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

February 22, 2015

FAMILY FEAST AND GOD, MUSIC & FUN NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, children of all ages and their parents are invited to join together in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. for "Family Feast," a service of worship and communion designed especially for families with children and teens. Immediately following Family Feast, we will move into God, Music & Fun, a special music program designed to help children and families explore God through music. See you next Sunday in the Parish Hall! Contact the Rev. Vicki Mouradian at vicki@asbts.org for more information.



Welcome, Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce

Please join together in welcoming Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce to All Saints today. She will preach and preside during both worship services. During the 10 o'clock service, this year's class of confirmands will **lead us in deepening our walk with Christ!**

LENT AT ALL SAINTS

As you may have noticed, our sanctuary and altar look different this season. The flowers have been replaced with succulents and river rocks to remind us of an arid desert. This is because the season of Lent offers us a gracious opportunity to examine our lives in order to identify where we fall short **so that we can** turn wills back toward God, whose nature is always to have mercy. Lent is an occasion to consider our spiritual health and deepen our spiritual lives. We do this by choosing well our Lenten disciplines that leads us more deeply into a relationship with God and one another. This Lent, All Saints offers many opportunities to deepen your walk with Christ. Through seasonal opportunities for worship, devotion, and study, we hope you will find yourself not only willing but able to please God and participate more fully in the work of God's kingdom.

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting last week, please pick up a copy of the 2014 Annual Report at the Information Table on the patio. You can also read the report on our website as well as listen to the full audio of the meeting.



Lent Succulents; Easter Music & Flower Donations

This Lenten season, you are invited to give a dedication for the succulents on the high altar for \$35. There is also an opportunity to do the same during Holy Week and Easter. Please contact Anne in the Church Office (969-4771) or sign up on the Flower Board on the patio.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider		The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardin Bruce
Preacher		The Rev. Vicki Mouradian
Assisting Clergy		The Rev. Aimée Eyer-Delevett
		The Rev. Vicki Mouradian
Crucifer	8:00	Sandy McCartney
	10:00	Andy Rosenberger
Acolytes		Benjamin Rodgers, Harry Blevins, Francis Blevins
Director of Music		Steve O'Connor
Organist		Charles Talmadge
Intercessor		Bitsy Bacon
Lectors	8:00	Mary Walsh, David Agnew
	10:00	Doug Davidson, Fred Allen
Lay Ministers	8:00	Gail Harling, Barbara Rose, Mary Walsh
	10:00	Karen Dietz, Downing Denison, Tom Mack, Andy Rosenberger
Ushers	8:00	David Buchanan, Don Anderson, Bill Kistler, George Writer
	10:00	Mike Goetsch, Sally Green, Ben & Jef Short
Greeters	8:00	Steb Chandor, Patsy Brock
	10:00	Judy Cresap, Nathan Sigler
Information Table	8:00	Russ & Charlotte Tyler
	10:00	Andy & Mary Rosenberger
Refreshment Table		The Mueller Family
Welcome Center	8:00	Lore Dobler
	10:00	Sheri Benninghoven
Sunday School		PreK-2: Corrine Walter(T), Christine Frontado(A)
		3-5: Robert Brown(T), Patrice Mueller(A)
		6-8: Alex Williams(T), Chris Belanger(A)
Next Week's Lections		Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30
		Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

GIVING OUT OF GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS

At our Annual Meeting, we heard from Rev. Aimée that we are just beginning our ministry together, perched on the edge of what God will do with and through us. What this will be is still ours to discover together, and is a task both exhilarating and daunting. We acknowledged that there will be some challenging times

– including overcoming some difficult financial realities. The need to discuss our church's financial reality was fitting so that we can overcome it together, grounding our solution in the common purpose and mission to which God calls us.



Chip Nichols offered an important way forward: ***"If every one of our 420 member households gave \$750 over and above whatever they have already pledged for***

2015, it would erase the \$315,000 deficit we are budgeting." Rev. Aimée did so and invited others to join.

We know not everyone can make this additional \$750 pledge, and some can do much more. But giving out of gratitude for God's good gifts to us is something everyone can do. Your outgoing and current vestry & clergy have also met the challenge and pledged a total of \$8,450 toward closing our deficit. Please prayerfully give as generously as you can to be a part of the solution.

Pledge cards are available in the pews this morning, or you are also invited to call the church office. As we move forward as a household of God, we will walk forward in faith together, confident that God calls us to the place where our deep gladness and the world's hunger meet.

Lenten Formation Series: Called to Life

Have you wondered where God is calling you? In the Episcopal Church, baptism is understood as becoming a full member in the Body of Christ. As baptized members of the Body of Christ, we all have ministries to which we are called - our "baptismal vocation." In the midst of life's busyness, we don't always give ourselves time to reflect on the deeper meaning of our lives in light of our faith. This Lenten season, you are invited to participate in **Called to Life**, an adult formation series where we will explore how to listen for God and why we are all called to serve others.

During this free, six-part series we will gather together with the intention of deepening our connections between faith and everyday life, exploring vocation in relation to our whole lives. Join the conversation! Come explore Scripture and learn a new prayer practice, build relationships, share your story and listen to others' stories to gain perspective on your own call to baptismal ministry.

Rev. Aimée and Rev. Vicki will facilitate these groups: one will meet Wednesday evenings; the other, Thursday mornings. Each group will meet in the Parish House on the following dates:

Wednesday Evening Group: 7:15-9:00 p.m.

- February 25
- March 4
- March 11
- March 18
- March 25
- April 1

Thursday Morning Group: 10:00-11:45 a.m.

- February 26
- March 5
- March 12
- March 19
- March 26
- April 2

Sign up at the Information Table on the patio.

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!

Please join in offering support and congratulations to our confirmands: **Shannon Evans, Ricardo Calderon, Mary Jo Yaeger, Terry Dodge, Syd Walker, Melinda Zerrenner, Sharon Bifano, Heather Childress, Hunter Hawley, Grace Yoon, Ed Yoon, Jim Haslem, Rose Hodge, Doug Davidson, and Robert Brown.** Thank you for exemplifying a deeper commitment to coming into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Eventide During Lent

Our weekly Eventide service is a time where the All Saints' Community of God's friends gathers to pray, share, sing, rejoice and become as God calls us. Modeled after the ancient Vespers Office, the service revolves around ancient symbols, interpretive "windows" into the presence of the transcendent God. Everyone is invited to the Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Eventide, as we experience the ancient symbols and retell the ancient stories of this Holy Season of Lent.

Lenten Resources Available at Book Table Today

The Book Table will be open on the patio today with fresh titles and Lenten resources for all ages – including a *Journey Through Lent*. Be sure to stop by!

Lenten Quiet Day - Saturday, February 28, 9:00am-2:00pm

Lent allows us a wonderful opportunity to quiet our minds and grow closer to God. We have a special time set aside at All Saints this month to enhance our spiritual journey through this especially prayerful time of the year. You are invited to experience a Lenten Quiet Day to add to the meaningfulness of the Lenten journey. We will gather on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The day will include a gathering time in the Parish House for coffee and muffins; three opportunities for individual prayer and contemplation; gathered discussion; Eucharistic worship; and lunch catered by Connie Lindberg. Treat yourself to this time of self-care, fellowship, and alone time with God. You will leave refreshed and inspired! The suggested donation for the day is \$10.00. A sign-up sheet and an envelope for checks is located on the Information Table (please make checks payable to All Saints-by-the-Sea). If you have questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Vicki at 969-4771.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22

BISHOP JARDINE BRUCE'S VISIT ~ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Centering Prayer
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Choral) & Confirmation
- 11:30 am Wise Women in Parish House

Please note the change in meeting location.

Monday, February 23

- 9:00 am Bible & Bable

Tuesday, February 24

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Community Kitchen

Wednesday, February 25

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study in Parish House
- 1:00 pm Carpinteria Food Distribution
- 6:00 pm Eventide & Supper
- 7:15 pm Called to Life Lenten Series

Thursday, February 26

- 10:00 am Called to Life Lenten Series
- 12:00 pm Christ-Centered Prayer in Parish House
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in Church

Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 am Quiet Day

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Centering Prayer
- 10:00 am Family Feast in Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Choral)
- 10:30 am God, Music & Fun in Parish Hall

This ministry needs your help! From 1-2 p.m. donations of fruits and vegetables will be packaged and distributed on-site at the Carpinteria Children's Project on Main, located at 5201 8th Street in Carp. 35 families throughout our community count on these donations. Sign up at the Info Table on the patio today!



JOIN THE MADNESS!

LENT MADNESS RETURNS TO ALL SAINTS

“Every single one of the saints was a flawed human. You might be used to seeing them in stained glass or in marble, but they were living, breathing, people not so different from us. And yet, each one of these saints managed to allow God’s grace to work in them such that Christ’s light shone brightly in their lives. They were witnesses to the world of the transforming love of Jesus Christ. ...Perhaps they will inspire you to follow Jesus in new ways, so that you can be a witness of the Good News of God in Christ.”

On the weekdays of Lent information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints, and then participants vote online to determine who goes on to the next round and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo. Sainly Scorecards (suggested donation \$2) are available this morning on the Information Table. A brackett will be displayed on the patio to help you track the madness. Lent Madness is one fever you’ll want to catch this season!

Wise Women to Host TED Talk Today in Parish House

Wise Women (and men) will meet today after the 10:00 a.m. service in the **Parish House** for fellowship, lunch and a TED Talk by Lesley Hazelton, “Doubt is Essential to Faith.” Sally Wilcox will lead us in discussion after this TED Talk. A small donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of lunch prepared by Linda Chapman. All are welcome!