

The Herald

November 14, 2010

25th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Ending and Beginning

“In our end is our beginning” writes T.S. Eliot in *Four Quartets*... perhaps a fine distillation of the truth at the heart of the universe...things end and things begin, a cosmic cycle of reiteration, of event and decision and circumstance, all moving to the music and rhythm of end and beginning... death and life...yin and yang...the polarities of beauty.

We are moving toward the end of the church year marked by gathering dark and cold. In just a couple of Sundays we will celebrate such an end by celebrating the feast of Christ the King...the hope of God’s kingdom come in earth...beginning now, but not yet... another paradoxical truth of the matter...the same old polarity... We see signs of this so-called kingdom all around us...not a kingdom as the world sees its kingdoms of might making right...but we see this kingdom in acts of compassion and mercy...in acts of love that bear dignity and justice to our world...and yet we see the resistance to such a way, this way of the kingdom that is gracious commonweal of collaboration and mutual respect and imaginative practice... we see the resistance all around us all too well...out in the dark and the cold, a rough beast straining against the good.

Hope is born in the dark. That is something as people of faith we are duty bound to remember...We begin our church year in the year’s darkest days. Yet the year begins in hope...hope for ourselves and hope for our world... hope for a new beginning of God’s ways in earth...God’s Advent among us to name that which abides in darkness...and hope for the courage to enact the light of God’s love that God has for God’s world....we, God’s people, the potential for God’s love in earth...we the hope...we the Incarnation...Love in the flesh....remember.

God’s Advent is our Advent....our beginning to live for our world and not for ourselves...an end of self interest and the beginning of abundant sacrifice... sacrifice: the hosting of a feast for someone you love...the best metaphor I can think of...God’s world begins at each moment of sacrifice...at a meal shared...at each healing touch....at each moment of respecting the dignity of the other...in our peacemaking.

Let us get prepared to begin again...the time come round again at last...God’s Advent of the light of hope and courage to be born...a beginning again in all that cold and all that dark.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, November 9
12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 10
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministry
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 11
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, November 13
10:30am PFLAG
6pm **BAYOU BASH!!!!**

Sunday, November 14
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, November 15
6pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, November 16
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
4:30pm Murray House Board mtg
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 17
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 18
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, November 19
5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, November 20
7:30am Food Share distribution



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Fall Stewardship Drive Underway

"Give generously, Serve faithfully, Celebrate joyfully" is our stewardship theme this year. Our vision is to provide all of us at All Saints an opportunity to enrich our spiritual lives individually and collectively by renewing our commitment to our mission and ministry through a pledge of support for the upcoming year. Our goals are that we have a 5% increase in the numbers of pledges and an increase of pledge income of at least five percent.



On Sunday, November 21, there will be only one service that day — at 10:30am with an ingathering of pledge cards. Following the service we are all invited to enjoy a wonderful barbecue lunch in Stirling Hall and "celebrate joyfully" God's gifts to us.

If you have not yet picked up your pledge card, they are available in the office during the week and in the church on Sunday. You may also turn in your pledge card before the 21st.

To All Bayou Bash Ticket Sellers:

Please turn in your ticket money as early as possible this week. Some of the bills for the Bash must be paid ahead of time!



The Christian Living Sunday School class has just begun reading Lloyd Geering's new book, Coming Back to Earth: From gods, to God, to Gaia. Geering offers a compelling argument for a transition from theism to a faith rooted in human consciousness and compassion. "The more we humans become an harmonious global society, relating in a healthy way to one another and to the planet, the more confident we can be about the future." The case he makes for a new, human-centered faith is compelling, easy to follow, and long overdue.

If you would like to purchase a book, call Henry Callaway at 694-6224. The cost is \$12.

The Friday Night Supper Club

will meet next on November 19 at 7:00 pm at the home of Fred and Barbara South, 1112 Dauphin Street. Please phone to let them know if you are coming: 694-0143. All are welcome to attend!



The 6th annual Bayou Bash is this Saturday!!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 13th, from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the church office, or by calling Rob Gray at 490-5310. Children 12 and under are free, and we'll have a nursery.

Please buy a ticket and invite your friends as well! We are counting on YOU to make this the best Bash ever! Last year, we cleared over \$19,000 because of good ticket sales and wonderful auction items and bids. YOU can help make this happen again.

There will be a delicious seafood dinner with wine and beer; Mississippi Public Radio's Bill Ellison and Temperance Babcock will provide bluegrass musical entertainment. Don't worry—there'll be a large-screen TV so you won't miss any important games!

We're still accepting auction items; if you have an item or service or talent that would be appropriate, please call Barbara Brewster at 479-9781 or Kim Kelly at 479-1175. Dinners, fishing trips, condo weekends, babysitting jobs, etc. are always popular auction items. We need more volunteers as well; if you can help with ticket sales, greeters, beverage duty, auction, décor, or food, please call Emily Callaway at 391-6368.

All of the proceeds go toward the Community Ministry agencies and programs that we help support: Family Promise/IHN, L'Arche, Fresh Start Ministry, McKemie Place, 15 Place, Alabama Arise, All Saints Refugee Families Fund and South Alabama Cares.

Fabulous AUCTION ITEMS!



- Weekend in a two-bedroom New Orleans French Quarter courtyard apartment
- Two-bedroom home on Dauphin Island for one week
- An afternoon of white-tail deer and boar hunting for two in Blacksher, AL
- Dinner at Galatoire's
- Tickets to *Hair!* at the University of South Alabama
- Artwork, services, restaurant gift cards, home decor items, *and much, much more!*

Items coming in daily, but *we still need yours!*

To have your chance at any of these fantastic items,

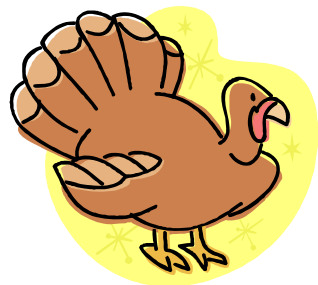
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Here's a Sneak Peak

Check out these items, which are only a small part of the fabulous array of auction pieces available this Saturday at the Bayou Bash!



Fall Food Share = Thanksgiving & Christmas Turkeys



In keeping with our tradition of providing special food for our November and December Food Share distributions, this year we want to 'super-size' the menu. The Food Share program was the recipient of \$1500 from the 2009 Bayou Bash, and that money has been saved in hopes of buying some 100 turkeys or hams both for Thanksgiving and for Christmas, instead of smaller roasting hens.

Despite the generous help from the Community Ministries Committee, we will still need about \$500 to cover the rest of the cost. If you are interested in helping provide a real holiday meal for our hungry neighbors, make a check out to All Saints Episcopal Church and mark it for 'Food Share.' Mail it in, bring it by the office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday during the next two weeks.

This month's Food Share weekend is **Friday, November 19** at 5:30 p.m. to assemble the food bags and **Saturday, November 20** at 7:30 a.m. to distribute the food. Please join us in this worthwhile ministry!

Upcoming November and December Events

November

- 13 - Bayou Bash, an evening of fun, food, music, silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$25. All proceeds go to our Community Ministries.
- 15 - Vestry meeting, 6pm
- 19 - Food Share preparation, 5:30pm
- 20 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am
- 21 - Last Sunday after Pentecost; one service only, at 10:30am, followed by pledge ingathering and barbeque lunch in Stirling Hall
- 25 - Thanksgiving Day; no service, office closed
- 26 - Friday, office closed
- 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

December

- 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent; 8am Eucharist; 9:30am Annual Parish Meeting; 10:30am Advent Lessons and Carols
- 7 - All Saints serves at 15 Place, 11:30am
- 8 - 15 Place Board meeting, 6pm
- 11 - PFLAG, 10:30am
- 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent; 8am and 10:30am Holy Eucharists
- 14 - Family Promise Host Coordinators meeting, 5:30pm, Stirling Hall
- 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent; 8am Holy Eucharist; Christmas Pageant, 9:30am; 10:30am Holy Eucharist
- 22 - Hanging of the Greens and Supper, 5:30pm
- 24 - Christmas Eve; office closes at noon; Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm and at 10:30pm with choirs
- 25 - Christmas Day; no service
- 26 - 1st Sunday after Christmas; 8am Holy Eucharist; Christmas Lessons and Carols with the combined choirs of All Saints and Trinity Episcopal Churches at 10:30am
- 27 - Office closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve; office closes at noon

January 2011

- 2 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas; 8am and 10:30am Holy Eucharists
- 3 - Office closed

Annual Parish Meeting - December 5, 2010

At the Annual Parish Meeting we will elect five vestry members to serve a three year term replacing retiring members Jim Ayres, Chris Conte, Charlotte Hall, Martha Harris, Matt McDonald, and three deputies with alternates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held February 10-12, 2011. The Convention will be hosted by St. James' Episcopal Church, Fairhope.

Who may vote at the Parish 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 New Vestry Members

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 December 5, 2010.

(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 10-12, 2011 at St. James', Fairhope.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____ Date _____

Nominations are open until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 30

Make sure that the person you are nominating is willing to serve before nominating him or her.

Please turn in this form to the office or call 438-2492 to make a nomination.

EYC News

November 13th

Bayou Bash. A few have offered babysitting for the auction, but I still need a few more things such as yard work, pet sitting or anything you would be willing to donate. **ALSO**, the night of Bayou Bash the EYC will be helping with the cleanup.

I will be contacting all of you to help!!

November 14th

Taylor Park. We will join Ashland Place again in making lunch and playing with the kids at the park. Please meet at Taylor Park. 2-4pm

November 19th, 20th

Food Share. This month's food share will be special because it will be in preparation for Thanksgiving. On Friday night, 5:30pm, everything except the frozen food will be prepared. On Saturday morning, come at 7:30am and the food will be distributed.

November 21st

Mulherin Home. It has been requested that we visit here often, so we will be going back to Mulherin Home to make Thanksgiving crafts and play games. Please let me know if you are coming so rides can be arranged. 3-5pm

November 28th

No EYC! Happy Thanksgiving!

Contact Info

Catherine Mackey - 490.6675 - SCatherineMackey@gmail.com

Time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping into the future

Believe it or not, there are only 7 weeks left before Christmas is upon us. That's right...seven weeks! The fall season seems to pick up speed when the weather turns cooler and then we gather more momentum as winter activities begin to take place. Holiday parties, pageants, decorations (which are already out in most stores) begin to take up more and more of our time until we crash and burn on Christmas morning, or maybe the day after, too exhausted to participate in the real season.

This is a plea to all of us who say — after the holidays are over — 'Boy, I wish I could slow down one of these days and focus on what is really important about Christmas!' So this year, see if you can slow down. Eat dinner with your family at the table...sitting down. Smile at the people in the car next to you. Come to church during Advent...the liturgical season is designed to prepare us for what is to come. Participate. Sing with gusto!

If you are a lector, intercessor, chalice bearer or acolyte, be proactive: if you want to be a part of one of the Christmas Eve services, call or email Mary Robert and tell her. If you are a young person, plan to be in the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 19. It is possible to have the kind of Christmas you really want. Just show up!

Sunday Lectionary:

25th Sunday after Pentecost, 11/14

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

[Canticle 9](#)

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel

Flower Guild: Charlotte Hall, Beth Hardaway

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland

Reception: Debi Foster

8:00

Lector: Paul Carsten

Intercessor: Tressa Pressley

Chalice: Keith Winkler

Ushers: Caroline Coker, Mark Taylor

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Parker Butler 2) Lillian Carsten

Intercessor: Martha Hennessy

Chalice bearers: Albert Lilly, Danny Moreau

Acolytes: Jane Bartlett Pappas, Kate Kelly, Laura Hampton

Greene, Hannah Williams

Ushers: Louie Wood, Cart Blackwell, Henry Callaway, Hubert

Tate

Music for Sunday, November 14

Voluntary Herbert Howells *Psalm-Prelude Set 1, No. 2*

Processional Hymn 632 *Munich*

William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo S-278*

David Hurd *Canticle 9, Ecce Deus*

Sequence Hymn 592 *Carlisle*

Offertory Anthem Giuseppe Pitoni *Cantate Domino*

Presentation Hymn 598 *Mit Freuden zart*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus S-167*

Communion Hymn 482 *Slane*

Motet G. H. P. Hewson *Crossing the Bar*

Post Communion Hymn 600 *Bellwoods*

Processional Kenneth Leighton *Paean*

Please keep in your prayers . . .

✚ For healing for:

Becky Parke

Devanie Ellison

Scott Podstato

Barbie Driver

Frederick Salvo

Stephen Edgar

Brian Montgomery

Patsy Childress

Pete Gaillard

Thelma McMillan

David Sanders

Marion

Debbie Davis

Mary Ladd Turner

Chris

Leila Hollowell

the White family

Betty Ijames

Kate Makkai

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Celeste Taylor

Laura

✚ For the safe return of those who serve in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Steven DeWeese

Theford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Todd Jolly

Soren Rodning

Zack Hadley

T. J. Sherman

Jamie Pontious

Our policy is to keep names on the prayer list for one month. After that, they will be removed. If you want a name to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and it will be kept on for another month.

Refugee Pantry Items

We need items such as **bar soap** (regular size), **toilet paper** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!





All Saints Church

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Return Service Requested

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Elizabeth Dunnam, Tracy Barton, Nursery Staff

All Saints 2010 Vestry

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Chris Conte
Harold Dodge
Rob Gray
Renea Greene
Charlotte Hall
Martha Harris
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey, Senior Warden
Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
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): Catherine Mackey
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)