

The Herald

October 30, 2011

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Wasteland

If you've ever had the occasion to go to Mobile Metro Jail, you know the scene. You travel east on Canal street; to the north on a crisp Fall day the city skyline in view gleams with promise and self assurance...When crossing under I-10, Canal Street wants to lead you to the left towards Water Street, past the cruise terminal and towards downtown, but to get to Metro Jail one continues counter-intuitively straight onto a potholed road flanked by garish signs of Bail Bond businesses.... "James Bonds' Bonds" one sign reads; "Bandit Bail Bonds," another...one such business was housed in an old railway car... "Make Tracks Bail Bonds," the sign hawked; there were dozens more...the Las Vegas strip in caricature in a world upside down...I knew the Jail was to the right because above this squalid landscape I could see coiled razor-wire. I followed a police car, figuring our destinations to be the same. I had to park at the curb because the visitation parking lot was full...a vast city, Metro Jail...a vast city of the damned... I was there to see my old friend Gordon Sturges, who used to do handy work around all Saints. I know him to be a good man, a good man fallen from grace, arrested for armed robbery and kidnapping. He's in big trouble. I had an appointment to see him at 10:00 a.m. I was the only visitor on his pre-approved list.

The waiting room was full of people, mostly women and their children, this world all too familiar to them, I thought. The nine-thirty appointment people were ushered out of the visiting hall...and we with ten o'clock appointments were ushered in with the perfunctory instructions...instructions which the corporal has issued, I presumed, every day for many a year...no firearms, no cell phones, no sharp objects, only your car keys...Like a tenured airline stewardess, she rattled off by rote our instructions...We had to present our IDs and our phone numbers...Gordon's stall was at the end of the hall...I walked past despairing faces, faces drawn and perplexed...Gordon and I, like the others, talked to each other by phone through soundproof, bullet-proof glass, just like you see on TV. When Gordon saw me he wept...said he felt so ashamed...I had brought oil for anointing, but that was not to be since there is no way to touch...A shame, I thought...probably what they need the most. He asked about Katharine and folks he knew at All Saints...I told him we send our love and prayers... He said, I'm going to need all of that...finally he said, I guess I'm going to have to just trust God in this...I said, I guess I will too...We touched our hands against the glass and we parted and I walked past the others of the lost... one asking about the baby... "have you talked to mama...does she know?" These tortured faces open for any sign of hope that might come their way...there were many sighs and many tears down that hall...perhaps that is where God is, in the godforsaken places of the world...in the sighs and in the tears.

I walked to my car parked in front of New Life Bail Bonds. I could hear in the distance over near the container docks or in a shipyard a pounding, rhythmic thud...a metronomic, metallic sound that excited the morning air...perhaps some dark heart that moves the brute and wrong blood through this nether world...I passed vacant lots overgrown with weeds and sedge littered with twisted and torn corrugated metal...artwork of this dark world reminding it of its darkness, lest it needed reminding...past buildings gone derelict, rusting equipment lying fallow for perhaps a generation or two... an artifact of some ancient enterprise towards some hopeful commerce failed or forgotten...I returned to Water Street and to town... back upon the earth's crust...I was relieved and saddened, saddened still.

I've got to believe, for my soul's sake, that God inhabits that world, that God is among the twisted wreckage that has always lived along side of us, invisible, but nearer than we think...that haunted and harried world lost from our sight. I couldn't help but hear on my taking leave from the visitation hall words of love, and words of hope from the families and friends who love these desperate ones, these fallen among us...Oh, that those words would take root and grow...I guess I'm just going to have to trust God about that...I must...We must.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, October 25
3:30pm St Michael Choir

Wednesday, October 26
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia Choir
6pm Rector's Forum
6pm Godly Play for Adults
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, October 27
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, October 30
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, November 1
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15
Place
No choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 2
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm Joint rehearsal with St Michael & St Cecelia Choirs
7pm Adult Choir

Saturday, November 5
10:30am Rehearsal for All Saints
Sunday procession—acolytes,
banner and streamer bearers

Time change: set clocks BACK 1
hour tonight

Finance Notes Since my last reminder in the *Herald*, our pledge collections have fallen behind once again, and significantly. If you are behind on your pledge, I urge you to try to catch up. We have no great reserve to weather such a shortfall for any extended time, so we are counting on you!! All Saints lives or withers on your generosity, so please help if you can! Thanks, *Clark Kelly*

The Rector's Forum meets this Wednesday, Oct 26. Potluck dinner begins at 6, followed by conversation from 6:30-7:30. In addition to being a discussion for anyone who is interested, this gathering is also the place for all those who might be considering joining the Episcopal Church and want to know more about it. Everyone is welcome!

A Godly Play Experience for adults will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, beginning at 6pm. You



are invited to come and hear one of the sacred stories of the people of God in the same way our children hear it. These stories are as much for adults as they are for children. Wear comfortable clothes so that you can sit on the floor if you wish.

After the story we'll have the same kind of feast that the children have on Sunday morning, too. There will be time for discussion afterward if you want to learn more about the program. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there!

Children's Church Our general nursery rule at All Saints is that once children are 5 years old, they are too big for the nursery and cannot be there with small babies and toddlers. They are, of course, welcome to be in church with their families. Some, however, would rather be in a children's setting for the first half of the service and then join their families during the Peace. We are currently without someone to organize this program. Is anyone willing and available to revive this helpful activity? If so, please call Jim Flowers or Mary Robert at the church: 438-2492.

Good News!! The time change is Saturday night, Nov. 5. Set your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed. You'll get extra sleep and be ready to go for the events on All Saints Sunday!



Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the safe return of Haley Jones from Afghanistan. Haley is Carol Mackey's niece.

Breakfast cooks are hoping that at least two more folks might volunteer to help provide breakfast on Sundays. Two or more people would mean that each team has at least 4 people. This would help cover the work when someone on a team is out of town or ill, etc. If you are interested, please call the church office and leave a message (438-2492). The team list and the schedule for 2011-2012 is posted in the kitchen of Stirling Hall. Additional copies are available on the counter closest to the breakfast tables.

All Saints Sunday is upon us! All Saints Sunday is just 2 Sundays away! We need folks to help with the food prep for our lunch following the service that day. If you are willing to help, please call or email Jean Tucker: jwtucker@usouthal.edu or 753-1984.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 9am in Stirling Hall on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6. Eat a healthy breakfast before you come; there's lots to do at the meeting! Brief reports from various committees will be shared and we are hoping to offer a proposed budget, too. Please turn in your pledge cards so that will be possible!

We will elect 5 new Vestry members to serve 3-year terms, and one new member to fill a 2-year unexpired term. At present, we have received very few nominations. Please consider nominating folks who will do their best to help take care of All Saints and its temporal needs. The deadline for turning in nominations is Wed, Nov. 4.

Also at the meeting, we will elect four deputies and one alternate to the Diocesan Convention, which will be held Feb. 2-4, 2012 at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile. Again, nominations can be turned in before Nov. 2.

There will be no Adult or Senior high classes that morning so that they may attend the meeting. Middle school and younger children will have Sunday School to work on a project for the Bayou Bash.

After the meeting there will be one service of Holy Eucharist at 10am. Lunch will follow in Stirling Hall with barbecue from Saucy-Q, and slaw, beans and deserts from the All Saints family. Don't miss the fun!



Bayou Bash 2011 is nearly here!!!!

Buy / sell tickets!

\$30 each, available

Volunteer!

Carol Mackey at 251-402-9448 or carolhmackey@gmail.com
Pete Mackey at 251-510-6905 or psmackey@bcmlawyers.com

Find and turn in auction items!

Forms are in the church office

Come Saturday, Nov. 12, 6-10pm!

Bring your checkbooks

Habitat for Humanity in Mobile needs help to finish some of their houses under construction by the end of December. Weekday and Saturday volunteers are needed for roofing, framing, flooring, painting and more! Workdays are Tuesday-Saturday, 8am-4pm. Come when you can to help out! See a more detailed schedule below. Please note that changes in site location can occur, so please call or email the office to register for volunteer time. That way, we can let you know if anything has changed. Contact Jennifer Tidwell at 476-7171, ext. 231 or at jtiddwell@habitatswalabama.org to sign up.

Donations requested Our Food Share program is experiencing some difficulty due to a recent drop in donations. We have been spending approximately \$300 each month for food, with an added \$50 delivery charge. This provides enough food to create about 2-3 meals each for 72 families. We are also looking forward to the holiday season, hoping to provide turkeys and hams. To keep up this level of support to the Mobile community, we need your help. If you can help the Food Share program, please send a check made out to All Saints marked "Food Share."

Please look at this page when you receive it to see if you are scheduled this month!

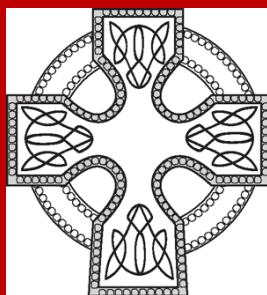
If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492. If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for November 2011


Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild & Bread	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Nov 6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	10:00	D Nichols J Basenberg	M Harris Chalice S Willcox L Wood	Banners & Streamers B Ayres S Cleveland V Case B Evatt E Doyle SF Greene R Bradford W Kelly P Heath S Kirby M Petithory	B Reeves D Williams K Gray E Kelley L Gray B Williams D Greene B Foster	W English M Williams H Caddell J Ayres	<u>Altar Guild:</u> S Drew L Raouf B Ratcliffe J Rogers M Winkler <u>Bread:</u> B Hardaway L Carsten	K Flowers J Tucker	NO Breakfast	NO Reception Lunch follows Church service
Nov 13 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	B Ratcliffe	J Clearman	A Lilly		J Basenberg B Case	"	C Mackey R Bradford	C Mackey V Case B Schneider W Hannum	
	10:30	L Carsten H Thompson	H Caddell	F Hannum M Morrison	L Wood H Williams LH Greene W Kuot	D Greene C Doyle R Pappas	"			B Hardaway K Gray
Nov 20 <i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00	A Lilly	B Evatt	L Van Dyke		P Mackey H Dodge	"	S Drew K McKenzie	K Flowers K Gray R Greene C Ryan	
	10:30	M Hennessy R Gray	T Locke	B Barrett RE Stanbery	M Williams G Williams S Williams M Mosley	A Mitchell J Hamilton B Hines	"			M Hennessy
Nov 27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00	L Van Dyke	L Hallett	B Ratcliffe		R Dillard W Hannum	"	C Hall K Butler	C Hall A Hamilton K McDonald A Thompson	
	10:30	D Foster B Hardaway	R Coarsey	N Lancaster S Robertson	B Foster E Doyle SF Greene D Butler	D Mosley C Mosley C Conte S Robertson	"			TBA

November Birthdays:

2 Adele Fay	7 Mary Hunter Slaton	14 Thomas Locke	20 LaVada Raouf	26 Brendan Williams
3 Meg Cosby	7 Laura Williams	14 Sarah Pierce	20 Yasmine Raouf	28 Olivia Swann
3 Lillian Carsten	9 Clara Leder Lamar	15 Hodge Alves	22 Molly Allison	29 David Ritter
5 Bill Mayhall	9 Kate Kelly	15 Hannah Gardner	23 Coleman Ritter	30 Christa Harkins
5 Edgar Hughes	11 Joe Basenberg	16 Marlana Kelley	24 Hannah Williams	
5 Rachel Pomerat	13 Laura Shain	18 Mary Trufant	26 Mary Jo Mayhall	
6 Charlotte Bonnici	13 Tom Rouse	19 Stewart LeBlanc	26 Peyton Heath	



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30a All Saints serves @15 Place 11:30a L'Arche in Stirling Hall	2 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p Joint rehearsal with St Michael & St Cecelia Choir s 7p Adult Choir	3 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	4	5 10:30a Rehearsal for All Saints procession Time change: Fall Backward!!
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9a Parish Meeting 9:20a Sunday School for children & middle school 10a Holy Eucharist Lunch following	7	8 3:30p St Michael Choir 5p Murray House Board Mtg	9 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 6p Rector's Forum 6p 15 Place Board 7p Adult Choir	10 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	11	12 10:30a PFLAG 6-10p BAYOU BASH!!!!
13 <i>22nd Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	14	15 3:30p St Michael Choir	16 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir	17 9a Food Share prep 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	18 5:30p Food Share packing	19 8:00a Food Share distribution 
20 <i>Last Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 5p Conde Explorers	21 6p Vestry mtg	22 12N Golden Circle No choir rehearsal	23 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist No choir rehearsals	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Office closed	25 Office closed	26
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 1-3p L'Arche in Stirling Hall	28	29 3:30p St Michael Choir	30 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 6p Rector's Forum 7p Adult Choir			

Mark your calendars now!!!

All Saints Sunday

November 6

Join us for a day of *Celebration* for the **WHOLE Parish**

Schedule for the day:

9:00am Annual Parish Meeting

10:00am Holy Eucharist (one service only—note the time)

Following the service: LUNCH!

Annual Parish Meeting, Nov 6 This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on All Saints Sunday, Nov 6 at 9am. On that day we will elect five vestry members each to serve three-year terms as usual, and one to serve an unexpired term of two years. Retiring members of the Vestry are: Renea Greene, Clark Kelly, Pete Mackey, Susan Meztista and Michael Morrison. The unexpired term is Marion Elledge's, who has moved out of state. We will also elect four deputies with alternates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, February 2-4, 2012.

Who may vote at the Meeting?

The Canons of the Episcopal Church (Canon 17.3) define communicants as 'confirmed persons aged sixteen and over who *for the previous year* have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.'

The All Saints Episcopal Church Constitution also requires that a communicant must have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year.

Who may serve on the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church?

If you meet the qualifications to vote at the Parish Meeting you are eligible to serve on the Vestry, with the following exception: The All Saints Constitution states that retiring Vestry Members may not be elected to succeed themselves for *two years*, with the exception of those serving an unexpired term for one year or less.

Nominations for the Vestry

I wish to nominate _____ to serve on the All Saints Episcopal Church Vestry. I have read the requirements above and believe this person is qualified to serve. I have received his/her consent to stand election on November 6, 2011.

(Current Vestry members are listed on the back page of The Herald.)

Nominations for Deputy to Diocesan Convention

I wish to nominate _____ to serve as a Deputy to Diocesan Convention, February 2-4, 2012 at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____ Date _____

**Nominations are open until 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

This Sunday: October 30, 2011

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 26

The Lessons

[Joshua 3:7-17](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#)

[Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37](#)

[Matthew 23:1-12](#)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan, Rosemary Williams

Bread bakers: Bruce Rockstad, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Becky Wilson, Stella Hester

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Robert Rodriguez

Reception: The Ayres family

8:00

Lector: Keith Winkler

Intercessor: Warren Butler

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Mark Taylor, Caroline Coker

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Claudia Zimmermann, Eric Browne

Intercessor: Hannah Williams

Chalices: Clayton Ryan, Jan Irving

Acolytes: Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres, Emma Gray

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Thomas Locke, Michael Morrison

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Jesu, Meine Freude* (BWV 610)

Processional Hymn 546 *Siroë*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Jonathan Battishill/Ray Francis Brown *Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37*

Sequence Hymn 614 *Christus Rex*

Offertory T. Fredrick H. Candlyn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Presentation Hymn 590 *Charterhouse*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 656 *Franconia*

Motet Gerald Near *O Lord, From Whom All Good Things Do Come*

Post Communion Hymn 437 *Birmingham*

Processional David Hurd *Deep River*

Please keep in your prayers

✚ For healing:

Kathy Davis

Anne Carpenter

Harriet Schofield

Logan Barnhart

Fran Reed

Becky Boulter

Neil Cumming

Joy Russ

Katie Hammond

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Joanne & Dan Young

Jean Dodge

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Dick Van Benschoten

Devin Carlino

Charles Blackmon

Butch Boyington

Steve Hicks

Laurie Bailey

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Devon Booth

Iris Prosch

Hugh Mauldin

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Cheryl Peach

Patsy Childress

Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Daniel Taylor

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

Scott Tanos

Kyle Metcalf

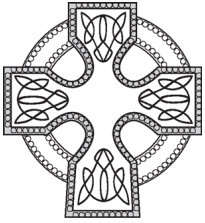
DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Todd Jolly

Robert Carter

Matt Robertson



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Henry Callaway
Valerie Case
Harold Dodge
Marion Elledge
Rob Gray
Renea Greene
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Liz & Scott Kirby
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
Lectors, Intercessors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)