



Senior Warden's Message

Our Diocesan website is a treasure trove of information.

I hope you have been reading the "Parish News" set out at the end of the Order of Service each week.

One item, entitled "Keep up with news from the Diocese," provides a link for signing up for email updates from the Diocese as well as links for Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. I highly recommend visiting the Diocesan website at dioceseofnj.org. It is loaded with helpful information. For example there is the "Coronavirus Resource Site", the Diocesan "Guidelines for Reopening," and beginning online from July 10, "Racial Justice - Anti-Racism Training."

Your All Saints Reopening committee, which is being chaired by Steve Beresik, and includes John Copman, Joe DeAmicis, Richard Derrick, Rick Hager and Claudia Jacobs, is taking advantage of the many online resources being provided by the Diocese. There is a Summary of Recommendations for reopening from the Diocesan Task Force for Reentering, Re-opening, and Re-imagining, a reopening training video (which is mandatory viewing for parish leaders involved in reopening church buildings), and a cornucopia of helpful materials provided by the Task Force. These include the required form for building a Reentering, Reopening and Reimagining Plan, COVID-19 General Liability Issues for Churches, and Coronavirus Safety Tips for Religious Organizations. provides a good sense of the challenges facing churches as they seek safely to offer in-person worship in this challenging time.

There are a number of links for Zoom online gatherings. Adult Formation, Mondays at 7:30 pm, Communications, Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, Congregational Coaching, Saturdays at 1:00 pm, Outreach Ministries on Fridays at 4 pm (Phyllis Kata has attended several of these), and the Pledge & Plate Recovery and Growth Plan, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 10:00 am (Jim Brune and I have each attended this program). Plate and Pledge is being replaced by Stewardship, Stability and Sustainability this Wednesday at 10 am. I will be attending that program as well.

In addition Bishop Stokes hosts three Zoom meetings each week, a Clergy Town Hall on Thursday mornings, a Lay Town Hall on Thursdays at 7:00 pm which is always chock full of information (I make a point of not missing these Town Halls) and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at which the Bishop hosts a discussion on the coming Sunday's gospel reading.

So much to read, view and participate in! I hope you will visit the website of our Diocese and find a program that you would like to engage with. New material is appearing with regularity. It truly is the case of our Diocese in action and helping our parish communities.

Gerald Harvey

Coffee Hour

For the past several Sundays, about 20 friends grabbed a cup of coffee or tea and joined our Zoom All Saints Coffee Hour which, now, is held immediately following the service. Gerald Harvey is our “host” each week and he brings us up to date on what is happening in All Saints and in the Diocese, especially letting us know about any plans for reopening. I’ll admit, Zoom takes some getting used to but the results are well worth it. We had video and audio so we could talk and interrupt as if we were at a coffee hour. It’s just great to be able to “see” each other. Gerald sends out the link each week for the service and coffee hour. Won’t you join us? We’d love to “see” more of our friends, even if it is on-line. Best of all, no coffee hour cleanup afterwards!



Birthday Wishes

July 2—Sally Holaday

July 4—Linda Conklin

Connie Fortenbaugh

Cid Spillman

July 7—Rob McCullam

Wendy Pyle

July 8—David Johnson

Barbara Tuzio

July 10—Bill Fortenbaugh

Derry McLeer

July 12—Otto Lowe

John Wardell

July 13—James Palmer

July 14—Jane White

July 18—Susan Palmer

July 20—Jeanette Caldwell

July 21—Tom Heckman

Brannon McBride

Colin McGlynn

July 22—Julie Chowansky

Cameron Ward

July 25—Thom Frazier

Bill Gyrko

Jack Snyder

July 26—Martin Morales

July 28—John Van Schoick

July 30—Jim Colyar

Betty Yersin



Anniversary Blessings

July 1—Jeniene & Nick Stango

July 11—Pam & Pat Cannon

July 12—Maureen Mulligan & Rick Hager

July 18—Laurie & Jim Doran

July 24—Carol & Thom Frazier



Outreach

St. Mary's by the Sea Emergency Food Distribution Program



Normally, the Outreach Committee donates funds to various charitable organizations at the end of the year; however, this summer The Outreach Committee decided to award \$250 checks to two organizations we have supported in the past. Both Ocean's Harbor House and Asbury Park Boys Clubs/Girls Clubs needed to maintain as normal a routine as possible for the youth in their charges during the shutdown and Covid-19. Each group normally offered in-house activities, tutoring, counseling, and provided meals and snacks. With assistance from community organizations they crafted alternative programs which still provided the needed support for their youth. All Saints is happy to be a small part of those efforts.

We are pleased to welcome St. Gregory's Pantry back at St. Mary's by the Sea on Monday, July 6th. As you recall, one of the envelopes in our current pledge packet requested donations for St. Gregory's Pantry, and Outreach is pleased to announce \$500 has been raised for St. Gregory's and will be sent before the Pantry re-opens.

Searching for Book Lovers



All Saints Church Book Club had its planning meeting by zoom last week. Four members participated and discussed the type of books we would like to read. Suggestions ranged from mysteries, biographies and memoirs to current best sellers, autobiographies and more. The regular zoom meeting will be held at 7:00 on the third Tuesday of each month, which is July 21st for our next meeting.

Sharon Lees selected our first book, "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith and will lead our discussion in July and there's still time to read our first selection.

If you are interested in joining us, you can contact Phyllis Kata at ed-phyllis @comcast.net or 732-892-5198 and she will provide you with the zoom link.

Hope to "see" you on the 21st.



"This would make a great reality show for the religion channel."



"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

A Note about our Services

Lord, open our lips
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise

The Book of Common Prayer is a treasure trove of liturgy and here at All Saints Church this summer we will explore the arguably second-most familiar of those rites: Morning Prayer.

Morning Prayer once was the chief Sunday service in most Episcopal and Anglican churches on three out of four Sundays, the First Sunday usually being a celebration of Holy Communion. Sometimes, communion was celebrated just once per quarter.

This practice changed in 1979 when the first revision of the Book of Common Prayer since 1928 made the Eucharist the “principal act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day” (see BCC p. 13).

Thus, there is a bit of a “generational divide” among the members of the Episcopal Church. Many of us who became Episcopalians after 1979, or who came into our liturgical awareness after that year, have little experience of Morning Prayer as Sunday worship. Many of us who were in the church prior to that year fondly remember it.

Morning Prayer has ancient roots. In many times and places, morning has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as at other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or “hours” at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer’s first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number to two—Matins in the morning and Evensong or vespers for evening. In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service became Morning Prayer.

The service is a combination of Scripture readings (including the recitation of psalms) as well as prayers, a hymn and a sermon. The officiant, who can be clergy or lay, wears a cassock and surplice with long black stole-like scarf known as a tippet. Some officiants also choose to wear their academic hood.

We will use Morning Prayer to worship together *viz* Zoom on July 26 and August 30.

the Rev. Mary Francis Schjonberg

Thoughtful Passage to Ponder



“Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them”.

This verse, Ecclesiastes 4:1 was part of a recent Old Testament reading from the Daily Office Morning Prayer a few weeks ago.

It seems particularly relevant these days, with our national, indeed worldwide conversation about race, justice, peace and power—all in a time of global pandemic. The writer of Ecclesiastes does not offer us a solution, or a resolution, but s/he does pose a questions that resonates today as well as thousands of years ago, or as recently as the 1960s: those of us of a certain age will recall, perhaps fondly, a song made popular by the folk-rock group, The Byrds.

Interpreting a ten-thousand year old text can be tricky, and sometimes misleading, but perhaps the universality of tears, power and oppression can still speak to us today.

Fashion Show & Luncheon



The invitations are out!

While we can't hold our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Bay Head Yacht Club this year, invitations were mailed out asking for a donation instead so that we can continue our support of the organizations which have benefitted from our support for many years.

We're happy to say that response has been good and if you haven't yet sent in your donation, we hope you will consider making one.

Next year we will be right back at BHYC, looking forward to a delicious lunch, seeing our members modeling the latest fashions and bidding on the many gift baskets provided by our parishioners.

Women's Guild



The Women's Guild is pleased to announce the recipients of its service awards, Daniel Canales and Sophia Mastroserio. Daniel, a chemistry major, will be continuing his studies as a sophomore at The College of New Jersey. Sophia, also a sophomore, will be continuing her studies in mechanical engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology. We are very proud of these bright, young All Saints students who were met with unusual challenges and remote learning this past year and we wish them a good second year at their respective schools.

Lois Eberhart

Financial Update



With our church closed due to the pandemic, the bills still come in and come due. We ask each and all of you, to the extent your personal circumstances permit, to please continue to pay your pledges. Our envelopes are easy and convenient. They are pre-addressed and only require a stamp. We had a great pledge year with pledges totaling over \$200,000. We weathered and survived Sandy and remain a strong faith community. If we each honor our pledge for this year, to the extent of our ability, our parish will weather this new and different kind of storm as well.

Keep well and keep faith!

Gerald Harvey, Senior Warden

From the Editor

Shortly after I started this newsletter in 2010, Peter Strohm became a regular contributor. Peter was a faithful parishioner, member of the choir, vestry member and someone with extensive knowledge of the Episcopal Church.

Periodically, we will rerun some of Peter's early articles on All Saints, the larger church and some of his experiences in churches around the world. We hope you will enjoy reading them.

Linda Gyurko

A History of All Saints



Celebrate Our History

September 4, 1977 was a watershed date in the history of All Saints. On that date the Most Reverend and Right Honorable F. Donald Coggan, the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury was the preacher and celebrant at All Saints. He was the weekend guest of Lee and Louise Bristol. A visitation by the Archbishop of Canterbury is an event that few churches experience and is of outstanding importance in the history of any church. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Head of the Church of England and the titular head of the Anglican Communion. He has no direct control over national member churches in the Communion; however, he is the acknowledged senior bishop.

In England, under rules of precedence, the Archbishop of Canterbury ranks immediately behind the members of the royal family. In England, he is ahead of the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons. The designation 'Rt. Hon' means that he is a member of the Queen's Privy Council. All Saints had begun preparations for his visit at least a year in advance. We were all given instructions on how to properly address an Archbishop, which is 'Your Grace'. Following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, there was a large reception held for him under a tent where Bristol Hall is now located. Members of All Saints were required to write in advance for tickets to the service so that they would be given a preference in setting. Many members of the local churches attended as did Episcopal leaders from throughout the area, including our own Bishop Van Duzer. The 4th was a beautiful day so his visit couldn't have been grander.

Many of us have our own little stories concerning his visit. Barney Stevenson, then the protocol expert at the Bay Head Yacht Club, decided that a three-gun salute was appropriate for an Archbishop and proceeded to fire one as His Grace sailed by Barney's house. Barney kept the shell casings and had them mounted and noted that they had been used in saluting the Archbishop. I caught His Grace in a quiet moment, and with the assistance of Betsy Bristol Sayen, was able to get his autograph on my church program. I was, however, reminded by Dr. Coggan that Archbishops do not normally give out autographs. When His Grace and Lee Bristol were walking on the beach, they bumped into Les Bird's youngest son E.C. who bemoaned the fact that he had been fishing all day and did not catch anything. His Grace told him not to be disappointed and to continue fishing. On their way back, E.C. had caught his first fish in a long time. Dr. Coggan then commented, "I guess I had something to do with that".

All Saints has been blessed with leaders who have made it an important part of their lives. The Bristols, by inviting Dr. Coggan to Bay Head and by his accepting the invitation, demonstrated that All Saints was a church that was well respected by international religious leaders.

Peter Strohm