



# The Herald

January, 2015

Epiphany

ALL SAINTS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Epiphany

Unclench your fists  
Hold out your hands.  
Take mine.  
Let us hold each other.  
Thus is his Glory  
Manifest.

Madeleine L'Engle



## Walkabout for Bishop Candidates

The candidates for the next Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast will be present at several 'walkabouts' throughout the diocese this month.

What is a Walkabout? The dictionary defines 'walkabout' as "an occasion in which a well-known person walks through a public place to meet and talk informally to people." But for those of us in the Episcopal Church, a walkabout is a time when the nominees for bishop in a diocese come to visit the diocese so they can learn more about the diocese and so the members of the diocese can learn more about them. This time of getting to know one another is part of the process of discerning who God might be calling to serve as our next bishop.

The nominees for the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, along with their spouses, will visit our diocese from January 19-21, 2015. They will travel around our diocese stopping at various locations to meet us, to see some of our churches and ministries, and to present themselves to us and answer our questions.

The schedule for their time in the Diocese is:

Monday January 19

Lunch\* 11:00am - 12:45pm @ St. Francis of Assisi, Gulf Breeze  
Presentation Session\*\* 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Nativity, Dothan

Tuesday January 20

Lunch\* 11:00am - 1:15pm at St. Mary's, Andalusia  
Presentation Session\*\* 6:00pm - 10:00pm at St. John's,  
Monroeville

Wednesday January 21

Presentation Session\*\* 6:00pm - 10:00pm at St. Paul's,  
Daphne

\*Lunch meetings will be open to all members of the Diocese. Lunches will be informal times to meet the nominees. There will be no formal programs at these events.

\*\*There will be three formal sessions at which nominees with answer questions and introduce themselves to us. At each location ANYONE, not only the lay convention delegates and clergy who will vote at the election convention, can gather to hear from the nominees as part of the discernment and calling of a new bishop.

[Click here for more information and to register to attend.](#)

Please keep the four nominees for our next bishop - Russell Kendrick, Edward O'Connor, Dan Smith, Chuck Treadwell - and their families in your prayers. This is a time of discernment for each of them and for us as a Diocese.

## Marathon this Sunday!

The First Light Marathon will be happening this **Sunday, Jan. 11**, beginning at 7:30am. If you have to cross any of the involved streets in order to get to church (particularly for the 8am service), you might want to leave earlier than usual to have time to get here (or plan to come to the 10:30 service instead). The course covers a good-sized chunk of Oakleigh, Mid-Town and the Loop areas. Click [here](#) to see the course map; avoid some Sunday morning frustration!

## Books Too

The "Books Too" group will reconvene on **Sunday, January 18**, to begin a discussion of *The Spirituality of Imperfection* by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham. This book combines an exploration of the world's spiritual traditions with the framework of AA's 12 step program. It is readily available in paperback. Contact Woody Hannum if you would like help finding a copy. "Books Too" welcomes anyone who is interested in the book we are reading and would like to participate in our discussions. We have delayed our reconvening by a week in deference to the First Light Marathon.

## Golden Circle

Golden Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 13** at 12N for a delicious meal and bingo! All seniors are invited.

## Food Share

Food Share in January will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 17**. Please help at 7:30am with packing food bags; distribution is at 8am and lasts no longer than 30 minutes.

## Happy New Year, Supper Club!

It's that time again for Friday night fun in January. We'll meet at the home of Alan Blair and Doug Woodhouse (1817 Springhill Ave.) on **Friday, January 23**, at 7pm. Please contact either Alan (214-293-1667 - [one2run@me.com](mailto:one2run@me.com)) or Doug (214-563-7943 - [woodtcg@col.com](mailto:woodtcg@col.com)) and tell them what dish you'd like to bring by the 21st so that they will feel prepared. Lots of fun to look forward to!!

## Volunteers Needed!!

All Saints is in need of some volunteers in several areas:

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:** Answering phones and greeting people are the most important parts of the office volunteer's job; hospitality is essential! Some desk work, such as filling out and addressing reminder cards or birthday cards, may be done depending on the day you are in the office, and if you are comfortable using the computer, there might be some things to do on it as well. Days to be filled are Mondays (mornings and afternoons) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in helping, please email or call Mary Robert, [asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org) or 438-2492.

**CHALICE BEARERS:** Administering the wine during the Eucharist is an essential part of our liturgy. Many chalice bearers say that it is one of the highlights of their participation in church. We need more chalice bearers available to be scheduled at both 8:00 and 10:30 services. Teenagers and adults, male and female are welcome. Training will be given before you start. Contact Mary Robert (see above) if interested.

**LECTORS & INTERCESSORS:** Reading the lessons of the day and leading the prayers of the people are vital to the Liturgy of the Word. We can always use more folks who would like to do either of these things - male or female AND of any age who can read well and be heard. In fact, we would love to have more teenagers and even younger ones who would like to read. Don't worry about 'big' words and strange names - there are several ways to learn how to pronounce them. Sign up for 8am or 10:30am. Training will be given before you start. Contact Mary Robert (see above) if interested.

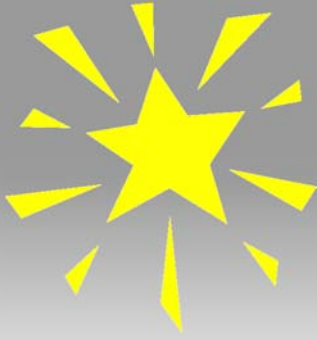
**USHERS:** Male and female, young and old and in between, are needed for both services. The job involves greeting people as they enter the church and handing out the bulletins, collecting the offering, and straightening up after the service, closing the doors, turning off lights, etc. Ushers are assigned in groups so no one should have to do this alone. Training is provided. Contact Louie Wood at [lwoodmobile@aol.com](mailto:lwoodmobile@aol.com) or Mary Robert if you are interested.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Those who care for the linens, vessels and vestments - cleaning, setting up and taking down for all services of the church. This is a very important ministry and one that has a particular spiritual aspect to it. There are currently 5 teams, each serving for a month on a rotating basis. Additional volunteers would fill out the existing teams first, and if enough new volunteers come forward, new teams can be formed. Again, male and female, teens and adults are welcome. Training will be given before you start. Contact Mary Robert (see above) if interested.

**BREAD BAKERS:** We use real bread at our Eucharists. Teams of two bake the bread for a month on a rotating basis. A recipe is provided. Contact Mary Robert (see above) if you are interested.

**ACOLYTES:** We have several new acolytes this year and some experienced acolytes who have taken on new roles, such as crucifer and thurifer! But we can always use more acolytes who are available to be scheduled on a regular basis. Anyone who is interested, male and female, from 3rd grade up, is welcome and encouraged to join these teams. Training will be given before you start. Contact Mary Robert (see above) if you're interested.

Now, just because these several ministries are the only ones listed here, does NOT mean that other groups / committees / jobs are not looking for new hands! All of our ministries are open and will welcome ANYONE at any time! If you need more information about a group, or want to start a new one, call the office and we can put you in touch with someone who knows the answer to your question.



# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <b>2nd Sunday after Xmas</b> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Lessons & Carols Reception follows	5	6 <i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>	7 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	8 12N AI-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	9	10 10:30a PFLAG
11 <b>1st Sun. after Epiphany</b> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	12	13 12N Golden Circle 4p Junior Choristers 6p Rector's Forum	14 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	15 12N AI-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	16	17 7:30a Food Share packing and distribution
18 <b>2nd Sun. after Epiphany</b> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	19 <i>Martin Luther King,            Jr. Day</i> 6p Vestry mtg	20 4p Junior Choristers 6p 15 Place Board	21 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6p Walkabout for Bishop nominees 7p Adult Choir	22 12N AI-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	23	24
25 <b>3rd Sun. after Epiphany</b> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	26	27 4p Junior Choristers 6p Rector's Forum	28 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	29 12N AI-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	30	31

**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 January 2015													
Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
Jan 4 2nd Sun. after Christmas	8am	P Wilson	S Willcox	M Taylor		R Dillard W Hannum		M Petithory B Rockstad K Gray	N Lancaster B Rockstad	S Drew E Doyle	C Mackey V Case B Schneider K Kelly D Mosley		F Rouse K McKenzie
	1030 am	L Carsten C Gardner	F Rouse	M Morrison L Wood	D Williams A Atem E Doyle	M Williams H Brewster B Hines	B Michell						
Jan 11 1st Sun. after the Epiphany	8am	J Clearman	B Evatt	S Willcox		F South TBA				K Flowers C Mackey	J Burce L Hallett E Hughes	MS Stephens	B Ratcliffe
	1030 am	C Zimmermann SF Greene	R Gray	B Harris F Hannum	M Morrison N Hamilton H Gardner	D Mosley J Hamilton C Conte	B Michell						
Jan 18 2nd Sun. after the Epiphany	8am	S Willcox	L Hallett	B Ratcliffe		B & B Evatt				B Hardaway C Hall	D Barrett R Feuerlein J&RE Stanbery F South	K Flowers	C Hall
	1030 am	M Allison E Browne	M Petithory	L Thomas B Hardaway	Dav Reeves Em Doyle SF Greene	L Wood H Caddell M Elledge J Rivers	B Michell						
Jan 25 3rd Sun. after the Epiphany	8am	MS Stephens	J Basenberg	L VanDyke		W English M Taylor				K McKenzie C Ryan	C Kelly C Doyle J Rivers	E Kelley	D Foster
	1030 am	R Coarsey J Hamilton	V Mitchell	R LaMonte C Ryan	M Williams L Snow H Snow	M Morrison R Bradford W Grace	B Michell						

## Epiphany Lectionary Readings

Sunday, January 11  
Epiphany 1  
[Genesis 1:1-5](#)  
[Psalm 29](#)  
[Acts 19:1-7](#)  
[Mark 1:4-11](#)

Sunday, January 18  
Epiphany 2  
[1 Samuel 3:1-20](#)  
[Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17](#)  
[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)  
[John 1:43-51](#)

Sunday, January 25  
Epiphany 3  
[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)  
[Psalm 62: 6-14](#)  
[1 Corinthians 7: 29-31](#)  
[Mark 1:14-20](#)

Sunday, February 1  
Epiphany 4  
[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)  
[Psalm 111](#)  
[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)  
[Mark 1:21-28](#)

Sunday, February 8  
Epiphany 5  
[Isaiah 40:21-31](#)  
[Psalm 147:1-12, 21c](#)  
[1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)  
[Mark 1:29-39](#)

Sunday, February 15  
Last Sunday after Epiphany  
[2 Kings 2:1-12](#)  
[Psalm 50:1-6](#)  
[2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)  
[Mark 9:2-9](#)



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

January Birthdays			
1 Susan Chiepalich	5 Frank Hall	17 Will Mayhall	28 Grace Williams
1 Ayen Guet	5 Richard Fuquay	17 Blake Wingard	28 Sarah Williams
1 Diany Deng	6 John Cleverdon	21 Charlie Bailey	29 Jim Wagoner
1 Manath Dieu	7 Julie Praytor	22 Bill Hines	30 Henry Snow
1 Kun (Stephen) Dieu	12 Jack Stanbery	24 Burl Ratcliffe	30 Lukas Snow
1 Agum Kuot	15 Brian Allison	25 Frances Rouse	
2 Mary Rachel Gunter	15 Olivia Jenkins	28 Selwyn Slaton	
2 Trevor Thiel	16 Hunter Shain	28 Russ Mackey	

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.

## **The Presiding Bishop's Christmas message 2014:**

The altar hanging at an English Advent service was made of midnight blue, with these words across its top: "We thank you that darkness reminds us of light." Facing all who gathered there to give thanks were images of night creatures – a large moth, an owl, a badger, and a bat – cryptic and somewhat mysterious creatures that can only be encountered in the darkness.

As light ebbs from the days and the skies of fall, many in the Northern Hemisphere associate dark with the spooks and skeletons of secular Hallowe'en celebrations. That English church has reclaimed the connection between creator, creation, and the potential holiness of all that is. It is a fitting reorientation toward the coming of One who has altered those relationships toward new possibilities for healing and redemption.

Advent leads us into darkness and decreasing light. Our bodies slow imperceptibly with shorter days and longer nights, and the merriness and frantic activity around us are often merely signs of eager hunger for light and healing and wholeness.

The Incarnation, the coming of God among us in human flesh, happened in such a quiet and out of the way place that few noticed at first. Yet the impact on human existence has been like a bolt of lightning that continues to grow and generate new life and fire in all who share that hunger.

Jesus is among us like a flitting moth – will we notice his presence in the street-sleeper? He pierces the dark like a silent, streaking owl seeking food for hungry and defenseless nestlings. He will overturn this world's unjust foundations like badgers undermining a crooked wall. Like the bat's sonar, his call comes to each one uniquely – have we heard his urgent "come and follow"?

God is among us, and within us, and around us, encountering, nudging, loving, transforming the world and its creatures toward the glorious dream the shepherds announced so many years ago, toward the beloved community of prophetic dreams, and the nightwatch that proclaims "all is well, fear not, the Lord is here."

May Christ be born anew in you this Christmastide. May his light burn in you, and may you labor to spread it in the darkness. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, and it is the harbinger of peace for all creation.

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**  
**Presiding Bishop and Primate**  
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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers  
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### All Saints Episcopal Church

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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)