

# ALL SAINTS



BY + THE + SEA

Annual Report 2006

# All Saints-by-the-Sea

Episcopal Church

83 Eucalyptus Lane, Santa Barbara, California 93108

805/969-4771, fax 805/565-1281

www.allsaintsbythesea.org, info@allsaintsbythesea.org

The Episcopal Church in America

Member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

## Clergy

The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey L. Bullock, Rector, x102\*

jbullock@allsaintsbythesea.org

The Reverend Andrew T. O'Connor, Assisting Rector, x103\*

aoc@allsaintsbythesea.org

The Reverend Dr. M. Michelle Woodhouse, Emeritus, x108\*

mmw@allsaintsbythesea.org

The Reverend Ann Symington, Deacon

asymington@allsaintsbythesea.org

The Reverend Donald A. Stivers

## The Vestry of All Saints

### Class of 2007

Caroline Kavanagh, Laura Montgomery, Al Morgan, Trey Pinner, Phil Wilcox, Alex Hawkins

### Class of 2008

Sally Jordan, Pat McClure, Karen Telleen-Lawton, Steve Thompsom, John Lynn

### Class of 2009

Sue Birch, Tom Mack, W. Pendleton Tudor, Sylvia Weller, Ted Urschel

**Senior Warden, John Lynn; Junior Warden, Al Morgan; Treasurer, Dave Hart; Clerk, Phil Wilcox**

## The Staff

Dina Cassidy, x107\*

Financial/Stewardship

dina@allsaintsbythesea.org

Tina Coffin

Welcoming Committee

tina@allsaintsbythesea.org

Anne Hopkinson, x100, 101\*

Parish Administrator

info@allsaintsbythesea.org

Leslie Huber, x110\*

Children's Ministry Coordinator

leslie@allsaintsbythesea.org

Temmo Korisheli

Music Director

temmo@allsaintsbythesea.org

Clyde Osterhaus-Thayer, x100\*

Assistant Parish Admin.

clyde@allsaintsbythesea.org

Vickie Prezelin, x106\*

Publications

vickie@allsaintsbythesea.org

Carlos Ruano, x104\*

Sexton, Buildings & Grounds

info@allsaintsbythesea.org

Beth and Court Wirth

BIIG Youth Mentors

bethandcourt@yahoo.com

Jane Zonka, x154\*

Senior Ministries Coordinator

mmw@allsaintsbythesea.org

\* denotes phone extension number

# Contents

Rector's Message	1
Senior Warden's Report	2
Stewardship Report	3
Report from The Reverend Andrew O'Connor	4
Acolytes	5
Music Program	6, 7
Senior Ministries	8
2006 Operating Budget	9, 10
Welcoming Committee	11
Outreach Council	12, 13
Parish Day School	14
Children's Ministry	15, 16
Friendship Center	17
High School Youth, College	18
Report from the Rev. Ann Symington	19, 20
Necrology	20
Ministries, Groups & Classes	back cover

## Rector's Message

All Saints-by-the-Sea enjoyed a very blessed year in 2006. Among its accomplishments was a growing and thriving newcomer program, continued development of its youth and young adult ministries as well as a number of continuing programs, including our ministries to seniors in our parish. Our golf tournament continued to grow, and our art show thrived, underwriting the continued growth of our outreach program. Perhaps our most remarkable accomplishment, at least in historical terms, was the delivery of a balanced budget at the end of the year. There were many initiatives that helped balance the budget, including good stewardship and substantial belt-tightening, but in the end, for the first time in literally decades, we made our goal.

I think we could count up all those accomplishments but we should not overlook something even more important occurring internally to the parish, that is, we were learning as an institution. I know that we commonly regard learning as an individual matter however, institutions learn too. They learn how to be and to act and to talk, and behave in the world just like individual persons.

In this past year, the parish of All Saints learned several important ways we could better practice our Christianity. We learned for example that lay led programs flourish in a much stronger way than programs that spring from clergy initiative. In fact, as we learned in our very successful beginning of 'Godly Play,' clergy offer better service as a resource than as sole leader and visionary. We learned in our Vestry service, that the hearts and minds of the Vestry could better lead a faithful stewardship program when they, as a group, took the reins of leadership. Other groups in the parish, quietly going about their business, demonstrated the same kind of ability to learn, subtly but carefully improving the ministry of the parish. Our



wonderful newcomer program is entirely led by lay members of the staff and parish, consulting with clergy to be sure, but lead by the Spirit and their own initiative. Similar learning took place in Firesiders where the leadership, by reflection and adjusting their thinking, have continued to build a better program.

2006 brought us many things for which we can be thankful, some of them in numbers of new members, some of them financial. But in the end, in "fat times and in lean," the ability to learn and thrive and grow better Christian practices may be the best reason of all to celebrate this past year.

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey Bullock.

**The Rev. Jeffrey Bullock, D.Min., D.D.**

# Senior Warden's Report

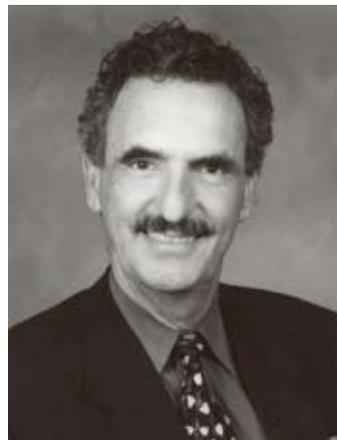
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the third and final year of my term as Senior Warden at All Saints comes to an end, I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who have helped our community of faith. It is an impossible job to name everyone because there have been so many. I would like to acknowledge the five retiring Vestry members. Phil Wilcox, who served for two years as your Junior Warden, has been a wonderful source of wisdom and a thoughtful friend. Al Morgan, who was your Junior Warden this past year, wrote a Vestry job description, and implemented our Greeter Program which has improved our openness to newcomers to All Saints. Caroline Kavanagh has been tireless on your behalf managing all sorts of important items behind the scenes. Laura Montgomery was involved in helping the Vestry focus on new projects with many new ideas. Trey Pinner was responsible for installing our new air conditioning and heating and sound systems.

Great thanks go to Jeff and Nancy for their faithful good works on your behalf as they begin their fifth year at All Saints! We have been very fortunate to have them, and it has been a great privilege of mine to work so closely with them. The same is true of Andrew and Michelle and your devoted All Saints staff.

The past three years have been very busy and productive ones for All Saints. Our congregation has been growing overall as well as the programs supporting all our members.

Outreach has been a particularly bright spot as we have focused on caring for others less fortunate than ourselves. Our stewardship has grown each year and we have recently arrived at a balanced budget. And our Heritage Society, which will provide for the long term stability of our trust fund, continues to grow in membership.



As each of us walks on our spiritual journey individually, what better place could we all be than All Saints? Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your Senior Warden, and thank you for supporting this wonderful place we all love called All Saints.

God's blessings,

**John Lynn**

# Stewardship Report

Fr. Jeff introduced the New Consecration Sunday for Stewardship Program last Fall which the Vestry used in place of an Every Member Canvass for 2007. The theme of the program is "Giving Awakes the Spirit" to emphasize the spiritual foundation and benefits of giving to God a portion of our time, talent and treasure. We give with joy and love so that we can be a part of All Saints vital work and expanding ministry.

Ten members spoke to us of their spiritual development and what All Saints means to them. Many thanks to David Agnew, Kelly Avery, Dave Hart, Chana Jackson, Bill Macfadyen, Pat McClure, Geoff Rusack, Caroline Thompson, Ted Urschel, and Don Ziehl for their witness. Bishop William Burrill, retired Bishop of Rochester, preached two very inspiring sermons on

stewardship. The Vestry, led by Senior Warden John Lynn, was a very good Stewardship Committee and worked together in four committees: Communications, Brunch, Calling and Coordination to plan the Consecration for Stewardship Program. From October 1 to November 12 no one was called or asked to pledge; we concentrated on the spiritual aspects of stewardship. On November 12, the parish gathered for Consecration Sunday, offering 207 pledges at the altar, followed by a celebration brunch. It was a very spiritual and meaningful day in the life of our parish.

We plan to continue the program next year and bring back those wonderful banners, designed by Pat McClure.

The following table compares the Stewardship results of the last three years:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Total Members	1,739	1,767	1,503
Total Households	812	837	886
Total # Pledges	359	352	342
Total Amount Pledged	\$813,884	\$893,505	\$921,697
Average Pledge	2,255	2,538	2,695
Median Pledge	1,200	1,300	1,500
Number of New Pledges		40	67
<u>Range of 2007 Pledges to date:</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>\$</u>	
\$20,000 - \$35,000	3	\$79,000	
\$15,000 - \$20,000	4	68,000	
\$10,000 - \$15,000	9	96,754	
\$ 5,000 - \$10,000	38	233,466	
\$ 4,000 - \$ 5,000	16	69,300	
\$ 3,000 - \$ 4,000	40	131,490	
\$ 2,000 - \$ 3,000	37	84,744	
\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,000	81	109,088	
up to \$ 1,000	115	49,855	

We understand that some parishioners are on fixed incomes and cannot increase their pledges, but we hope that all members will pledge as they are able. The 2007 Stewardship program will not be completed until the end of March when all pledges will have been received. Meanwhile, we thank our members for their generosity and support of the ministries of All Saints. The Consecration Sunday for Stewardship Program has awakened our spirit.

**Dwight Coffin, Stewardship Chair**

## A Report from The Reverend Andrew T. O'Connor, Assistant Rector

Looking back over the past year, 2006, I see many wonderful accomplishments in mission and ministry for our parish community. Working together, I think we have learned some important lessons about effective ministry that encourages people in their Christian discipleship. I have learned that the work of ministry must be shared throughout the parish and that welcoming and connecting new people and new ideas is essential.

In July 2005, I was asked to convene a small group to evaluate our Sunday School program. Sharing leadership with the Rev. Ann Symington and Leslie Huber, coordinator of

children's ministries, we brought together a motivated and prayerful group of parishioners to learn all we could about models for children's spiritual formation. We developed a new vision for the Sunday School that led us to select Godly Play as our new children's formation program. Deacon Ann and Leslie deserve our special thanks for their leadership in recruiting, training, and building a strong Godly Play community of volunteers. We have been blessed by the support of the parish in raising funds to furnish our Godly Play rooms in the Parish House. Most of all we are thankful for the experience of God present in the lives of our children (and their Godly Play storytellers and doorkeepers) on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Centering Prayer, a modern expression of the ancient contemplative prayer of the Christian mystics, meets Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish House. This prayer group, devoted to developing and encouraging a practice of meditative prayer, had its genesis in a teaching series led by Br. William Bennett, OHC of Mt. Calvary Monastery. Following a day long workshop and a six week series of follow-up sessions led by a local network of committed practitioners, the group now weekly gathers to practice Centering Prayer and learn more about being still in the presence of God.



Friendship Dinners began this year with sessions in the summer and fall, and continues with a new round of meals set to begin in mid-March. Friendship Dinners are designed to bring a mix of All Saints parishioners together to share a meal and develop a deeper practice of fellowship. Christian community is formed and matured in small-group settings that allow for a powerful experience of God's eternal presence in our very relationships. We are looking forward to expanding this program throughout 2007, sign-ups begin in February.

The first-ever Community of Montecito Churches Outreach Project was held on November 18, 2006. Over 200 volunteers from All Saints-by-the-Sea, El Montecito Presbyterian, Montecito Covenant Church, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel came out on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to assemble 1000 AIDS Caregiver Kits. The project was a cooperative effort between the four historic Montecito churches and World Vision, the highly respected Christian relief and development agency. The ecumenical and community spirit of the morning was moving, as well as the 'Gospel math' performed: singles, couples, and families came together in prayer and action, the blessings multiplied to thousands of people

*continued on next page*

*continued from page 4*

living with HIV/AIDS in Rwanda, the destination of the completed kits. New opportunities for joint-outreach are developing for 2007!

Finally, our BIIG high school program, under the very able leadership of Beth and Court Wirth, and our Firesiders young adult ministry, led by the Wirths and Nancy Bullock, also saw significant progress in 2006. Both groups are growing and exploring new ways in which to be faithful in a rapidly changing world. Please read Beth and Court's report.

For our mission and ministry to be truly successful, that is, for it to be an authentic sign of the Kingdom of God, it has to be centered in prayer. Entering into a faithful, deep and listening relationship with God is an absolute necessity for growing and maturing as a Christians in community. Please know that I will be more diligent in prayer for you, my All Saints family, as I ask you to pray for me, for the clergy and lay staff, for all volunteers and for one another. Borrowing from Ignatius of Loyola, *ad majorem Dei Gloriam*--for the greater glory of God!

## **Acolytes at All Saints**

Imagine a Sunday Service without the youth of our church represented on the altar. This is the case in some parishes, but fortunately not at All Saints. One of the things that makes this place special is the willingness of our youth to participate by working in and being part of



the Sunday service. Thirty-nine middle school and high school students make up this core group of youth who carry torches and crosses, light candles, manage the thurible when incense is used in the service, assist the intercessors, deliver and receive the collection plates from the ushers, and assist the vergers in delivering communion to those in the pews. They have even given up weekend time from their busy lives to receive their training.

Each Sunday, five of these acolytes and crucifers make a conscious choice to be part of the Sunday service, and their presence at the altar reminds us of the importance and priority of youth at All Saints. The next time you see one of these robed acolytes, be sure to thank them for helping to make the service run more smoothly, and for being willing to take on responsibilities outside their immediate comfort zone. These are terrific members of our community and well deserving of recognition!

**Rebecca Ditmore**  
**Acolyte Coordinator**

## The Music Program in 2006

2006 was a year of building on past strengths and developing new initiatives for the musicians of All Saints' by the Sea. Beginning January 1, leadership of music in the parish was given to the team of Temmo Korisheli (Music Director) and Keith Paulson-Thorp (Organist). In addition to leading the congregation and offering special choral music at the ten o'clock Sunday services throughout the choral season (September through Pentecost), the parish choir also presented several special services, such as our annual Good Friday service with Russian Orthodox Akathist of Thanksgiving, and our annual Advent service of Lessons and Carols (offered this year on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10). During the summer, Dr. Paulson-Thorp led a volunteer Sunday-morning choir (to which we were delighted to welcome many members of his former music program at Old Mission Santa Barbara), and he offered a children's music component to the Vacation Bible School. Children of the parish exercised their musical talents as part of the Christmas Pageant, presented on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17. The music program opened the parish's doors to the wider community in various ways this year, including hosting two Baroque recitals by Ensemble Aquila (on March 12 and June 3), providing rehearsal space to the chorus of Opera Santa Barbara, and the choir's offering of a St. Michael's Day choral evensong at the Isla Vista mission/chaplaincy, St. Michael's and All Angels, on October 1.

In collaboration with the Children's Ministries Program, we initiated a new Sunday morning pre-church music opportunity for mostly pre-school children and their parents. Led by soprano Christine Hollinger and guitarist Ken Larsen, the popular program offers a chance to sing and play percussion instruments together for the quarter-hour before Sunday

School each week.

After many years of fretting over the acoustics in our sanctuary, we were very excited to have Jensen Guitar and Music of Santa Barbara upgrade the speaker



Temmo Korisheli, Music Director

system and amplification components, and install a trio of suspended choir microphones for sound reinforcement and a CD recorder for transcribing our liturgies. The project was completed in time for Christmas Eve, and has already proven to be a major improvement to the aural environment of the church.

At the end of December, Dr. Paulson-Thorp accepted a position as Music Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, Florida; his last service at All Saints' was on Christmas Day. At his departure, he emphasized how much he had enjoyed his year with us, and how generous and welcoming the parish had been to him. As a consequence of his departure, we have begun the search for a new organist.

The choir also saw some departures and arrivals within its ranks. Bass section leader Ravi Tepfer moved away to Indiana after Easter, alto section leader Kathy Kamath Mitchelson and alto volunteer Dinah Mason both took a sabbatical. On the arrivals side, we gained one new section leaders (tenor Bryan Lane, a music major at Westmont College) in the fall, welcomed back returning volunteers Katherine Isaacson (soprano) and Freda McKeown (alto), and added new volunteers Liz D'Annunzio and

*continued on next page*

## The Music Program in 2006, continued

Christine Milne (soprano), Mark Griffin (tenor), and Eric Palmquist and Jon Taylor (bass).

The choir had 25 members at the end of the year (asterisks denote our section leaders):

### **Sopranos:**

Liana Carty, Dina Cassidy, Liz D'Annunzio, Nichole Dechaine\*, Katherine Isaacson, Wendy Jones\*, Christine Milne

### **Altos:**

Andria Bargiel\*, Nancy Bullock, Christine Hollinger\*, Betsy Kain, Freda McKeown, Clyde Osterhaus Thayer

### **Tenors:**

Dwight Coffin, Mark Griffin, Bryan Lane\*, Mary Rosenberger, Karl Sandin, Sean Taylor\*

### **Basses:**

Brian Bargiel\*, Greg Hawkins, Eric Palmquist, Mark Steketee\*, Jon Taylor, Don Ziehl

We look forward in 2007 to welcoming a new organist, to growing in our commitment to excellent liturgical music, to broadening the scope of musical opportunities in our parish, to a greater involvement in the musical life of the Santa Barbara community, and to working towards the goal that our music touch the souls of our congregants in meaningful and lasting ways.

**Temmo Korisheli, Music Director**



## Senior Ministries

Senior Ministries had another banner year. It was also a year that underwent a substantive transition in June as Jane Zonka and Michelle Woodhouse went from full-time to half-time employment at All Saints on a one year contract: June 2006-2007. With this change came a shift in responsibility and focus. Jane and Michelle were charged with expanding and further developing the Senior Ministries Program.

The pastoral ministry to our homebound seniors has strengthened and deepened through our Befrienders' Program (in which trained parishioners regularly visit the seniors given into their care). Our Befrienders are very special dedicated people who quietly minister to those in our parish family who find it difficult to actively participate in All Saints' programs. Margaret Moore was our able coordinator and record keeper. Cum Forte, our telephone ministry of taped prayers and sacred music, pioneered by Marni McGee, is a comfort to many Seniors. Well done, good and faithful friends! Senior Seekers prepared gifts for our homebound at Christmas and Easter....Thank you Elves!

The ministry to and through our active seniors is multi-faceted. Our weekly study group, Senior Seekers, has been augmented by a second weekly group, Senior Seekers Too. Additionally, a new monthly book group has been instituted at Casa Dorinda.

"First Thursdays," our monthly lecture and tea has been warmly received and draws an average of forty plus Parishioners. Knowledgeable and articulate lecturers have spoken on a number of subjects: Chinese history, new developments in treating cognitive impairments, environmental issues, and the current situation in Rwanda. Tea-time following the lectures is a valuable opportunity to speak informally with the lecturer and converse with one another. Of course, behind every tea is as band of bustling tea-brewers(the question is: do they use tea-bags or loose tea? Who can tell? It's their secret!), bakers and servers. Hats off to each and everyone of you!

We expanded our Trip Program, instead of one extended trip a year, we had two this past year. One to Mexico's Copper Canyon that was so popular we sent two groups of twenty plus each. This was followed in the Fall with a trip to Nova Scotia. Two trips are planned for 2007: A cruise to Hawaii and visits to four of the Islands, and a Cruise through the Great Lakes. Thank you, Don and Eleanor Ziehl for the 2006 trips, and Sandy McCartney for the Hawaii trip..... Great coordinators all! Thank you!

Our ever popular day trips have included The national Center Museum of the American West (Gene Autry), the Reagan Library, and the Getty Villa Musuem. On a whim, we added the Christmas Trolley Tour of Santa Barbara lights and ended up chartering not one but two trolleys!

We had two special programs on Power of Attorney for Health Care, a must for us all, regardless of age, and on "Our Last Best Gift," how we arrange for our funeral/memorial service so our loved ones are able to follow our wishes and our freed from the responsibility of trying to decide what we would want for our final arrangements.

Michelle's Third Annual All Saints' Senior Christmas Party drew fifty plus seniors to the Montecito Country Club for luncheon, Christmas Carol singing with Temmo Korisheli, and many door prizes!

A special thank you to Jane Zonka who went far beyond her "hours" and spent untold time behind the scenes, arranging, coordinating, and telephoning for each of our programs and activities. There must be a golden clipboard and halo awaiting her!

Thank you to all the Seniors and their friends who have participated in our Programs and have supported me in a myriad of ways. I couldn't have done it without you.



The Rev. Dr. M. Michelle Woodhouse

**The Rev. Dr. M. Michelle Woodhouse**

# All Saints-by-the-Sea 2007 Operating Budget

INCOME	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Cash receipts			
Pledge income	800,000	905,142	977,000
Plate offerings	72,000	86,570	82,000
Easter and Christmas envelopes	13,000	19,966	18,000
Gifts for current use		12,800	10,000
Special church services	14,000	19,642	15,000
Rental income	62,400	48,003	56,000
Frndshp Ctr & School cost reimbursement	27,000	26,748	33,000
Other income	1,000	635	500
Sub-total	989,400	1,119,506	1,191,500
Transfers from invested reserves			
Endowment and undesig'd Funds earnings	151,000	151,000	161,000
Additional withdrawn from/(returned to) inv'ts	97,420	(63,591)	(39,680)
Transfers from Designated Funds:	60,000	77,361	70,000
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>1,297,820</b>	<b>1,284,276</b>	<b>1,382,820</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
Salaries, taxes, pensions & insurance	667,900	655,406	682,300
Bishop's grant	(6,000)	(6,000)	(2,500)
Other compensation	14,000	22,682	18,000
Singers and musicians	30,000	32,313	36,500
Supply clergy and Temp. lay employees	1,000	325	1,000
Total	706,900	704,726	735,300
<b>OUTREACH</b>			
Diocesan mission share	123,720	123,720	136,020
Parish outreach	39,000	39,000	39,000
Outreach (from Outreach Fund)	40,000	58,861	50,000
Scholarships (from Scholarship Fund)	20,000	18,500	20,000
Seminary support	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total	226,720	244,081	249,020
<b>PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSE</b>			
Children's ministries and Rite 13	5,500	3,789	10,500
Other	13,000	10,895	15,200
Total	18,500	14,684	25,700
<b>PROPERTY</b>			
Maintenance, repair, cleaning and insurance	100,300	86,116	107,400
Equipment purchases below \$5K each	13,000	5,577	8,000
Property taxes, sewerage, etc.	9,500	10,761	11,300
Meditation Garden expense	15,000	11,807	15,000
Total	137,800	114,261	141,700

# All Saints-by-the-Sea 2007 Operating Budget

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
Utilities	45,000	43,760	44,000
Other	41,400	51,135	43,300
Total	86,400	94,895	87,300
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Computers & other office equipment - leases, replacements and repair	26,000	21,306	29,500
Stewardship	10,000	21,347	25,000
Credit card expense	8,000	7,661	10,000
Planned giving	4,000	1,987	4,000
Other	73,500	59,328	75,300
Total	121,500	111,629	143,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,297,820</b>	<b>1,284,276</b>	<b>1,382,820</b>

## ACTIVITY IN INVESTED FUNDS DURING 2006 - unaudited

	Thousands of Dollars					
	Balance on 12/31/'05	Additions	Expended	Transfrs	Income + cap gains minus fees	Balance on 12/31/'06
<b>Easton Fund</b>	1,081				128	1,209
<b>Pooled Investment Fund</b>						
Endowment Funds						
Heritage	90	1	(3)		9	97
MMW Outreach Fund	0	45			2	47
Sub total	90	46	(3)	0	11	144
Designated Funds						
Scholarship	141		(19)		13	135
Parish School Trust	103				10	113
Meyers Memorial	17				2	19
Rector's Option	21	2			2	25
Major Repairs	2				0	2
Meditation Garden	28				3	31
Music	7				1	8
Outreach	70	45	(59)		6	62
Sub total	389	47	(78)	0	37	395
Perpetual Youth	271	0	(16)		26	281
Undes'd - Unrestricted	789	1	(83)	0	75	782
Total	1,539	94	(180)	0	149	1,602

## Welcoming Committee Report

In 2006, 420 newcomers and visitors came to All Saints; the Welcoming Committee offered hospitality and welcomed them to the parish. Our committee has grown to 13 active members who offer their special talents: greeting, follow up phone calls, scheduling greeters, manning the welcome table and assisting with the classes for newcomers.

Two series of classes in the Spring and the Fall were held to acquaint newcomers with the ministries, programs and outreach activities of the parish. Eighteen persons attended in April and 14 attended October.

In 2006, 60 newcomers joined the church and many of them have become active participants in parish ministries. To further demonstrate their commitment to All Saints, many newcomers have made financial pledges for 2007. We are very grateful for the vitality and support these new members bring to the parish.

I want to thank the following members of the Welcoming Committee who have worked so hard to make this program such a success: Sheri Benninghoven, Liana Carty, Melissa Cantekin, Marge Cathcart, Wendy and Walt Clapp, Elaine Duffens, Diane Hayes, Betsy Kain, Joanne Moran and Barb Toumayan.

**Tina Coffin**  
**Newcomer Coordinator**



Front row left to right:

Marge Cathcart, Elaine Duffens, Tina Coffin

Second row:

Betsy Kain, Liana Carty, Wendy Clapp

Third row:

Diane Hayes, Al Morgan, Barbara Toumayan,  
Walt Clapp, Joanne Moran

Members not pictured:

Sheri Benninghoven, Melissa Cantekin, and  
Sylvia Weller

# Outreach Council Annual Report

It has been the busiest of years for Outreach Council. With so much support from the parish and parishioners we have worked hard to meet needs in our community that wouldn't ordinarily have been met.

Of greatest note is the Van we purchased for the Community Kitchen of Santa Barbara. It will be used to transport ingredients to be made into meals from the Foodbank to the Casa Esperanza for preparation and served there by volunteers. It will also be used to transport meals to outlying locations. We still serve lunches on Tuesday at Community Kitchen and have 12 on going volunteers working there.

We helped to support our Sunday school's Lenten Boxes project for Sparrow Village, by adding funds to what they collected.

In researching the needs in our local community we found People's Self-Help Housing which is doing wonderful things for the working poor of our area by supplying them with housing for nominal cost and participation in the upkeep of the facility. We decided that we could help them by delivering healthy snacks to their after school programs. We could also help by driving evening meals to Victoria Hotel, owned by People's Self-Help Housing, which house the physically disabled. Under Jack Hundley's able direction these two programs have filled a huge need.

We found Noah's Anchorage which is doing such good work with troubled youth. We are now providing tutors for their homework time and providing maintenance for their facility.

Of course Transition House continues to be one of our ongoing projects under the able coordination of David Boyd. Not only do we

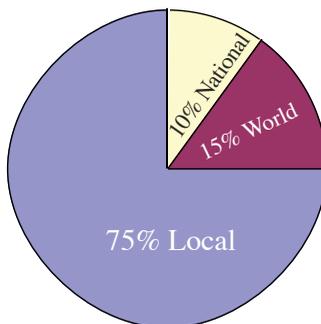
provide a tri-tip/chicken barbeque once a month, but we paid for bus tickets for the school aged children to travel to their own elementary schools; we furnished a bedroom for a family of 6 in the newly renovated Transition House; we bought shoes for the emergency needs of children when moving in to Transition House.

In the summer a small but able group headed out to Blackfoot, Idaho to begin the construction of another classroom at the Lillian Vallely School aided by a parishioner's contribution.

In New Cuyama we fitted 37 children, preschool and teens, with clothing for the new school year. We made up and delivered Christmas gift bags (book, drawing paper, and drawing elements) for each child in the New Cuyama School District, Head Start through seniors in high school. And we provided a very merry Christmas for 8 families who wouldn't have had a Christmas without our gifts and Christmas trees. To top it off, we facilitated the gift by a parish family

of a sports ball to each child in the New Cuyama School District. In the summer we provided, thanks to another generous parishioner, the funds for the New Cuyama's Summer Sports Camp in cooperation with the school district.

As a result of the Rector's initiative with the four Montecito Churches' pastors, All Saints has had the opportunity to participate in a substantive way with a new collaborative project. As a first, the four Montecito churches participated in an activity which brought the congregations together to assemble caregiver kits for the health workers in Africa. This was done through World Vision. We hope that a similar community effort with the four churches will continue into the future.



Following is how we spent the money which was so graciously given by the parish:

Global Aids Interfaith Alliance, Malawi	\$ 6,000
Sparrow Village, South Africa	4,029
World Vision, Africa	4,630
Foundation for Self-Sufficiency, El Salvador	2,000
Lillian Valley School, Blackfoot ID	10,000
New Cuyama	
School Clothes	1,119
Family Christmas	693
Christmas Book Bags	4,370
Summer Camp	10,125
Los Padres Foundation	2,000
St. Michaels, Isla Vista	
Operating Expenses	2,500
Renovation of Office	5,629
Community Kitchen	
Van	21,356
Kid's Kitchen	5,000
Kids' Kafe	1,500
Operating Expenses	6,086
Transition House	
Our Dinners	600
Furnishing of Family Bedroom	1,516
Bus Tickets	300
After School Snacks	1,395
Shoes for Children	1,395
People's Self-Help Housing	2,033
Noah's Anchorage	2,033
MERRAG	250
Family Service Agency	250
Hospital Hospitality House	1,000
Helping Hands	2,365
 Total given to the community of our world	 \$ 100,174

*Phiane Hayes*  
*Judy Mc Cartney*  
*Susan Chapman*  
*Paul Boyd*  
*Connie Vand Beck*  
*Jill Mohrman*  
*Betsy Kain*  
*David Kan*

*Amanda O'Connell*  
*M. Elizabeth Woodhouse*  
*Jane Zonta*  
*Edward Sine*  
*Suzanne Beck*  
*Gudy Mack*  
*Kelli Gellew-Jawson*

*Barbara Rose*  
*David Gellew-Jawson*  
*Bill Dore*  
*Carol Doane*  
*Ray Allinger*  
*Judy Piper*

# All Saints-by-the-Sea Parish School

Behind the church and the Parish House is the location of our Parish School — a very busy, happy place where families bring their young children to learn and play, to sing and pray. We invite you to come and visit us soon.

We express our respect and gratitude to the School Board members: Pat McClure (Chair), Ann Symington, Karen Regan, Erin Goliogoski, Pam Raisin, Dr. John McCaffery, the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Bullock, and Eva Smith (School Director). We thank Father Jeff for the inspiring weekly children's chapel services.

Our school is a nonprofit self-supporting school. We welcome children of all races, colors, religions, and national origins. The school is accredited by the Department of Schools of the Diocese of Los Angeles and is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. It is licensed by the Department of Health and has an enrollment of 95 children. Children from 2 1/2 through 5 years are accepted and daily classes are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with lunches included. Four days a week the hours are longer to provide children with an extended program until 3:00 p.m.

The school has a strong early childhood curriculum, emphasizing the development of the whole child: physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual. The school offers art, music, dancing, dramatic play, science, games, stories, reading and math readiness, library and computer skills. Children attend their own weekly church service. The school staff has been working with us for many years and is composed of seven credentialed

teachers who work with five assistants.

The teachers are members of the Tri-County Association for the Education of Young Children and are the very strength of our school.

They are: Sally Baird, Terri Clark, Padric Davis, Cindy Hadidian, Chris Ley, Eva Smith, and Jennifer Tucker. The assistant teachers are; Rosemarie Bolender, Susan Cole, Kathy Kittle, and Julie Smith. Our dance specialist is Carlene Goetsch who is now part of our staff.

Our Parent Council meets monthly and is a vital part of our school.

Our mothers give freely of their time and talent to help the school.

We thank all for supporting our various fund-raising events: Book Faire, bake sale, Fall and Spring BBQ, "Cinco de Mayo, a Taste of Santa Barbara" dinner show and auction. Thank you, Gary Schlegel and Carrie Haffner. Our fundraisers have been spectacular and we are grateful for your participation. It was a very successful year for all of us.

The All Saints Parish School Scholarship Fund is available to children who otherwise might not be able to attend our school. At the present time there are six students enrolled on partial scholarships. We thank the Moller and Ives families, and Carol and Bob Jackson for their generous donation to the scholarship fund.

Thank you for the joy and privilege of teaching your children.

**Eva Smith**  
**School Director**



"...to bring the finest and best educational experience to the young children of the parish and community."

# Children's Ministry



**Leslie Huber, Children's Ministry Coordinator**

In 2006, the Children's Ministry staff has been involved in several areas of ministry at All Saints-by-the-Sea: Christian formation, the Sunday School Design Team, children's music, youth groups, parish life, stewardship and outreach.

## **Christian Formation**

Sunday School classes and childcare were offered at the 10:00 a.m. service throughout the year. During the first part of the service, a dedicated team of teachers and mentors led classes for children and youth in preschool through eighth grade. At the Peace they all joined their families in church to celebrate the Eucharist. Our devoted childcare team watched over our youngest parishioners in the Baby/Toddler Room.

During the school year, Sunday School classes from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade followed The Episcopal Children's Curriculum, focusing on Old Testament stories, Jesus' teachings, worship, saints

and church history. The younger preschool class followed Let the Children Come, a curriculum designed to share God's love with three year olds. The junior high curriculum was based on the Rite-13 component of Journey to Adulthood, which fosters spiritual and emotional growth in young teens. During the summer, Sunday School classes for 3-6 year olds and 7-12 year olds incorporated Bible stories, games, crafts, music and art.

Our cooperative Vacation Bible School—Little People Make a Big Difference—was held during the first week of August. The children learned how Noah, Joseph, Moses, David and Mary listened to God and, with God's help, made a difference. The children also discovered ways that they could make a difference.

One of the highlights of the year was the annual Children's Christmas Pageant held on the third Sunday of Advent. With the help of teachers, parents and friends, the Sunday School children presented a delightful re-enactment of the Christmas story for all to enjoy.

## **Sunday School Design Team**

In the fall of 2005 the Sunday School Design Team (a committee of parishioners, staff and clergy) was convened to review our current Sunday School curriculum and explore alternatives. After nine months of research and prayerful reflection, the team chose Godly Play for our classes from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Since July the team has

The Sunday School Design Team would like to thank you for your generous and enthusiastic support this past year.

### **Children's Music**

Children's Ministry joined with the Music Department to introduce a new children's music program in the fall. Children of all ages were invited to join two parish musicians at 9:45 on Sunday mornings to make music together before going to Sunday School. The program has been very well received.

*After a year of preparation and planning, **Godly Play** was introduced in Sunday School on January 7, 2007.*



### **Youth Groups**

Parents and mentors planned several activities for Rite-13, our 7th & 8th grade youth group. Activities included a breakfast burrito brunch, an ice skating party, kayaking at the harbor, and an afternoon at the beach. A special dinner was held at the end of the school year for eighth graders and their parents to welcome them into BIIG, our high school youth group.

### **Parish Life, Stewardship and Outreach**

Our children and youth were actively engaged in parish life in 2006. They served as acolytes (torchbearers and crucifers), thurifers, lay eucharistic ministers, readers, intercessors, ushers and oblation bearers and sang in the Children's Choir. They were faithful in their stewardship to the church—filling their Children's Offering Envelopes each Sunday to contribute a total of \$136.00 for the year. They took part in several outreach projects for Transition House, bagged rice and beans for the Food Bank and filled Love Boxes to give to Sparrow Village, South Africa's first HIV/AIDS village. Lenten and Advent devotional materials were also made available to our parish community by Children's Ministry.



Throughout the year, many parishioners have given their time, treasure and talent to support and encourage the young people of All Saints-by-the-Sea. Thank you all!!!

*Our new Godly Play crèche was beautifully crafted by All Saints artisans and presented to the parish on Christmas Eve.*

**Leslie Huber**  
**Children's Ministry**  
**Coordinator**

# Friendship Center



805 969-0859

"I'm impressed with how soon the Friendship Center staff knew my mom's name and how well they take care of her and all the other members."

Friendship Center Family Member

Dear Friends,

We are celebrating our 30th year at Friendship Center. It has been an exciting and challenging 30 years. We wouldn't have been able to continue to develop our programs without the support of friends such as you. We hope you derive great satisfaction from knowing you are an integral part of our success. We thank you!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our friends at All Saints-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church for providing a home on the church property for the last twenty-seven years. We are extremely fortunate to be able to have our home in the Hall Family Community Center (named after the loved and revered former rector, the Reverend George Hall). All Saints' continued support and partnership is gratefully acknowledged as confirmation of the important work we are doing to benefit so many families and seniors in our community.

The Center's goal is to support and enhance our members' lives by focusing on abilities, strengths, experiences and knowledge. We are proud of our members and their caregivers who

courageously face the daily challenges of profound change due to Alzheimer's or related cognitive disorders.

Our full-service day program includes transportation, warm, nutritious meals- often served al fresco in our beautiful secured courtyard.

Our members enjoy frequent visits from the Parish School children. Intergenerational programs give old and young alike the chance to experience meaningful, caring relationships.

Please come visit us at the Friendship Center. Meet our dedicated staff,

and get to know our members. They have led interesting and successful lives, raised families, traveled, fought in wars. They love to exchange stories with other members. Sit, relax, and listen while our members share their "pearls of wisdom" with you. It will make your day!



Warm regards,

**Heidi Holly**  
Executive Director

## **BIIG Youth Group (Becoming Individuals in God)**

We are currently midway thru this year's high school youth group, BIIG. Highlights of last year's group, which ended in June, included:

- Representing All Saints' in a volunteer creek clean-up in February coordinated by parishioner Karen Telleen-Lawton, in her work with Rattlesnake Canyon.
- A wine and cheese parent gathering in February, which was a great chance for us to meet and spend time with parents of our BIIG members.
- An end of the year camping trip near San Simeon. Everyone had a great time hiking, spending time at the beach, and gathering around a campfire for two nights.
- An 8th grade celebration dinner May 31, welcoming incoming 8th graders to our group, as well as recognizing graduating seniors who were moving on.

The '06-'07 BIIG is going very well so far. We have a core group of about 5 or 6 regulars, who are there most Wednesday nights, as well as for many of our monthly weekend activities. Events this year have included a pizza-party kickoff, our annual Christmas party, and ice-skating and bowling excursions. Another highlight was BIIG's participation with Montecito churches coming together to make AIDS caregiver baskets to be sent to Rwanda, as part of a World Vision outreach. This year's parent wine-and-cheese gathering was held in September, again giving us a chance to spend time with parents, and answer any questions they may have. Upcoming activities that we are looking forward to include a ski weekend in March, our 2nd annual camping trip in May, and volunteer efforts making lunches for Transition House residents.

## **Firesiders**

Our '06 Firesiders group grew throughout the year, with about 12 college seniors graduating in May and June. Upon their graduation, each received a gift from All Saints by the Sea, The Book of Common Prayer. This year's group, which started almost from scratch with so many members graduating and moving away the year before, has been going very well so far. The group includes more of the, vaguely-termed, "young adults" currently attending All Saints, members who have recently graduated from college. Our January gathering was our biggest yet, with about 12 college and post-college members in attendance.



**Beth and Court Wirth, Youth Coordinators**

# **A Report from The Rev. Ann Symington, Deacon**

## **Sunday School Design Team and Godly Play**

It has been a blessing in my life to facilitate the work of the Sunday School Design team. This is a dedicated group of people who each gave of their time, experience and creativity in evaluating many different curricula for our Sunday School. They spent time reading about various programs and some of them were able to take the time to attend the Diocesan Ministry Fair where two of the possible curriculums were demonstrated. Late last spring the Design Team chose the Godly Play program as our next curriculum for Sunday School. At that time the focus of the team shifted to implementing the program.

Last summer, I was able to attend a five day Godly Play Teacher Accreditation program at CDSP, the Episcopal Seminary in Berkeley. It was a wonderful week. With this accreditation I was certified to start a Godly Play program.

With the capable help of Leslie Huber and the Design Team we went into action. Many of you attended the opportunities that were offered to hear a Godly Play Sacred story. Some of you felt the call to become storytellers and doorkeepers as Sunday School teachers are called in Godly Play. Many of you responded to provide funds so that we could begin to outfit four Godly Play rooms upstairs in the Parish House. The Design team is grateful to the parish for your support of the program thus far.

Those who wished to become storytellers and doorkeepers have dedicated many hours to training. This past fall, these people have stayed after church on many Sundays or come on weekday nights in order to learn how to tell stories and manage Godly Play rooms. Many of these parishioners have not participated in Sunday School before while some of them have been Sunday School teachers. The All Saints community is richly blessed to have these dedicated people.

One of the highlights of implementing this program was the planning and presentation of the Godly Play Christmas Eve Liturgy. Several parish artisans were recruited to create a large crèche. I think we can all agree that their collaboration was very successful. The Godly Play telling of the Nativity story involved children who brought the various parts of the crèche to the front of the church as hymns were sung. It was very moving to have all the children who were present come forward to place their gift of a star in the sky of the crèche. We may anticipate this meaningful service in years to come.

Just a month ago we met our goal to begin the Godly Play program on January 7, 2007. The storytellers and doorkeepers are creative and flexible people who are bringing this program to life week after week. Please join me in thanking God for their dedication to our children.

## **Parish School Director Search**

Last May, I was asked by Fr. Jeff to lead the Search Committee for our next Parish School director. After thirty years of devotion to the preschool the Director, Eva Smith is retiring at the end of this school year. The Search Committee held its first meetings in May. We hired a very experienced and capable consultant, Serena Beeks, who led us in the creation of a Mission Statement and a job description. In August we began to advertise the position in any way we could imagine. We received many inquiries and nine resumes. In October we held phone interviews with two of the candidates.

*continued on next page*

## A Report from The Rev. Ann Symington, continued

The committee decided to bring both of these very qualified candidates to All Saints by the Sea for interviews. The first candidate visited with us in early December and we expected to have the second candidate come to visit shortly afterward. However, the second candidate informed us that she had decided not to continue with the process due to her involvement in a competitive graduate program. Nevertheless, the Search Committee decided to call The Reverend Arlene Lukas as Parish School Director. Rev. Arlene has many wonderful qualities with years of experience in education and ministry to bring to this position. However, we do not know at this time if she will be able to accept this call.

The reason that Rev. Arlene cannot give an answer to Fr. Jeff's offer of employment is not because she does not wish to accept the position. She would love to do so. The reason is that she is not able to find housing that she would be able to afford. The Search Committee is working hard to try to solve this problem. The Parish School Board has met and brainstormed some ideas. There is a parishioner who is willing to help through a donation to the church. We have another parishioner who is involved in real estate who is looking for a house that would fit Rev. Arlene's needs and budget. However, all of us realize that finding affordable housing in this area is quite a challenge and as I write this there has not been a solution. She does not wish to rent as this does not offer her equity growth which would help her prepare for retirement in the years ahead. The School Board has decided to continue to try to solve this situation until the end of February. Then we will have to decide how to proceed. In my opinion, it would be a shame not to be able to bring this talented priest to minister in our community at the Parish School.

Finally, I wish to tell you that it is a profound privilege to serve as Deacon at All Saints by the Sea. I am upheld and supported by your love and gracious care of me and of my husband. You are so welcoming to members of our family when they visit. We are very grateful to be a part of the Body of Christ in this place. I look forward to the next year of ministry with you and I thank God for each of you. Please know that you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers.

**The Reverend Ann Symington, Deacon**

---

### *Necrology*

#### *All Saints Day, November*

Dale B. Rumsey  
 Raymond Albert Sizemore  
 Jean H. Winchester  
 Melvin Haskel  
 Donald Scott Paterson  
 Henry Charles Huglin  
 Donald Edward Welton  
 Helen K. Bonds  
 Helen Virginia Ross Hutchings

#### *All Saints Day, November*

David James Jones  
 Morton Vandenberg  
 James Graff Evans Jr.  
 David Ian Davis  
 Rosamond Tudor Alexander  
 John Henderson Stewart  
 Ernestine Koska Smith  
 Brother Alan Smith

# All Saints-by-the-Sea Ministries, Groups, and Classes

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many  
people who comprise the following list:

Acolytes	Friendship Dinners	Senior Seekers
Altar Flower Guild	High School Group - BIIG	Senior Seekers Two
Altar Guild	Holy Huddle	Stepping Stones (Grades 5 & 6)
Befrienders	Lectors	Sunday School Design Team
Blood Pressure Screening	Men's Bible Study	Sunday School (Preschool- Grade 6)
Casa Dorinda Study Group	New Cuyama	Sunday School Teachers
Choir	Office Staff Support	Ushers
Christmas Pageant	Outreach Council	Vacation Bible School
Community Kitchen	Pew Guild	Vestry
Cursillo	Planned Giving/Heritage Society	Welcome Table
Environmental Task Force	Prayer Ring	Woman's Bible Study
Firesiders	Rite 13 (Grades 7 & 8)	
Flower Deliveries	Scholarship Committee	
Four Church Consortium		

*...and anyone else whose valuable and special gifts we may have overlooked,  
but nevertheless appreciate. Thank you all!*

**All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church**  
83 Eucalyptus Lane  
Santa Barbara, California 93108  
805.969.4771, [www.allsaintsbythesea.org](http://www.allsaintsbythesea.org), [info@allsaintsbythesea.org](mailto:info@allsaintsbythesea.org)