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THE PARISHIONER

Dear Friends:

Each time we baptize a new Christian, after water and oil are applied, we welcome the newly baptized. Together we say, "We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood." Our Prayer Book tells us that the ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons. Each of these types of ministers is to bear witness to Jesus where ever they may find themselves in life, "each according to the gifts given them." (BCP pg. 855)

Since all our gifts are meant to enhance the Body of Christ and make it work optimally, certain people are set aside for ordination. The Church has a rather elaborate process of determining a person's call to ordained vocation. The process of many steps often takes about seven years from first knowledge of the call to actual ordination to priesthood. At ordination, the Church, the Bishop, leaders of Church councils, seminary officials, psychologists, physicians and the persons family and friends all confirm that the person is indeed *called* to be ordained to fill the office.

If it sounds arduous, it is. In our diocese, the process to ordination is much more organized and supportive than in many other places. Yet the steps are all orderly and careful. I think necessary, since so much responsibility comes with the vocation. A careful, probing analysis of the person's self-understanding and suitability for service helps them and the Church. Yet, no doubt, the process of clarifying and accepting the vocation of priest can be scary, overwhelming and enormously rewarding. Why am I telling you all this?

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of walking the path of discernment with two members of our parish. Katherine Harper and Corey Jones have received the necessary affirmations to begin seminary for priesthood this fall.

Corey has served as our minister of youth for nearly six years. He and his wife Crystal have led our youth in a variety of ways. On the way, they have added two children, McKeand and Thompson. Some highlights of their ministry here include growing our All Saints' youth participation in Happening in Alabama, and encouraging groups of adults to step forward and help build the Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood programs. EYC has grown and diversified into a community on Sunday and another community on Wednesday nights.

Our youth have traveled to the beach, to the mountains, to Sawyerville summer camp and to help others all over Birmingham. During this same six years, Corey was asking himself questions about priest-

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Above: Corey, McKeand, Crystal, and Thompson Jones.

Below: Josephine, Katherine, and Sam Harper.



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hood and his call to service. He will leave us in August to attend Seminary for three years and then return to Alabama for service in our diocese. The Vestry will assist me in finding another person to pick up the ministry Corey has developed.

Katherine Harper has been a member of All Saints for over fifteen years. She was a member of the Vestry when I began as Rector. She helped initiate OASIS on Wednesday nights and was an anchor to the leadership during my first two years here. Now she serves as the Co-mentor for Education for Ministry which is thriving and growing. Katherine has served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and has helped with so many ministries, no complete listing is possible. Along the way, she added a husband, Sam and a daughter, Josephine. She and Sam have been members of our young adult community and served in countless ways including Habitat, Family Promise, and Sunday School. Katherine will enter

Seminary in August 2014 for three years and then return to Alabama for service.

We will miss the Harper and Jones families very much, but they go with our love and support. You will hear their names each week in our prayers, and we look forward to their ordination here in three years or so.

When I hear of the happenings in another's life, sometimes it causes me to consider my own call. I always remember a story I read about a woman who was struggling to decide if she should be ordained to priesthood. One night she asked God to tell her as plainly as possible what she should do. In her head she heard God say, "Do anything that pleases you and belongs to me." She concluded that the one turning point in a person's life that matters is when they join the Body of Christ, in baptism. In that moment we "join ranks with God" in God's eternal priesthood. Jesus does that for us. He gives us purpose, definition and connection to something far greater than ourselves. God does not call us only once, but many times

in our lives. Each step is important and holy. We need a Body of Christ, a community of believers to hear God's voice.

I am grateful to be among you at All Saints' and I hope I see you at church,

Glenda

Did you know you can pay your All Saints' pledge online?

These days, more and more people prefer to pay bills online, and paying your pledge online offers the same convenience. There are several ways you may pay your pledge to All Saints' in addition to writing checks or using cash. We offer E-Giving, Direct Deposit, and online bill pay options for the convenience of our parishioners. For more information, go to our website and look for the donate link on the home page. You can also visit the serve/give page and download our E-Giving brochure.



Help us host a birthday party!

Wednesday, March 19th, 6:30 p.m.

Serve the residents of Episcopal Place by throwing a party!

The Outreach Committee is hosting a March birthday party for the residents of Episcopal Place on Wednesday, March 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Episcopal Place provides affordable housing to seniors and disabled adults with limited incomes, and is located at 1112 26th Street South, next to the Virginia Samford Theatre. If you are interested in helping with the party planning or helping during the event, please contact Edmund Ball at edmundhwbball@gmail.com.



Habitat for Humanity Lenten Build Program: Saturday, March 15

Once again this year All Saints' is going to participate in Habitat for Humanity's "Building on Faith" program of building houses during the Lenten period, as we have done for the past several years. Construction will begin the weekend after Ash Wednesday and the houses are to be completed and dedicated on Good Friday. Our day to work is Saturday, March 15, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be the second week of construction on the house, and is relatively early in the house-building process. As you know, if you've worked with Habitat before, everyone is welcome to join in. You don't have to be handy with tools or particularly physically able or anything like that. There are tasks for everybody to do. One of the Habitat site supervisor's main jobs is assigning appropriate tasks to individual volunteers.

I think everyone who has done this before will agree that we have a fun time while doing this very worthwhile outreach activity. Lunch, snacks, and drinks are provided. Please contact me to sign up, or sign up at All Saints'.

Thanks, Don Hortberg, hortberg@msn.com, 979-6166



Yahoo! It's time for the Valentine Dance and Potluck Supper!

Saturday, February 22, Great Hall

Potluck Supper at 5:30 pm provided by all of us. The dancing begins at 6:30. Come one, come all, left feet welcome! Music provided by Fabulous Yahoos, with JoAnna Laney calling and Carter Laney playing!

This is a family-friendly event, children of all ages are welcome.

For more information please contact Elizabeth Vander Kamp, summerred63@yahoo.com.

Wanted: Young Adult Gumbo Gala Team Members

Onion, celery, and bell pepper make up "the Trinity" in Cajun cooking. Help us in this "holy" experience as we cook gallons of gumbo for the Gumbo Gala, benefitting low-income seniors and disabled adults who live in Episcopal Place's housing community. The event is on **April 26 from 10-1pm** at Sloss Furnaces. We are looking for cooks of all levels to help on the Young Adult's team. If you can chop or stir then you're qualified! If you are interested in joining please contact Emily Holm EmilyEHolm@gmail.com by February 17. Thanks and "Laissez les bon temps rouler" (Let the good times roll, as they say in Cajun country)!





What is Meet n Eat?

- A supper club for groups of 6-8 adults over 21 years of age
- A great way to meet other All Saints' members
- For anyone, whether you are married, single, have children, don't have children, just joined All Saints' or been a member for years

Dear All Saints' Family,

For the last eight years, Meet n Eat has brought people from the parish and neighborhood together to eat, drink, be merry, and form friendships that have extended beyond the supper club rotation. Deana Hughes has graciously organized what has become one of our most popular groups and is transitioning out of the organizer role this year. Because of the great success with previous supper groups in the past, I ask that you join me in thanking her for facilitating this wonderful ministry and I encourage you to participate in a monthly supper club this year and keep her good work going: we want you to be a part of Meet n Eat 2014!

All Saints' is blessed to be a growing parish, but it can be hard to get to know each other in the rush of Sunday morning. Meet n Eat groups are informal supper groups for all interested adults of our parish (adults 21 and older, please). Groups consisting of six to eight adults will meet approximately once a month, as determined by the group. These fellowship groups are a good way to get connected and get to know other people at All Saints'. Married couples, singles, people with kids and without, whether you're new to All Saints' or not so new, you are invited to participate as we begin our EIGHTH round this Spring.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, please visit the All Saints' website at www.allsaintsbirmingham.org. Hard copies of the registration form are also located in the cloister, you may mail in the form at the bottom of the page, or simply respond by email to Amanda Ennis, agenis4@gmail.com. Please include your preferences, and let us know if you are willing to be your group's organizer.

In a few weeks, we'll begin putting the groups together. Each group will have an organizer, and the group will decide when and where to meet. Be creative! Some groups may find it easier to meet in a restaurant. Some may want to include children and others not. After a length of time, we will shuffle the groups, so that you can have the opportunity to get to know others from the parish.

If you would like to participate please respond by Wednesday, April 23rd. All participants will gather at a casual Spring Potluck in the Great

Hall scheduled for Sunday, May 4th, following the 11:00 service. At this event, we will announce groups and, of course, meet and eat! At this event, we will announce groups and, of course, meet and eat! Nursery will be available for this event (ages 6 weeks through 8 years), and you can contact LeArden Pike (leardenpike@gmail.com) to reserve childcare. Please pack a sack lunch for your child to enjoy in the nursery! Please contact Amanda Ennis (agenis4@gmail.com) for more information about Meet n Eat. -Amanda Ennis

Meet 'n Eat Registration Form

Name (s): _____

Age Range (check one) : 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71 +

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Special preferences (please check those that apply):

- I would prefer to be in a group of people with children. I would prefer to be in a group of people without children.
- I have no preference with regard to children. I would prefer to be in a group of other single people.
- I would prefer to be in a group with others in my age range I would prefer to be in a mixed group
- I have no preferences; just sign me up! I am willing to be my group's coordinator

Mail or email this info to agenis4@gmail.com, Amanda Ennis, 712 Valley St., Birmingham, AL, 35226.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

March 12, 19, April 2, 9

Dinner at 5:30pm in the Great Hall - Evening Prayer with sermon in the Nave at 6:30 p.m.
We will offer Children's Atrium from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on these dates.
Nursery will be available for ages 6 weeks - 6 years from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We are thrilled to be able to host two of our talented diocesan preachers and our very own All Saints' postulants in our second Lenten Preaching Series this year. Please join us as our guests inspire and guide our thoughts and reflections this Holy Lent.

MARCH 12: The Very Reverend Andrew Pearson, Cathedral Church of the Advent

Andrew was born in Washington DC and grew up in Virginia, working in youth ministries during his school years. After college he worked for a Christian ministry in Washington DC before heading off to seminary.

From 2011 through 2013 he served as Advent's Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism, and he subsequently accepted the call to serve as Dean upon the retirement of Frank Limehouse in January 2014.

Andrew is an avid golfer, outdoorsman, and reader. He is married to Lauren Saddler Pearson and they have three daughters, Lily, Mary Cabell, and Ware.



MARCH 19: Mrs. Katherine Harper, Postulant for Holy Orders, All Saints'

Katherine grew up in Montgomery, Alabama. She graduated from the University of Alabama with Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry and Biology and earned a Master of Public Health degree from the UAB School of Public Health. She worked in the health field doing research and then transitioned into promoting wellness programs to employers. She has been influenced greatly by the Education for Ministry program, and through young adult ministry involvement. Katherine loves music, cooking and running. She is married to Sam Harper who is a writer, part-time stone mason and full-time parent of their daughter Josephine.



APRIL 2: The Right Reverend Kee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

The Right Reverend John McKee Sloan currently serves as Bishop Suffragan of the [Diocese of Alabama](#). A native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, Kee received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Mississippi State University in 1976 and his Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, in 1981.

Kee is married to Tina Brown Sloan, who for many years taught Special Education and now works in the field of medical billing. They have two children, McKee, and Mary Nell.



APRIL 9: Mr. Corey Jones, Postulant for Holy Orders, All Saints'

Corey Jones has served as the youth minister here at All Saints' for six years. Corey was born in Jackson, TN, and moved to Birmingham in 1984. He grew up in Homewood, and has been a member of the All Saints' family since 1991. In 2003, he graduated from the university of Montevallo with a B.S. in Psychology and a minor in philosophy/religion. He also earned his Master's degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University in 2011. In the fall, Corey and his family will head to seminary, where Corey will obtain a Master of Divinity degree.

Corey is married to Crystal Kelley Jones, who works for the Diocese of Alabama. They have two children, McKeand, and Thompson.



Contact The Rev. Jack Alvey for his definition, jalvey@allsaintsbirmingham.org.



PARISH LIFE

ECW Mardi Gras Kick-Off Party!

Please join in the revelry at the ECW Mardi Gras Kick-Off Party! Creole Food, King Cake, Drinks, and Beads!

Sunday March 2nd, 3-5pm
Cia Tompkin's House
702 Belmont Road
Homewood, AL 35209

Ushers Needed

Ushers at All Saints' are often the first people parishioners and visitors talk to, and are vitally important in making those in the congregation feel warmly welcomed and comfortable. Responsibilities of our ushers include:

- Greeting people entering the service
- Distributing bulletins
- Counting the number of people in the congregation
- Collecting tithes and offering
- Bringing forward the elements for Communion
- Dealing with pewage*

Several of our ushers have moved or are no longer able to serve. We currently need ushers for three different services:

7:30 a.m. – 3rd Sunday,

5:30 p.m. – 1st and 3rd Sunday

If you are interested in this ministry of hospitality please contact Janet Guest, Janet.Guest@att.net, 823-5539.

*Curious about the word "pewage"?



All Saints' parishioner and artist Lee Anne McCalley will teach an art class for adults on two consecutive evenings, March 9 and 10. The class is open to all adults - you do not need to be a member to attend. Donations will be accepted, with a suggested donation of \$50, which includes class instruction and all materials. All proceeds will go to the new building project. For more information please contact Lee Anne at lamccalley@aol.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

New: Women's Sunday School Class

All women of the church are invited join our new **Women's Sunday School**, each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the library.

Our current collective intent is to create a seeking, supportive and praying community for the women of All Saints'. By delving into scripture, listening to Christian voices and to each other, we hope to grow and act individually and collectively in our faith journeys. Each session (or two) will stand on its own. Come whenever you can join us. For more information contact Pam Phillips (pbphillips@bellsouth.net) or Patsy Andrews (pandrews@ewtn.com).

Lenten Meditation Books

We will be producing Lenten Meditation books again this year, with meditations written by All Saints' parishioners, staff, and clergy. They will be available March 2 in the cloister and online.



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake
supper → march 4

The youth of the church will hold their annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pancakes, red beans and rice and lots of moon pies will be served. If you would like to donate pancake mix, syrup, red beans, Café Du Monde beignet mix etc. please contact Corey Jones at cjones@allsaintsbirmingham.org.



Winter Soup Sale: Sunday, February 23

The fifth annual Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Soup Sale will be held on Sunday, February 23. Each container of soup will cost \$10, and we will have favorites like tomato, traditional chili, white chicken chili, vegetable, chicken noodle, and Southwestern. Making soup? Containers and labels can be picked up at the church on Feb. 9, and need to be returned Feb. 22.

Questions? Contact Erin Donohoo, erin.donohoo@gmail.com.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 23

Vestry representative of the day:

Mel McElroy

Torch Bearers & Crucifers:

8:45 a.m.: Caroline Carter

Gospeller: Luke Phelps

TB: Lainey Phelps

TB: Peter Mistrot

C1: Charlie McCalley

C2: Will Mistrot

11:00 a.m.: Kelly Wright

Gospeller: Phoebe Gentry

TB: Will Ellis

TB: Cate Thomas

C1: Emily Davis

C2: John Hardin Ellis

Ushers:

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7:30: Frances Flynn

8:45: Peter Drake

11:00: Lamar & Patsy Andrews,

Duke and Nancy Terrell

5:30: Tom Richeson

March 2

Vestry representative of the day:

Karen Everett

Torch Bearers & Crucifers:

Schedule will be emailed

Ushers:

7:30: Lucy Hortberg

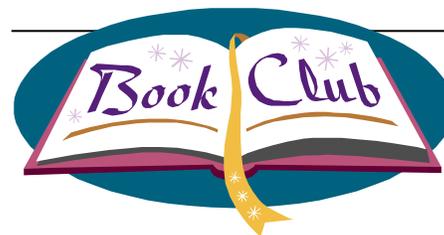
8:45: Scott & Tricia Trigg

11:00: Jenny Blackmon,

Janet Guest, Whit Bird,

Tim Vardeman

5:30: Hank Poellnitz



The All Saints' book group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23 at the home of Joyce Sanders (801 Woodland Village, Vestavia Hills). The book we will be discussing is *North and South* by Elizabeth Gaskell.

It takes a village to make a Christmas pageant... or two

It's wonderful to have so many children at All Saints', especially on Christmas Eve.

Many, many hearts and hands go into the preparation of two pageants. The next time you see these folks, please thank them for their "role" in the 2013 Christmas Pageants.

-Children's Formation Team

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ALL SAINTS' WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist: 7:30, 8:45, and 11:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.
Breakfast: 8:00 - 10:00
Nursery: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School Classes:
Atria Session I, 8:30; Atria Session II, 10:00
Children's Liturgy of the Word, during the 11:00 service,
for 3-6 year-old children
Youth and adults: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Monday:

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., Jackson-Thorpe Room

Wednesday:

Wednesday Morning Prayer, 7:00 a.m.,
Jackson-Thorpe Room
Rector's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.,
Jackson-Thorpe room

Oasis Schedule

For a complete list of classes and offerings please visit our website, www.allsaintsbirmingham.org.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Nursery
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - The Good Shepherd Choir
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth Choir
5:30 - 5:40 p.m. - Everyone gathers in the Nave
5:40 - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (\$5 per person, \$15 per family)
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Atria are open
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Classes for adults* and youth
6:45 - 8:45 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal

*Some classes have a different start time. Check online for more information at <http://allsaintsbirmingham.org/grow/wednesday-night-oasis/>.