search process, including the full Parish Profile, is available on our website: www.allsaintsbythesea.org.

FATHER BOB LEADS HOLY LAND TRIP; SIGN UP NOW

This month is your final chance to sign up to join All Saints parishioners in our third Holy Land pilgrimage scheduled from May 20 to June 2, 2014. We are privileged to have our Interim Rector, the Rev. Bob Honeychurch, as our spiritual leader, along with Canon Iyad Qumri, our on-the-ground Palestinian Christian guide and friend of our Diocese.

Whether or not you were able to join in the planning events held in November, you have been preparing for this once-in-a-lifetime event your whole life. The places we see will be familiar to you from the Bible: our itinerary includes Jerusalem (Dome of the Rock, Holy Sepulcher, Yad Veshem and Israel Museum); Bethlehem; Nazareth (Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, and Jordan River); Ceasarea and Ramla; Jericho (Dead Sea, Judean Desert); Ramallah and Taybeh; the Mount of Olives (Gethsemane), and Emmaus. The people we meet, the Palestinian Christians, are often called the "living stones" of the Bible.

If you're thinking this might be your year to visit the Holy Land, please go to the All Saints website (www.allsaintsbythesea.org) for more details. Some financial assistance is available.



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HELPING THOSE IN NEED HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD

At All Saints, we believe that the heart of the Christian life is a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. And because God first loved us by reaching out to us in Christ, we reach out to others in love as well. Jesus taught that when we serve our neighbors – from those around the corner to those around the world – we're serving Christ too, and growing closer to Him.

Outreach in our community of faith includes two major areas of financial giving and hands-on ministry: Focus Project and Grants. Over the past two years, our Focus Project, which is a



partnership the parish enters into with an organization in order to make a lasting impact, involved building a school in St. Cyprien, Haiti. We've donated \$52,000 for the building of a school destroyed in the 2010 earthquake while in 2013 a team of All Saints parishioners traveled to Haiti to see firsthand the work in progress.

Grants totaling approximately \$68,000 were made to nearly two dozen service organizations in 2013, making a difference in the lives of those served by Transition House, The Little Cottage, the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and many, many more.

NEW ALL SAINTS WEBSITE LAUNCHED THIS WEEK

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we are also celebrating the "birth" of our brand new parish website! It's here! All Saints' new website is now open for business as the electronic hub of our parish life. Driven by a recognition that Rector candidates will form their first

impression about us when they visit our website and that we are all much more technologically able to get our information sharing needs met online, the new site will meet a variety of needs. A robust parish calendar, a landing site for the Parish Profile and background materials, details about

everything from Sunday School to Bible Study to our latest publications and so much more are included on the new site: www.allsaintsbythesea.org. We invite you to visit the site and keep coming back in the coming weeks as we increasingly add information and interactivity.

MAKING ALL SAINTS' HISTORIC SANCTUARY READY FOR THE NEXT CENTURY

For more than 113 years our beautiful and sacred Sanctuary has served as the foundation of our community life. With its iconic craftsman design, our Sanctuary has been a warm and welcoming beacon that brings us together in Christian community and provides a base for us to reach out to our neighbors here and around the world.

Addressing the needs of the Sanctuary has been in the "visioning" process for the past several years as we have sought ways to preserve the magnificent look and feel of the historic Sanctuary, address issues of safety and equal access, and provide numerous benefits for decades to come.

- Address foundation and the Bell Tower seismic needs
- Make the Altar and Choir areas and the Communion Rail accessible to all parishioners, including those who have disabilities
- Replace our failing pipe organ so our music ministry can continue to reach its fullest potential

- Improve lighting and acoustics to remove barriers to worship for parishioners and guests
- Make better use of seating and convert the Vesting Room into an intimate Chapel
- Build a lovely and serene Memorial Chapel for parishioners and families
- Establish a new endowment and reserves to assure the future of what we have built

It is now time to address the ways and means of achieving these plans. A task force of parishioners has been appointed to help guide a goal feasibility study that will assess the fundraising potential of the parish and identify next steps develop a fundraising plan of action. Jeff Conway and Associates has been retained by the Vestry to conduct this feasibility study.

Check out all the exciting plans on the home page of our new website: www.allsaintsbythesea.org.

