

Read All About It!

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A special Easter edition of our weekly parish newsletter.

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 and loving 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 that you feel the generous hospitality of God's love while you are with us, 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 website (www.allsaintsbythesea.org) to see a little of what we are about as the Body of Christ in beautiful Santa Barbara!



DISCERNING GOD'S WILL FOR ALL SAINTS:

Who Will be Our Next Rector?

The All Saints search committee – called the “Discernment Committee” – has been meeting since January to develop and submit our materials (including our Parish Profile) to our Diocesan office staff, through whom candidates can learn about the parish and position. The window for clergy to apply for the position is now closed and the Discernment Committee is in the process of conducting preliminary interviews with applicants, which will lead to parish visits to the selected candidates and visits by the finalists to All Saints. More information about the Rector search process, including the full Parish Profile, is available on our website: www.allsaintsbythesea.org.

OUTREACH FOCUSES EFFORTS ON CHILDREN:

Building a School in Haiti and Changing Lives at Cleveland Elementary in SB

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.

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 Labiche, Haiti, destroyed in the 2010 earthquake. We’ve donated \$67,000 to the project and two teams of parishioners have traveled

to the site to see firsthand the work in progress and forge relationships with the clergy and staff there.



All Saints Outreach is now turning to work locally by making a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of children right here in our own neighborhood at Cleveland Elementary School in Santa Barbara. Plans are being finalized now to work on programs such as “Fun in the Sun” and address significant facility needs. Contact us at outreach@asbts.org to learn more or to make a donation.

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 Christian Worship, Formation and Outreach. 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 growing needs of the Sanctuary has been in the “visioning” process for the past few years as we have sought ways to preserve the magnificent look and feel of our historic church, resolve issues of

safety and equal access, and provide other benefits for the decades to come. These needs include:

- Addressing the foundation and Bell Tower seismic needs.
- Making the Altar and Choir areas and the Communion Rail accessible to all parishioners, including those who use wheelchairs.
- Replacing our failing pipe organ so our music ministry can continue to reach its fullest potential.
- Improving lighting and acoustics to remove barriers to worship for parishioners and guests.
- Making better use of seating and converting the Vesting Room into an intimate Chapel space.
- Building a beautiful and serene Memorial Chapel for parishioners and families.
- Establishing a new endowment and reserves to assure the future of what we have built and support All Saints’ mission and ministries.



A task force of parishioners was appointed to help guide a goal feasibility study that assessed the fundraising potential of the parish and identified next steps to develop a fundraising plan of action, which are now in progress. A Town Hall Meeting will be held on May 18,

following the 10 a.m. service, to update the congregation and entertain questions and comments. Check out all the exciting plans on the home page of our website: www.allsaintsbythesea.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GOLF TOURNAMENT

More than 70 parishioners, friends and members of the community have already signed up to take part in the Tenth Annual Jim Bower Community Outreach Golf Tournament set for Monday, May 5. There's still room if you'd like to sign up to play. In addition, all are invited for the celebration after the tournament (4 p.m.) at the La Cumbre Country Club for \$20. Call (805) 560-6185 or e-mail mrosespec@aol.com for information about signing up or serving as a volunteer.

The golf tournament is a major source of funds the parish uses to fund our Outreach efforts (see the cover story about how we help those in need locally and internationally). The Bower Foundation (endowed by our late long-time parishioner Jim Bower) graciously supports the tournament and matches each dollar raised, so your donation goes twice as far. Any size contribution is welcome, so please consider donating to help us help others.

BOOK GROUP, BUS TRIPS, BIBLE STUDY & MORE

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

Did you know that All Saints has a Book Club? And that we have a couple of very exciting bus trips planned to interesting venues in the summer? Or that we have a general – and fun – Bible Study on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. and again for men on Wednesday mornings at 8:15 a.m.? We also hold a Parish Social about 3 times per year where we gather at the home of a parishioner for fellowship, wine, hearty appetizers

and more. Other recent All Saints events have included celebration meals for St. Valentine's and St. Patrick's days and a bus trip to the Hollywood Bowl to hear and sing along to “The Sound of Music.”



We know from Matthew that “where two or three are gathered” in the name of our Lord, He is there with us. It is with this special knowledge of being in fellowship with one another in God's name that we plan numerous one-time and ongoing social and study groups. To learn more about these upcoming events just visit www.allsaintsbythesea.org or call the Church Office at (805) 969-4771.

May 12, 6pm

Book Club: “Death Comes for the Archbishop”

May 5, All Day

Tenth Annual Jim Bower Community Outreach Golf Tournament at La Cumbre Country Club

Every Monday, 9 a.m.

“Bible & Babble” Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday - 6 - 7 p.m.

Contemplative Eventide Service and Supper



EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

One of the ways we celebrate Easter is with the tremendous music and floral arrangements we'll enjoy today. Both our beautiful Easter altar with lilies and our guest musicians (the Westmont Brass Ensemble, pianist Bridget Hough and harpist Laurie Rasmussen) are supported in part by parishioner contributions. Many thanks to all who supported these efforts, below:

- Sheri Benninghoven in Honor of Twila Erlewine and in Memory of Jack Erlewine
- Miss Mary Blackwood Collier in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Bell Collier III, and Mr. & Mrs. David John Lakeman
- The Emmons Family in Memory of their Beloved Parents, Joan & Ken Bebb
- Kim Matley and Alan Hopkinson in Celebration of Anne Hopkinson's Birthday Today
- Peggy & George Ittner in Memory of Catherine & George Ittner, and George A. Goddard
- Bob & Carol Jackson in Memory of Evelyn & Dorothy
- Louise Knight in Thanksgiving for her Wonderful Grandchildren
- Ladeen & Stephen Miller in Celebration of Elenora Marie Miller

- The Moller Family in Memory of Thyra Moller, Rita Baldwin, and Alex von Summer
- Brenda & Chip Nichols in Memory of their Parents, Nadeen & Dick Downing, and Edith & Wade Nichols
- Kären Pick in Memory of her Husband, Saul
- Mary Dell Pritzlaff in Memory of John C. Pritzlaff
- Susannah Rake in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Goodman, Jr.
- Mary & Andy Rosenberger in Thanksgiving for Zöe, Theodora, and Andy
- Sam & Eva Smith
- Mary Alice & Pen Tudor in Memory of Bradford P. Tudor
- Mary Walsh in Thanksgiving for Easter with Mummy and Nicholas, and for the Countless Blessings of the Past Year
- Alexandra Williams in Memory of Patricia Ann Kerman

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER GETS A NEW LOOK:

Our All Saints weekly email newsletter is getting a fresh update. Look for the new "Bell Tower" email to arrive in your inbox soon! If you haven't yet subscribed to the newsletter, you can do so by visiting www.allsaintsbythesea.org, clicking the "Join Now!" button in the right sidebar, and filling out the form.

