



## ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOLFEBORO, NH



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The First Sunday of Advent/ Year B

### **Ministry Assignments**

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### **Sunday, December 3rd The First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**8am**

Carol Simpson

**10am**

Skip Hancock

Dianne Wasmuth

#### **Lector**

Kathleen Codyrachel

#### **Altar Guild**

Mary Bertsch

Susan Harding

#### **Usher**

Jones

#### **Flower Guild**

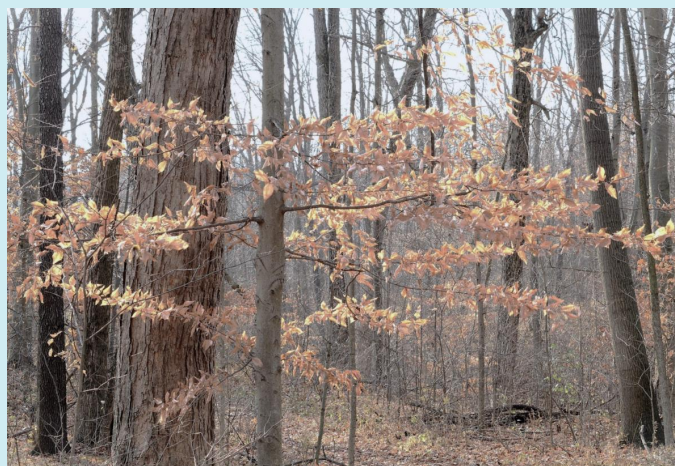
Joyce Lake

#### **Flower Delivery**

Danielle Pierpont

#### **Greeter**

Volunteer



Beloveds of All Saints,

As we begin the Season of Advent, we are reminded of old problems and new beginnings. Most of the leaves have fallen with the exception of some oak and beech leaves still holding on, waiting to let go to make room for new ones. We await a good snow to cover the leaves we didn't get cleared and cover the dirt and messiness around us, a reminder of how we abuse the land and water of this earth, our fragile island home. This is the season we begin a new year in the life of the church, we will use a new confession of our participation in the world's suffering in worship:

*Everlasting God, you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in*

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The First Sunday of Advent  
Year B  
December 3, 2023



Advent carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger, and we also await Christ's coming again to fulfill all things. We often prepare for Advent by "getting ready": planning, organizing, and ordering supplies for various gatherings and worship services. Yet preparing for the coming of Christ is not a matter of having everything under control. Christ's arrival disrupts—disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in a society in which we are deeply embedded. A prayer for Christ to come to us is a prayer for a holy disruption of our lives that we cannot control and that we might struggle to accept.

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. William Petersen, Celebrant  
Holly Simons, Minister of Music

*systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.*

Our heavy hearts and burdened consciences relate to Isaiah's confession in the First Lesson: *"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away"* (Isaiah 64:6). Then, just like the cold dark nights in New England reach their longest, Mark addresses us with promises that the signs of the coming of the Son of Man will include the darkening of the sun, moon, and stars. Hold on, there is hope!

The promise of Advent is that God is always at work in the world, bringing new beginnings and a new creation to people and powers long bent on destruction. Yet, because we live in a time between the "already" of Christ's resurrection and the "not yet" of God's full restoration of the creation, we cannot know when that final day will arrive. Instead of becoming preoccupied with the end times, we live in a state of preparedness—trusting that our home is God's home and that God is coming once again to dwell with us.

Trusting in God who is the strength that sustains us,

**Bill+**

## Sunday December 3

### Links to the Readings

- [Isaiah 64:1-9](#) Prayer that God would come with power and compassion
- [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#) Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end
- [Mark 13:24-37](#) The sudden coming of the Son of Man
- [Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#) *Let*



Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, The Episcopal Church, National Bishop Susan Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in



*your face shine upon us,  
and we shall be saved*

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Flower Dedication

*The chancel flowers are given in  
the Glory of God*



Canada, and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, have released the [Churches Beyond Borders 2023 Advent Cycle of Prayer](#). The prayer resource calls for justice and peace, especially for churches impacted by the war in the Holy Land, and for lifting up Palestinian Christian communities and ministries and the congregations and institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.



**POINSETTIA  
DEDICATION**  
*slips due in the  
office by  
Tuesday,  
December 12th.*



**God loves you.  
No exceptions.**  
The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



## ***This week we pray for:***

### ***For our Parish***

Howard Blaney, Linda Brown, Jim & Anne Bullitt, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Louise Graham, Judy Hess, Don Johnson, The Jeffers Family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Norma Lunney, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Connie Mitchell, Warren Muir, Carol Pearson, Danielle Pierpont, Bree Schuette, Sebastian Tordonato, Lee White, Inger Woerheide.

### ***For our Family & Friends***

Basil Brown, Rebecca DeNeault, Candy Desrocher, Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Linda Hall, Susan Belt Hartson, Dillon Johnson, Faye Juul, Jim Lunney, Margie, Tom Southern, Marguerite Truesdale, Peggy Young.

From The Music and Tech Corner...

*"We are waiting for Jesus... Jesus brings peace.*

*Son of justice, shine upon us; we are waiting for Your promise.*

*We are waiting for Jesus... Jesus brings peace.*

*Loving Shepherd, walk beside us; stir our hearts and gently guide us;*

*We are waiting for Jesus... Jesus brings peace." (song by John Helgen)*

As our liturgical year shifts, we feel the transition into winter, darkness.... and the promise of Advent. This year, may we watch more intently. Listen more deeply. Invite His Spirit to help us see with new eyes. Make spaces for solitude, reflection and prayer in our messy, busy days. Invite Jesus to plough up hardened ruts of unbelief, sadness and discord; and change us in ways we never thought could happen.



This week, your choir will be sharing an arrangement of "Come, thou long-expected Jesus", linked here below in a bit different way. You'll hear the lovely music with orchestra, while the music is scrolling (the way a choir member would rehearse on their own :O).

May the longing of these words for deliverance and freedom sink deeply into hearts ready to worship and praise....

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zt\\_1N08e9Dc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zt_1N08e9Dc)

With love and prayers for hearts always ready to receive the Gift,  
Holly





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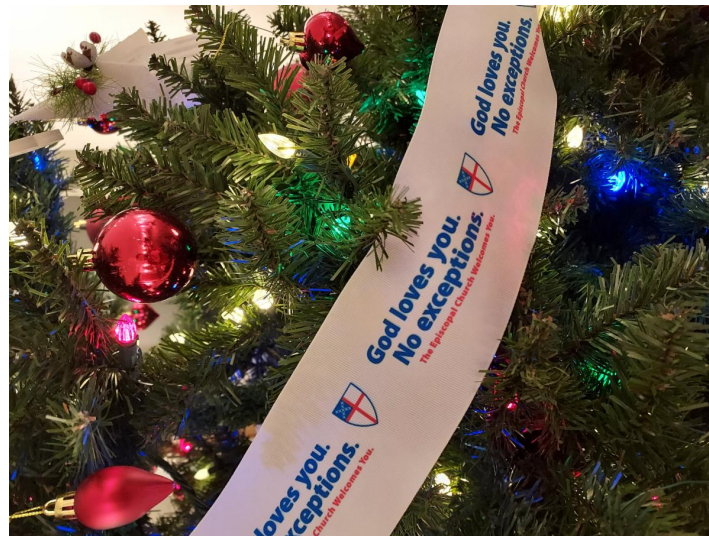
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR



MONDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00PM

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE  
AND A BEVERAGE OF YOUR CHOICE

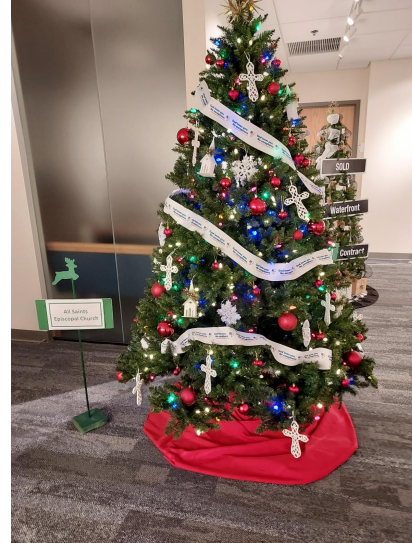


## All Saints Tree at the Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees has been the kickoff to Christmas for the last 24 years. Without the generous and enthusiastic support of David Wright it would have never happened, The Wright Museum is the only venue in Wolfeboro that can accommodate a two week long display of, originally about 50, and now more than 80 decorated trees by local businesses and organizations. The mission of the FOT has always been to support our local nonprofits, starting with LIFE Ministries Food Pantry, the recipient for the first two years.

Many thanks to Claudia and Tom Bissett, who not only donated the tree, but set it up to be decorated. It turned out to be a larger project than expected and we would not have a tree without them.

The trees are on display for the next 2 weekends and Wednesday evening. More information on hours, entertainment, Santa and a Craft Fair can be found on their website [www.wolfborofestivaloftrees.com](http://www.wolfborofestivaloftrees.com)



## Help Needed

We have a family of two that could use assistance with meals and in other ways. Visit <https://mealtrain.com/k0o18v> and/or contact Bree Schuette to see how you might be able to assist.



**2024 Altar Flowers** reservation is now open online. <https://ttsu.me/2024altarflowerrequest>

*You can also drop a dedication slip in the office or email your request to [allsaints@metrocast.net](mailto:allsaints@metrocast.net).*

**We also have more dates available at the end of this year to fill.**  
<https://ttsu.me/allsaintswolfe>.

*Please remember to drop your payment to the office prior to your dedication.  
Thank you.*

## VESTRY NOTES

**The Vestry met on Monday, November 20th.** Here's a quick summary of our meeting. Please ask questions of any member if you'd like more information.

**Celebrate:** Did you enjoy the puzzle of our "Many Members, One Body" that has been on display in the Church? Wasn't it fun to have a guest preacher *and* Pastor Bill at our ingathering services? Thanks for



turning in your pledge and puzzle piece.

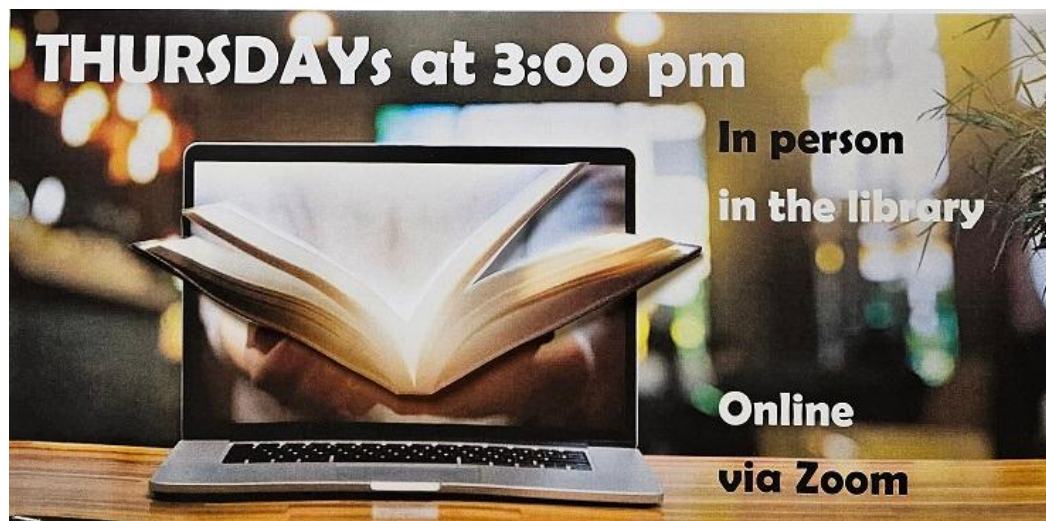
**Challenge:** You wouldn't believe how long we talked about the \$3000 increase in snow plowing for this coming winter! We finally decided on a commercial contract (instead of per plow) with our landscaper, Cory Hunter.

**Something to Anticipate:** Our Solar Saints (and particularly Doug Smithwood) have been hard at work writing grants, etc. to add solar to the Outreach Building. This will save \$\$ and the climate.

-Clerk, Lyn Healy



## BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER!



**Thursdays in the Beck Library and online via Zoom at 3:00 pm,  
followed by Eucharist**

### Thursday Afternoon Bible Study for December

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God... Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together. - Isaiah 40:3, 5*

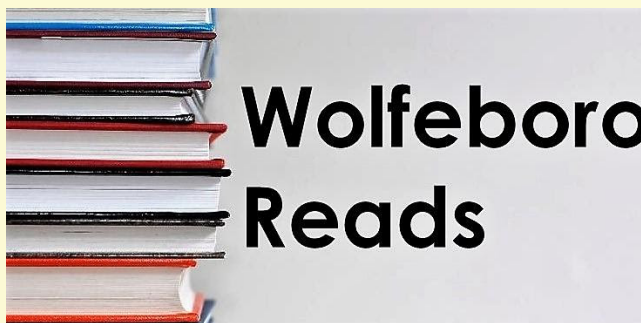
Advent is a season of preparation: shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and sanctuaries. Advent is also a time to prepare our hearts and communities for the coming of Christ, the Almighty God who came among us poor and homeless, a stranger and a child. There may be no better time to reflect on how we as the Episcopal Church embrace the Holy One who continues to draw near in the neighbor, the stranger, the refugee, or the one who seems most "other" to you. It is the ideal season to commit to becoming Beloved Community and growing loving, liberating, life-giving relationships across the human family of God.

We gather at 3:00 pm in the Beck Memorial Library and follow our Bible Study of Advent texts and discussion with a brief service of Holy Eucharist. Join us for one or all four Thursdays in December.



PREPARING TO BECOME THE  
**BELOVED  
COMMUNITY**

ADVENT-YEAR B

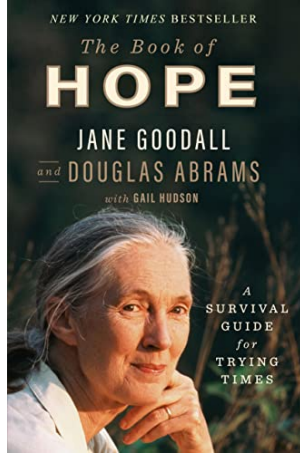


Please join us for our community book group as we gather via Zoom on Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm for reflection and discussion. The Wolfeboro Public Library and Country Bookseller have our lists.

**Wolfeboro Reads *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall in December**

Looking at the headlines--the worsening climate crisis, a global pandemic, loss of biodiversity, political upheaval--it can be hard to feel optimistic. And yet hope has never been more desperately needed. In this urgent book, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope.





Join us Tuesdays, December 5, 12 and 19 at 4:00 pm on Zoom to discuss these vital questions:

- How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless?
- How do we cultivate hope in our children?
- What is the relationship between hope and action?

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98230488609?pwd=QXILUjczMlp2OWlqZVlEUml2K084dz09>  
 Meeting ID: 982 3048 8609 Passcode: 012281



## Dinner Bell DINING IN PERSON IN THE PARISH HALL THURSDAYS 5:00 PM

# November 2023

November 30 - Minestrone soup, Chicken, pasta, and vegetables

A reminder that our Dinner Bell program offers a community meal weekly on Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome and donations are accepted to offset costs.

Your help is also welcome to share hospitality with our neighbors, please speak with Carol Simpson or Pastor Bill to volunteer.

## December 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> <i>December 2023</i>					1 Pastor Bill Sabbath	2 10am AA Mtg (PH)
3 ADVENT 1 8 & 10am Worship- in person Live stream @ 10am 10am Sunday School  5pm AA (PH)	4 10am WFOH (L) 4pm Hanging of the Greens 7pm Aikiken (L)	5 9am Women's Worship (L) 4pm Wolfboro Reads 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	6 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis 8:30pm Choir	7 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	8 Pastor Bill Sabbath	9 10am AA Mtg (PH)
10 ADVENT 2 8 & 10am Worship- in person Live stream @ 10am 10am Sunday School  5pm AA (PH)	11 10am LAT Board Mtg (L) 7pm Aikiken (L)	12 9am Women's Worship (L) 11a- Wolfboro Garden Club (PH) 5pm WMS Holiday party 4pm Wolfboro Reads 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	13 10am Vestry Exec 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis 8:30pm Choir	14 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	15 Pastor Bill Sabbath	16 10am AA Mtg (PH)
17 ADVENT 3 8 & 10am Worship- in person Live stream @ 10am 10am Sunday School  5pm AA (PH)	18 7pm VESTRY (L) 7pm Aikiken (SR)	19 9am Women's Worship (L) 4pm Wolfboro Reads 5pm WMS Holiday party 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	20 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis 8:30pm Choir	21 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	22 Pastor Bill Sabbath	23 10am AA Mtg (PH)
24 ADVENT 4 One Service at 9am  Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm and 8 pm 6pm AA (PH)	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Aikiken (L)	26 9am Women's Worship (L) 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	27 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis	28 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	29 Pastor Bill Sabbath	30 10am AA Mtg (PH)
31 Service of Lessons & Carols One Service at 9am 6pm AA (PH)	<b>PLEASE BE WORKING ON YOUR REPORTS TO SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE FOR ANNUAL REPORT. DEADLINE IS December 28th.</b>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">           PARISH OFFICE 569-3453            Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, 9am-4:00pm            Thur, 9am-11:30am            Fri Closed         </div>		

Click on the Calendar for a pdf copy

*There are many ways to connect with one another  
to see, hear and share God online at All Saints*



**E-NEWS UPDATE** E-news editing has now moved to the Parish Office. Please have your submission requests to the office by Tuesday of the week you would like it in the e-news. You may email your requests to Debra at [allsaints@metrocast.net](mailto:allsaints@metrocast.net).

## DO YOU KNOW OF A CHILD IN NEED OF SOME EXTRA FOOD OVER THE WEEKEND?

Kid-friendly weekend food bags are distributed weekly at the schools and community-based organizations throughout the GWRSD

For children 3 years old through grade 6  
(not yet in school, attending school, or homeschooled)

**To sign up or ask a question:**

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OUTREACH COORDINATOR:

Deb Bunting email: [dbunting@sau49.org](mailto:dbunting@sau49.org) or text: (802) 738-0408

End 68 Hours of Hunger Wolfeboro Area Chapter;  
Serving children of GWRSD Towns



End 68 Hours of Hunger is a non-profit organization that provides weekend food for children, in preschool through grade 6, at risk of food insecurity; 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, and snacks.



LIFE MINISTRIES  
FOOD PANTRY



**HAVING A HARD TIME  
GETTING FOOD FOR  
YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY?  
HELP IS AVAILABLE**

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION –  
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10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

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[www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com](http://www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com)

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**Accessing books in the Beck Library**

Catalog is on LibraryThing (<https://www.librarything.com/home>).

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Password: +BeckLibrary+

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