Weekly E-news and Updates







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Month of December Schedule

Serving Sunday December 4 Eucharistic Ministers 8 am

Gail Dietzer 10 am Dawn DeKemper **DianneWasmuth** Lector 8 am Gail Dietzer 10 am Art Slocum Altar Guild Connie Mitchell RitvaTorma Usher White **Flower Guild** Cate McMahon **Flower Delivery** Mary Bertsch Greeter Volunteer

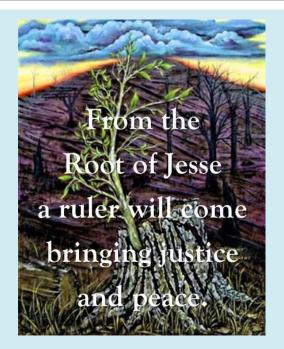
Birthdays this week

12/08 Ralph Simons 12/10 Carolyn Hoffmann

Anniversaries this week

<u>Quick Links</u>

Link to <u>All Saints' Website</u>. Link to <u>Episcopal Church of NH</u>.



At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases with each December day, we turn toward and prepare for the approaching light of Jesus the Christ.

We await Jesus who is the root of Jesse, which is a term that figuratively stands for the Messiah (see this week's Hebrew Scripture reading from Isaiah). The "root" of a family is its progenitor and Jesse was King David's father, founder of the family Jesus was descended from. In Isaiah 11:10, the Hebrew word used for "root" (*sheresh*) implies a root that remains alive Link to <u>The Episcopal Church</u>. Link to <u>Contact Us</u>.

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Advent: the time to listen for footsteps you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself.

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Links to the Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 - From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace **Romans 15:4-13** - May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace **Matthew 3:1-12** - Live in harmony, welcoming one another

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 - A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord

The Collect

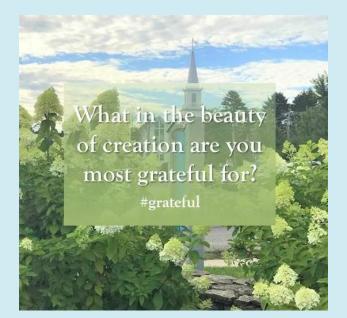
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy and sends up a shoot or branch. So Jesse of Bethlehem was a root from which more descendants would come, but especially the one for whom we wait, the one who will be born in his family's ancestral home Bethlehem.

We wait with hope for the branch of Jesse to bear fruit, for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. As we wait, we worship and are fed and forgiven to then be sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Advent Awaiting Blessings,

Bill+

P.S. Hope to see you at the "Hanging of the Greens" 4:00 pm Saturday and/or at the Pizza and Salad Potluck at 5:30 pm!



Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Howard Blaney, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Judy Hess, Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Carol Pearson, Danielle Pierpont, Bree Schuette, Lee White.

For our Family & Friends

Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Susan Belt Hartson, Faye Juul, Tom Southern, Debe Tetherly, Peggy Young.



The Gospel of Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

Sunday we began a new church year which is "Year A" when our readings will primarily come from the Gospel of Matthew. According to Mark, Matthew was the son of Alphaeus. He was a Jewish tax collector working for the Roman government at Capernaum. Matthew is called Levi in the accounts of his call to discipleship in Mark and Luke, but he is always referred to as Matthew in the lists of the apostles. It is possible that Levi was his original name and that Matthew, which means "gift from God,"

was given to him after he became a disciple.

Since the second century the authorship of the first gospel has been attributed to St. Matthew, but it is considered unlikely by most scholars that the present Gospel of Matthew was written by a Galilean tax collector.

A good overview of this Gospel with some of the major themes: prophesy, teachings, discipleship, salvation, suffering and service, and the command to spread Jesus' good news throughout the world can be found in two parts:

Chapters 1-13 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Dv4-n6OYGI</u> Chapters 14-28: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGCF3OPWN14</u>

From The Music Corner...

Dear fellow sojourners of the Way,

With you, I'm looking for the contemplative ponderings, prayers and mysteries that help us journey into the dark of the winter solstice, the angst and waiting of Advent -- with all being illuminated by the Candle of Light, Hope. Joy and Love that is Jesus.

Music reaches deep into our psyche and souls, so listening to a broad spectrum of selections that point us to our Lord in this season is always inspirational. For this week, I offer the lovely men's and boys voices of the choir of King's College in Cambridge, England, sharing many familiar (and some new to me!)



Advent carols to bless us in the journey. No need to watch (no pictures), it's just a listening experience in whatever time or way you choose to use it.

https://youtu.be/RVguSWYwSsA

Finally, an Advent blessing that seemed deeply relevant:

Blessing When the World is Ending

Look, the world is always ending somewhere.

Somewhere the sun has come crashing down.

Somewhere it has gone completely dark.

Somewhere it has ended with the gun, the knife, the fist.

Somewhere it has ended with the slammed door, the shattered hope.

Somewhere it has ended with the utter quiet that follows the news from the phone, the television, the hospital room.

Somewhere it has ended with a tenderness that will break your heart.

But, listen, this blessing means to be anything but morose.

It has not come to cause despair.

It is simply here because there is nothing a blessing is better suited for than an ending, nothing that cries out more for a blessing than when a world is falling apart.

This blessing will not fix you, will not mend you, will not give you false comfort; it will not talk to you about one door opening when another one closes.

It will simply sit itself beside you among the shards and gently turn your face toward the direction from which the light will come, gathering itself about you as the world begins

again.

—Jan Richardson

In God's grasp, with you,

Holly

Advent Prayer Walk



Advent is a season of hope, expectation and preparation. In Advent, we prepare our hearts and anticipate Jesus' arrival, waiting, watching, and expecting the world to turn toward justice. Join us Thursday evenings anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 pm in December to sit and pray and/or walk the labyrinth in the parish hall. This event follows Dinner Bell Community Meal at 5:00 pm (contact the church office to make a reservation).

The labyrinth is an ancient practice. We walk a winding path, praying and listening as we are guided to the center. In the season of Advent, God has set a path for each of us, lined with discovery and hope.

Socks must be worn while walking on the cloth labyrinth. Finger labyrinths are also available for those with mobility issues or wish to explore other labyrinth types.



Wolfeboro Tuba Christmas concert December 10, 2020.



Wolfeboro – Live and in concert: The Wolfeboro TUBACHRISTMAS concert will be at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 258 South Main Street, Saturday, December 10, 2-3 pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this free public concert of holiday music and traditional carols. TUBACHRISTMAS includes festive music performed on tuba, euphonium and baritone horns. Monetary donations will be accepted for the L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry. For more information, visit www.tubachristmas.com or contact Joe Ewing at 603-569-3861.





Hanging of the Greens and Potluck

Join us December 3rd at 4:00 pm for decorating our worship space for the holiday season followed by a Pizza and Salad Potluck at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Bring a favorite pizza or a salad to share (BYOB). Sign-up is on the parish hall bulletin board.



A Recent Letter from Mercy

From Gerry DeGeorge,

I wanted to share parts of my most recent letter from Mercy Amiani, our EFAC student who is studying Radiology at University in Kenya. She has been supported by All Sainters since she entered high school. Her growth, commitment to her studies, and her ease with English amaze me. All of the EFAC students speak their tribal language,

their national language and English. Mercy's comments are in response to my letter which mentioned her presence at World Radiology Day, our Thanksgiving holiday, and the fact that on Christmas Eve my family will spend time with our next door neighbors,

Janet and Rob Crowder who will also be hosting an EFAC student who is a freshman at Wellesley College.

Dear Gerry,

World Radiography Day is always a great time for my course mates as well as for the employed Radiographers. The event usually fosters unity amongst ourselves and the love for what we do as well as improving patient care. It's also a wonderful time for networking and getting to make new friends. The celebrations this year were splendid especially with everything happening at the coast. It was very refreshing to enjoy a new environment and I especially loved the moments at the beach.

I'm almost sure that by now the plans for the Thanksgiving day are in order, as you will be taking time to give thanks for the things that have happened this far. Such moments give us the chance to reflect about the many things that we are grateful for, as individuals and as a community. My gratitude goes back to all of you as well for the support, the encouragements and for believing in me. I purpose to continue being the best version of myself.

I will sincerely pass your greetings and best wishes to my family. This Christmas I'll actually be spending time with them since I've been in school for the better part of the year. The festive season will be a great time for us to celebrate together. Send greetings as well to your family and All Saint's church.

I'm indeed happy for the EFAC student and I'm sure you'll have an amazing time during Christmas Eve. I will really appreciate the photos afterwards.

Blessings with love.

Mercy.



Urgent Need for Area Homeless

There is an urgent need for can openers, proteins such as canned meats, beans and peanut butter, and sleeping bags for homeless folks living outside in

Ossipee. We are collecting items

the next two Sundays. Can openers can be ordered online at: <u>https://www.amazon.com/Chef-Craft-Can-Opener</u> and may be shipped directly to: White Horse Recovery Center, c/o Vanessa Soper, 70 Route 16B, Center Ossipee, NH, 03814-6825



This is the time to begin planning for new members of the vestry and convocation.

Vestry is in need of a Junior Warden. The term will run from January 2023 to January 2026. The Junior warden would be meeting twice a month either in person or via zoom. Please speak with Joanne Crowe or Doug Smithwood if you are interested in joining the vestry.

Convocation is in need to two new members, delegate and a alternate delegate. The delegates meet via zoom approximately 6 times per year. If you have questions and would consider taking a role as a delegate, please speak with Joanne Crowe or Doug Smithwood.

Our Sunday School Children Need Your Presence



The Episcopal Church is deeply committed to fostering

communities and congregations that are safe spaces for all people, particularly those who may be vulnerable in some way, to worship and minister generously, free of any form of harassment, bullying, abuse, or exploitation. To that end, our policy and practice is to have two adults present. Please sign-up to be a classroom assistant on the bulletin board and speak with Parish and Safe Church Administrator Debra Hoyt or Pastor Bill if you have any questions. Thank you.

Altar Flowers



We are encouraging that Altar Flower Dedications be made early in the year.

Now Easy to reserve your date by Signing Up Online! <u>https://ttsu.me/allsaintswolfe</u>

You can still turn in a dedication slip to the office or Email your request to the Parish Office at allsaints@metrocast.net.

(Please let the office know if you are providing flowers for your dedication and/or any details of dedication you wish to appear in the bulletin)

The chart in the parish hall will be updated as new requests are received.

THE SOONER YOU SIGN UP,

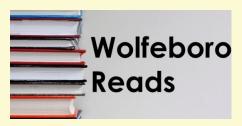
THE BETTER CHANCE YOU HAVE TO RESERVE THE DATE YOU WANT!

Flowers may be provided in lieu of payment. Please let the office know if you wish to provide your own flowers. Please call Sue 569-3183 if you need to discuss arrangements.

The cost of the Altar flowers for a Sunday is \$35.00. Please provide payment to the office before the dedication date.

Following the worship services the flowers are delivered by volunteers to our ill and shut-in members, as well as other appropriate places. In this manner, the flowers continue their silent reminder of God's love. Thank you in advance for providing flowers to the Altar of All Saints.

Questions may be directed to Debra at allsaints@metrocast.net. thank you.



Click on the picture for your Fall Reading List

Please join Pastor Bill Petersen (ASEC) and Pastor Donna Muise (FCCW) as we gather via Zoom on Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm for reflection and discussion. Wolfeboro Reads begins Tuesday September 13.

<u>Dinner Bell</u>

<u>Please call 569-3453</u> or e-mail <u>allsaints@metrocast.net</u> by Tuesday afternoons to reserve your meal(s) for the week.

We will offer two dinner options:

- 1. To-Go Meals as we have done during Covid with meal pick-up 4:00-5:00 pm, and
- 2. Gathering for dinner in the All Saints Parish Hall as we did before Covid at 5:00 pm.

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

December menu

12/1/2022 Chicken noodle soup American chop suey Cookies

12/8/2022 Cheeseburger chowder Turkey stew with biscuit Cookies



12/15/2022 Beef barely soup Baked lasagna Cookies

All are welcome and donations accepted to offset costs. Thank you!

Please consider brewing some coffee when you arrive early for worship on Sunday. All that is needed is to make a couple pots of coffee and put out some coffee cups. Please sign up on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

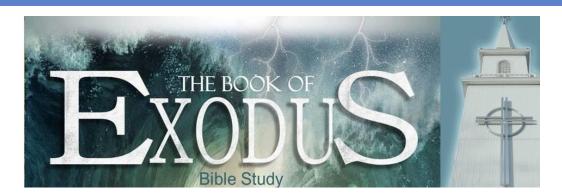




Be a Greeter!

Please consider participating as a **Greeter** at Sunday's Worship. The most important role of a greeter is to make sure all are welcome. Let's make sure visitors feel welcome and know how to get to the service.

Please give your name to the Parish office for rotation.



Thursday Bible Study

We are currently studying the Book of Exodus. If you have not received the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study e-mails before and would like to be added, please share your e-mail with Pastor Bill.

The message of Exodus is of God acting to free a powerless people and bring them into covenant relationship. This event reveals God's faithfulness to Israel and to Egypt and all other nations of the world as well. The exodus is so important that it is even used to describe who God is: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). The people become the Lord's

"treasured possession out of all the people's," "a priestly kingdom," and "a holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6) and receive the Torah to show them how to live in relationship with this gracious and liberating God through the everyday activities of life.

December Calendar

Click <u>HERE</u> for a pdf copy of the Calendar



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



Sundays 8:00 &10:00 am - Worship in-person and <u>via</u> Facebook Live

Mondays

10:00 am - Office Hours with Pastor Bill via **Zoom** Meeting ID: 296 849 095 Password: 027471 By phone: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 296 849 095

Tuesdays

9:00 am - Women's Worship in person in Beck Library and via <u>Zoom</u> Meeting ID: 998 0107 3469 Password: 003176 By Phone: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 998 0107 3469 **4:00 pm** - Wolfeboro Reads via <u>Zoom</u> Meeting ID: 982 3048 8609 Password: 012281 By Phone: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 982 3048 8609

Thursdays

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study in person in Beck Library



Monday Morning Check-in with Pastor Bill and via Zoom Meeting ID:377 746 725 Password: 008244 By Phone: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 998 0107 3469 **3:00 pm** - Midweek Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID: 546 551 506 Password: 508697 By phone at: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 546 551 506



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 <u>allsaints@metrocast.net</u>.

LIFE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

HAVING A HARD TIME

GETTING FOOD FOR

YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY?

HELP IS AVAILABLE

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION – FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS MONTHLY

10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

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