



ALL SAINTS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# The Herald

December, 2014

Advent and Christmas

## From the Rector: Of the Dying Light

My mother is eighty-two years old. Her health is slipping a bit, but she still has her wits about her. She can still cuss a blue streak if need be. Once one of her friends said to her, “Sam, you are one of the most opinionated people I know!” to which my mother replied, “Honey, you should hear what I don’t say.” Just a few years ago, out of the blue, she said that she now understood her calling for the rest of her life... for however long she had left... and that was to “die creatively.” She wasn’t in the least morose about it. It was something that she looked forward to... she was, in an odd way, excited about it.

The northern hemisphere is tilting away from the warmth of the sun. The dried leaves scuttle haphazardly down Government Street driven by a cold and alien wind. The days are getting shorter. The light is fading. Our bodies know this; our psyches as well. Depression spikes this time of the year. Deep in our DNA our bodies and souls know to prepare for death. This time of the year, a dress rehearsal for death, as it were. That is what Halloween is all about: Homage to the dying of the light. And yet we know also, deep in our DNA, to wait for the light again. Wait for life... and be creative about it. This is no passive waiting, but a visceral cue to the imagination.

We do not “rage against the dying of the light,” as Dylan Thomas suggests. Death is the mother of beauty, Wallace Stevens proclaims; death the mother, beauty the child, an iconic proposition as to the truth. We read in the seasons the cycle of death and birth; death and birth. Why not trust what we see, and name it holy; name it true. For in so doing we learn that there is nothing to fear; that the dying of the light is the pangs of birth for its return. So, in an odd way, (the life of faith is odd, yes?) let us live in hope... hope that engenders creativity and courage.... It is the chief human vocation to be creative, to make visible that which is beautiful and true... We do this for the sake of each other, our world, and perhaps for God; perhaps God, Godself needs reminding as well... We do this not in spite of the dying of the light, but because of it. Bless the dying light, and pray for its return.



## A Note from the Treasurer

As most everyone knows, All Saints was fortunate to receive a rather substantial donation from a former parishioner at the end of last year. The money received was utilized to offset the shortfall in revenues collected in 2013 and some of the remaining funds were included in the 2014 budget to balance the budget in order to prevent making drastic reductions to our expenses (i.e., personnel and programs).

Since much of this contribution has been utilized over the last two years for general operating expenses as well as some unexpected maintenance expenses, it is not anticipated that much of these funds will remain for use during the 2015 year. Based on current expenditures, a 5 to 10 percent increase in pledge income will be necessary to balance the budget this year without making any drastic cuts to our expenses. Since we have been operating on such a tight budget the last few years, any reductions in expenses will be detrimental.

Therefore, I strongly encourage everyone to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. If you have not pledged before, please consider doing so this year to support the general operations of All Saints Church. Our various programs and outreach ministries impact the lives of so many within our community. None of this will be possible without your generous support.

There is much to be excited about at All Saints in 2015! Please help us to continue this trend into the future with your pledge.

Thanks,  
Curt Doyle

## Pledge Ingathering

The Stewardship Pledge Ingathering will be at both services on Dec. 7. If you have not turned in your pledge card by then, please bring it with you to put in the offering plate. The pledges will be blessed and the Finance Committee will begin their deliberations over a budget for 2015. If you have lost your card or did not receive one, please call Dara Walker (438-2492) or pick one up in the back of the Church on Sunday.

## IHN/Family Promise begins 11/30

Our next Family Promise guests will arrive on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 30, staying in Stirling Hall and using the new kitchen! Since this will be the end of the Thanksgiving weekend, please sign up as early as possible so that any empty slots can be filled before the holiday begins. Call or email Henry Brewster to help with a meal (breakfast or supper), be an evening host or an overnight host - 251-338-0630 or [hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net](mailto:hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net).

## Candlelight Vigil

There will be a candlelight vigil for homeless teens this Thursday night, Nov. 20, from 5-6pm around the horseshoe at Murphy High School. Bring a candle to light the way, and please bring a new or gently-used blanket or jacket. Everyone is invited.

## Supper Club

The Friday Night Supper Club meets this week, Nov. 21, at the home of Andi & Bruce Barrett (708 Brannan Dr, East) at 7pm. Please call Andi (251.599-1830) or Bruce (251.751.9469) to say what dish you can bring to share. Everyone is welcome to come!

## Fair-Trade Nonprofit Jewelry Sale

Open Table UCC will host a sale for [Soul of Somanya](#), a fair trade nonprofit that employs jewelry makers in the village of Somanya, Ghana this Sunday, Nov. 23, from 11:30 to 12:15 in the Saad Room. Beautiful jewelry made with traditional beads and other items make great Christmas gifts. Meet *Soul of Somanya* founder Melody MacDuffee, whose organization provides a living wage for talented artisans in West Africa.

## Towels needed for Family Promise

The IHN towel supply is low. Donations of gently-used towel/washcloth sets may be brought to the church office. Towel sets are also available for purchase on the [Bed, Bath & Beyond](#) registry. (See below)



## Is All Saints getting married? 😊

At the suggestion of several parish members and breakfast cooks, a registry has been created at [Bed, Bath & Beyond](#) for small kitchen appliances, cutlery, etc. If you're interested in purchasing items for the kitchen or Family Promise, go to the [Bed, Bath & Beyond website](#), click on "wedding & gift registry," and enter *Burl Ratcliffe* and *Alabama* to get to our list of needs.

## AIDS Alabama Gift Tree

Formerly known as South Alabama Cares, AAS has placed two 'Angel Trees' at All Saints. On them are the ages, gender and Christmas wishes of some of their clients. If you would like to help make some Christmas wishes come true, please take a card or 2 or 3 to get presents for these folks. The trees are on the table in the area outside the office. A sign with directions for when and where to return the presents is also on the table.



## Golden Circle

Golden Circle will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 12N for a delicious meal and bingo! All seniors are invited.

## Food Share

Food Share in December will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20. Please help at 7:30am with packing food bags; distribution is at 8am and lasts no longer than 30 minutes.

## Advent Season begins Sunday, November 30

Sunday, Nov. 23 is the Last Sunday after Pentecost, the end of what's known as "Ordinary Time." We will read from the Gospel of Matthew for the last time this year, and celebrate the Reign of Christ. The following Sunday, Nov. 30 is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new season, the beginning of a new liturgical year, and the beginning of a new lectionary cycle, Year B. The colors of the hangings, the altar frontal and the clergy vestments will change from green to Sarum Blue, a color of expectation and of Mary, the Mother of God. There will be an Advent wreath with four blue candles on it, and we will light one new candle each Sunday until all four are lit; on Christmas Eve, a white candle in the center of the wreath will be lit for the Christ Child.

## Making Advents Wreaths, Advent 1

Since many people are traveling at the end of the Thanksgiving weekend, there will be no Sunday School for children or youth. However, any children who would like to make Advent wreaths can come to the Godly Play room upstairs in the Parish Hall at 9:20am for some fun craft time.

## Lessons & Carols, Advent 2

Two of the Choirs of All Saints will present the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on the Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7, at 10:30am. Come join them to hear ancient readings foretelling the coming of Jesus and poignant carols sung by the Adult Choir and the Advanced Treble Choir, and to sing familiar Advent hymns. A reception will follow the service. The 8am service will be Holy Eucharist as usual.

## Christmas Pageant, Advent 4



On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21, there will be one service, at 10:30am. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come at that time and 'BE' the Christmas Pageant, which will be the Liturgy of the Word portion of the service. Together as the All Saints Family, we will tell the story of the coming of Christ, and EVERYONE will have a part to play in the pageant! Don't worry, there are no lines to speak, only hymns to sing collectively as we celebrate. After the pageant is finished, we will say the Peace and move in to the Eucharist as usual.

Following the service, we will change the interior of the church from Advent to Christmas with the Hanging of the Green! Everybody is invited to either help decorate or watch the decorations go up (with appropriate nice comments), and to stay for a warm lunch of chili and fixin's after the decorating is complete. Please mark your calendars now and plan to stay — we aren't complete without you!!

## Advent / Christmas Lectionary Readings

Sunday, November 30  
 Advent 1  
[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)  
[Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#)  
[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)  
[Mark 13:24-37](#)

Christmas Eve, December 24  
[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)  
[Psalm 96](#)  
[Titus 2:11-14](#)  
[Luke 2:1-20](#)

Sunday, December 7  
 Advent 2  
[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)  
[Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)  
[2 Peter 3:8-15a](#)  
[Mark 1:1-8](#)

Christmas Day, December 25  
[Isaiah 52:7-10](#)  
[Psalm 98](#)  
[Hebrews 1:1-12](#)  
[John 1:1-14](#)

Sunday, December 14  
 Advent 3  
[Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11](#)  
[Psalm 126](#)  
[1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)  
[John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

Sunday, December 28  
 Christmas 1  
[Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)  
[Psalm 147:13-21](#)  
[Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7](#)  
[John 1:1-18](#)

Sunday, December 21  
 Advent 4  
[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)  
[Canticle 15](#)  
[Romans 16: 25-27](#)  
[Luke 1: 26-38](#)

December Birthdays		
2– Barbara Brewster	16– Chloe Ayres	21– Emily Kelley
3– Anna Marie Brown	17– Warren Butler	22– Brenda Woodmansee
3– Bryce Kelley	19– Don Mosley	23– Leath Tate
5– Skeeter Robertson	19– Kristen Ritte	27– Kathrine Butler
9– David Stuart	19– Salma Raouf	29– Carol Mackey
10– Melva Frazier	20– Paul Carsten	
13– Steve Chiepalich	21– Darrel Williams	

If we have inadvertently left your birthday off of the list, please call the office (438-2492) to let us know.  
 We will add your birthday to the church database.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

Cordially invites you to

**St. Anne's Guild**

**Gumbo and Sweet & Savory Sale**

**Saturday, 22 November 2014**

**From 9:00am – 1:00pm**

**Gumbo Take Out for Sale \$8.00 per pint**

**Our Sweet & Savory Table will offer**

**Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Breads,**

**Homemade Candy, & Pickles.**

**Just in time for Thanksgiving!**





# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	4 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	5	6
IHN / FAMILY PROMISE WEEK			IHN / FAMILY PROMISE WEEK		IHN / FAMILY PROMISE WEEK	
7 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Lessons & Carols Reception follows <b>IHN WEEK ENDS</b>	8	9 4p Beg. Trebles Choir	10 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	11 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	12	13 10:30a PFLAG  wedding
14 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	15 6p Vestry mtg	16 12N Golden Circle 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	17 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	18 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	19	20 7:30a Food Share packing and distribution
21 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> ⓧ 8a service or breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Xmas Pageant & Eucharist Greening of the Church & Lunch follows	22 6p 15 Place Board	23 7p Adult Choir (tentative)	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Office closed  5p Holy Eucharist 10:40p Choral Prelude 11p Holy Eucharist	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Office closed  10a Holy Eucharist in the Chapel	26 Office closed	27
28 <i>1st Sunday after Xmas</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 No Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Birthday Reception	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> Office closed			

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!  
 If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.

## Lay Ministers for December 2014

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
Dec 7 2nd Sun. of Advent	8am	L Hallett	B Evatt	M Taylor		B & B Evatt		B & B Evatt B Caddell K McKenzie RE Stanbery	J Clearman B Bentley	K McKenzie C Ryan	C Kelly C Doyle J Rivers	E Doyle	
	1030 Am Lessons & Carols	D Foster B Barrett R Williams M Durant M Morrison E Valera		SF Greene Em Doyle L Snow H Snow	H Caddell H Brewster B Hines	C Conte							B Hardaway K Gray
Dec 14 3rd Sun. of Advent	8am	L Van Dyke	L Hallett	S Willcox		W English M Taylor				J Tucker B Wilson	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland B Evatt	K Flowers	
	1030 am	W Grace E Kelley	M Harris	N Lancaster R LaMonte	Em Doyle D Williams C Mosley N Hamilton	L Wood D Mosley M Elledge	D Mosley C Conte						B Ratcliffe
Dec 21 4th Sun. of Advent	1030 am	F Rouse		L Thomas S Willcox	SF Greene	P Mackey B Case	C Conte D Mosley			B Bentley R Bradford		TBA	Lunch after greening the church
	5pm	S Williams B Harris	D Foster	S Willcox R LaMonte	Em Doyle H Snow L Snow	P Mackey M Morrison W Grace				All Flower Guild			
Dec 24 Xmas Eve	11pm	C Gardner V Mitchell	M Petithory	L Thomas M Taylor	D Williams	R Bradford B Evatt B Evatt				All Flower Guild			Choir
	8am	MH Slaton	J Clearman	L Van Dyke		J Basenberg H Dodge				B Brewster K Butler	C Mackey V Case B Schneider K Kelly D Mosley		
Dec 28 Xmas 1	1030 am	C Ryan M Petithory	A Barrett	B Bentley R LaMonte	M Williams SF Greene H Gardner	C Doyle D Greene D Greene	C Conte						M Morrison (B'day cele- bration)



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### 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  
Caring Committee: Beth Hardaway  
Choirs: Jeff Clearman  
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Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey  
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle  
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers  
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe  
Golden Circle: Wylly Stirling, Mary Hunter Slaton  
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker  
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Beth Hardaway  
Lectors, Intercensors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert  
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Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres  
Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
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Refugees: Martha Harris  
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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)