



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

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Sundays after Pentecost - 1st Sunday of Advent

Guest Blog: Being Afraid of the Dark

The following blog was written by the Rev. Laurie Brock. Laurie was a postulant from All Saints and was ordained to the Diaconate here. She is a priest currently in the Diocese of Lexington (Kentucky).

I'm all about watching those tv shows about most haunted places or ghostly legends that are on this time of year.

In the daytime.

At night, I'm a little more wary.

All the stories become a bit more real when night descends and the wind picks up outside. No one tells scary stories at high noon because they aren't as scary. Nope. Midnight around a fire, outside in the middle of the woods where the sounds of small animals searching for food might also be a monster lurking in the shadows for your very soul.

Because the dark is scary and unsettling. Noises which we'd ignore in the light become alarming in the dark. We can't see as well. A familiar path without light

is dangerous in the dark, so we move more slowly, more cautiously...and then we still step on a Lego or a wayward dog bone.

The church recognizes this truth with the trilogy of days called Hallowtide (or Hallowmas, which are both great words we need to use more in the Church) - All Hallows' Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. All Hallows Eve, or Hallowe'en, has its origins in celebrations marking the end of the harvest period where days become shorter and the boundaries between the worlds of humanity and other beings (ghosts, fairies, goblins, and the like) became more permeable. As with most festivals, food, drink, and fire were involved in various ways. The Christian church, in its join them rather than beat them mindset, draped its commemoration of the saints, those who had been martyred, on the revelry and liturgy in the 9th century.

Some historians argue that the veneration of the saints and their relics developed from another pagan tradition of prayers and feasts to calm angry and restless spirits of the dead. Thus, All Saints Day.

Lest we think All Saints is only a lovely, elegant holy day where we pray the litany of saints and sing the song of the saints of God, we are remembering people who were martyred (church lingo for dying an often painful and unpleasant death). Early commemorations of this day involved venerating relics of the dead. So imagine going to church and praying with a mummified foot or remnants of a skull of a saint on the altar. Or going to church and praying the names of ones who had been martyred who were members of your family or close friends. So while it is a day of prayerful hope, sadness and tears weave the hope together.

And the third day of Hallowtide, All Souls Day, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, invites us to remember those who have died from our lives. Or, in more honest language, to touch again the grief and loss we feel when someone we love has died. Some cultures decorate graves. Others build altars to the dead. At our church, we create a space for people to place pictures and mementos of loved ones who have died to remind ourselves that our love with them has changed, but has not ended. At our service, we pray their names - all of them. Hearing so many whom we have loved who have died is a tender and sad moment.

The holy days of Hallowtide invite us into the darkness of life. Darkness is not evil; it is instead that part of our life that is less clear, less steady, less comfortable. The language of spirits, of death, of grief, and of fear are intertwined with the language of prayer, of silence, and of hope. The symbolism of the cross is alive - death and life intersect. Light and dark are part of the same whole. We as Christians do not escape fear, unrest, and darkness. It exists as part of life. And when we are in the darkness, we are often scared. Things that we hear and see and touch in the darkness unnerve us. We can feel alone and abandoned.

And that is a faithful response.

As the prologue of John tells us, the darkness does not overcome the light. The darkness is still with us. And for these three holy days, we pay particular attention to this truth, even when we would rather ignore it. We are even invited to make fun of the darkness with Halloween costumes and carved pumpkins. And we are reminded to sit with and in the darkness during this holy time with our prayers and hymns, to tell the stories that perhaps scare us, to remember the losses that hurt us, to be with our silence and our grief, with our fears and our faith.

We are welcomed in the dark with God.

All Saints Sunday is Nov. 2

See the schedule of events for that Sunday in the box on the next page, and make plans to be here to celebrate our Feast Day! During the service at 10:30 a.m., we will remember those who have died. If you would like the names of any loved ones read in the Eucharistic Prayer, please submit them by calling the church office (438-2492), by email (asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org), or by putting them in an alms basin this Sunday, Oct. 26.

Election of Vestry Members

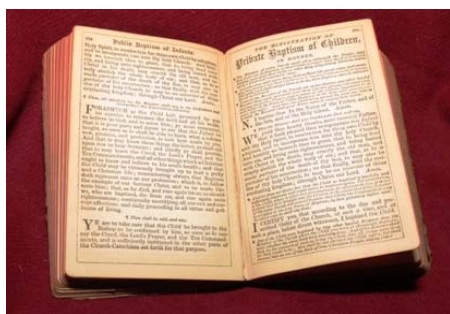
Five new Vestry members will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2 following the 10:30 service. If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself) see page 4 for the requirements and a nomination form. Deadline for nominations is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 4pm.

Calling All Layweeders!

Come this Thursday or Saturday (Oct. 23 or 25) at 9:30am to help weed the Memorial Garden and do the planting for Fall. Let's make it look great for All Saints Sunday!

Auction Items

Here are a few of the fun auction items available at the Bayou Bash! Have you donated any items yet? There's still time! The deadline for items in is Wednesday, Nov. 5.



1881 Prayer Book with owner's signature and pew number



Authentic Eskimo soapstone statue



Antique Chinese teapot

Reading Buddies for Leinkauf

Reading Buddies is a one-on-one mentoring program that pairs caring volunteers with elementary students to support early childhood literacy. Each volunteer commits to give one hour a week to read to or with a student who needs extra attention. The goal of the program is to help every student read at grade level. Volunteers attend a training session and agree to a background check through MAEF (Mobile Area Education Foundation) in order to volunteer in schools. To volunteer you can go to the MAEF website at www.maef.net or email Tami Johnson at tjohnson@maef.net. If you have any questions about Reading Buddies you can call Karen McDonald at 533-0296 or email her at krmcd13@yahoo.com.

Golden Circle Returns!

Golden Circle will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 12N for a delicious meal and bingo!

IHN/Family Promise Week

Our next week to host guests from Family Promise will begin on Sunday, Nov. 30. Please mark your calendars now for this important ministry. Signup information will be sent out later in the month.



Original sheet music from the '30s and '40s

All Saints' Sunday is **November 2**

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

On Saturday night, Nov. 1, set your clocks **BACK 1 hour**



On Sunday, Nov. 2:

Join us for breakfast from the **NEW kitchen at 9am!**

Sunday School & Adult classes at 9:20 and 9:30

One service only, at 10:30am

After the service:

Annual Parish Meeting

**follows immediately in the church, with reports, election of Vestry
and distribution of pledge cards**

**Lunch and “Blessing of the Kitchen” follow in Stirling Hall!!
Y’all come!!!**

November Birthdays

2- Adele Fay	7- Laura Williams	13- Tom Rouse	24- Hannah Williams
3- Meg Cosby	9- Katharine Flowers	15- Hodge Alves	26- Mary Jo Mayhall
3- Lillian Carsten	9- Kate Kelly	15- Hannah Gardner	26- Peyton Heath
5- Bill Mayhall	11- Joe Basenberg	16- Marlena Kelly	26- Brendan Williams
5- Edgar Hughes	11- Leah Purvis	20- LaVada Raouf	28- Olivia Swann
5- Rachel Pomerat	12- Tricia Clark	20- Yasmine Raouf	29- David Ritter
7- Mary Hunter Slaton	13- Laura Shain	22- Molly Allison	30- Christa Harkins

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.

Annual Parish Meeting, Nov 2 Once again, our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on All Saints' Sunday, November 2. During the meeting we will elect five vestry members, each to serve three-year terms. Retiring members of the Vestry are: Joe Basenberg, Ricky Bradford, James Hamilton, Don Mosley and Mary Hunter Slaton.

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." 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 wish to serve you must :

- 1) be 16 years old or older;
- 2) be a communicant in good standing (see above); and
- 3) agree to attend at least 8 Vestry meetings in a calendar year.

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 2, 2014.

Submitted by,
Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____

Date _____

Please bring forms to the church office during the week
or put in an alms basin this Sunday;
or email your nominations to
Mary Robert at asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org

**Nominations are open until 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 30, 2014**

All Saints and Trinity Episcopal Churches,
along with Clawed Boudreaux, invite you to the

Tenth Annual Bayou Bash

Friday, November 7th

6 to 10 p.m.

151 South Ann Street

(corner of Government & Ann)

Music by **Bust**
Food & Fun
Silent & Live Auctions

All proceeds (after expenses)
directly benefit All Saints' and
Trinity's outreach ministries.

Tickets \$30
For more information,
call 438-2492.





November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11a Food prep for Parish Cookout
2 All Saints Sunday 8a NO SERVICE 9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall 920 Sunday School 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting follows Parish Cookout follows	3	4 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	5 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Parish Choir	6 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	7 9a Bayou Bash setup 6p BAYOU BASH	8 10:30a PFLAG
9 22nd Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920 Sunday School 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	10	11 4p Beg. Trebles Choir	12 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Parish Choir	13 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	14	15
16 23rd Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920 Sunday School 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	17 6p Vestry meeting	18 12N Golden Circle 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	19 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Parish Choir	20 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	21	22 7:30a Food Share packing & distribution
23 Last Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920 Sunday School 930 Adult classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	24 6p 15 Place Board	25 (no choir)	26 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist (no choir)	27 Thanksgiving Day <i>Office Closed</i> (no choir)	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast NO Sunday School 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist B'day Reception follows						
IHN/Family Promise week begins						

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 November 2014

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
Nov 2 All Saints Sunday	1030 am	C Gardner E Valera	F Rouse	S Willcox B Harris	D Williams M Williams El Doyle N Hamilton	W-English M Taylor D Mosley H Brewster B Hines	J Simpson	J Clearman M Harris J Praytor R Williams	B Hardaway L Carsten	R Bradford B Brewster	J Tucker B Ratcliffe K Montgomery M Winkler	E Doyle	Parish Cook- out
Nov 9 22nd Sun after Pentecost	8am	L Hallett	B Evatt	H Callaway		B&B Evatt				K Butler S Drew	C Mackey V Case B Schneider K Kelly D Mosley	TBA	M Durant
Nov 16 23rd Sun after Pentecost	1030 am	SF Greene R Coarsey	M Durant	M Morrison R LaMonte	Em Doyle H Gardner A Atern	L Wood H Caddell M Elledge	J Simpson			J Simpson E Doyle	K Flowers R Greene C Ryan	TBA	M Morrison E Doyle
Nov 23 Last Sun after Pentecost	8am	P Wilson	L Hallett	S Willcox		R Dillard W-Hannum				K Flowers C Hall	J Burce L Hallett E Hughes	TBA	C Hall
Nov 30 First Sun of Advent	8am	S Willcox	J Clearman	L Van Dyke		F South H Dodge				B Hardaway C Mackey	D Barnett R Feuerlein J&RE Stanbery F South	TBA	TBA (8' day cele- bration)
Nov 30 First Sun of Advent	1030 am	V Mitchell R Williams	M Pettithory	L Thomas B Hardaway	Em Doyle SF Greene El Doyle C Mosley	M Williams C Conte J-Hamilton	TBA						



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All Saints 2014 Vestry

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Chris Conte Cecil Gardner
James Hamilton Valerie Mitchell
Don Mosley Burl Ratcliffe
Clayton Ryan Jana Simpson
Mary Hunter Slaton Rose Ellen Stanbery
Pete Wilson
Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
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, Intercrossors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Ricky Bradford
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Don Mosley, All Saints Vestry
Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
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)