Weekly E-news and Updates







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Ministry Assignments

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Month of December Schedule

Serving Sunday December 11

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am

Bill Woodard

10 am

Art Slocum

Cate McMahon

Lector

8 am

Bill Woodard

10 am

Lucy Hancock

Altar Guild

Sue Harding

Gayle Gurney

<u>Usher</u>

Holm

Flower Guild

Lynne Moughty

Flower Delivery

Lynne Moughty

Greeter

Volunteer

Birthdays this week

12/07 Steve Cloutier

12/11 Donna Lehmann

12/12 Sylvia Rollins

12/13 Phyllis Tessier

12/15 Connie O'Brien 12/15 Gordon Hunt

12/17 Linda Brown

Anniversaries this week



Beloved Siblings in Christ,

The origin of Advent as a season of fasting to prepare for baptisms at Epiphany is particularly evident on this coming Sunday. Whenever God shows up—in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the word and sacrament of each Sunday, and in the future at the end of all things—a reorienting of our life is called for. The readings we will hear in worship stand in stark contrast to our society's partying and shopping for Christmas. The coming of Christ means to transform the world, saving all who are in need.

Each week we hear more about what the presence of God means for the world, today and at the end of time. Our sending song Sunday is a hymn based on The Magnificat, Mary's song, from Luke 1:46-55 (BCP Canticle 15) which is an

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The Third Sunday of Advent

Links to the Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10 - The desert blooms as God's people return from exile

Psalm 146:4-9 - The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down **James 5:7-10** - Patience until the

coming of the Lord

Matthew 11:2-11 - The forerunner of Christ

The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and alternative psalm option for Sunday. In it, Mary reminds all who live in holy fear that God's mercy always flows...

- That with might God dashes the proud, exposing their scheming hearts.
- That God casts aside the ruthless, and raises up the lowly.
- That God fills the hungry with all good things, and the rich sent off unfed.
- · That God is all about holy reversals.

This week may our Advent actions join Mary in praising God for all the holy reversals that come to earth through the incarnation of Jesus the Christ. Join us Sunday as receive mercy in word and sacrament as we gather in worship, and may we leave fed and forgiven to join God in bringing this transformative power to the world.

Advent Awaiting Blessings,

Bill+

P.S. Hope to see you Thursday evenings this December 6-8:00 pm for a time of quiet contemplation and centering as we walk the labyrinth in the parish hall.

First Congregational Church, Wolfeboro

Longest Night Worship

(Blue Christmas Service)



Longest Night Worship: December 21, the longest night of the year for those who live in the northern hemisphere; it is set apart for special

remembrances of our griefs and losses that happened during 2022. There are so many reasons for difficult feelings during the holiday season. Grief is a common and normal reaction to the losses we have incurred: loss of a loved one or loss of a job; one's health or one's home; one's lifestyle or one's love relationship, and so many other situations. Everyone is invited to attend, no matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey.

This sacred time begins with a soup and sandwich supper at 6 pm, followed by a brief

mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*



and quiet candlelight service at 7:00 pm.

In liturgy and music we acknowledge that God is aware of our pain and seeks to send us comfort through the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ, scripture, companionship and the warmth of a shared meal.

If you would like to bring a soup, sandwiches, or rolls to share that evening please sign up in the gathering space if you can.

God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Howard Blaney, Ann Champagne, 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.



With 2022 winding down, and Christmastide upon us, CLICK HERE for resources to help plan your giving



A gentle reminder

As individuals and families, we have been experiencing significantly higher costs for many things, food and home heating in particular. The same is true for our parish.

Your parish finance committee met recently and will meet again next week to review the developing All Saints budget for next year. Our hope is to reduce a

significant gap between fixed or expected expenses and anticipated income prior to the end of this year.

To that end, we ask all parishioners to review your 2022 pledge and, if possible, to bring it up to date by the end of the year. In a similar vein, if you have been unable to send in your 2023 pledge commitment until now, we hope you will submit a best guess of what your pledge will be. As we know, pledges may need to be changed at any time, as circumstances may require, with a note to the parish treasurer.

Your response to these two items will lift the heart of your parish treasurer and help him and the finance committee to prepare a responsible budget, responsive to the needs of the parish and based on the projected giving by members of the congregation.

With many thanks for your thoughtful attention, Cate McMahon, member, All Saints Finance Committee

From The Music Corner...



For some reason, this song from my past was brought to mind and heart.... and I became thankful that God's Spirit had the text and music rise in my experience of Advent this year. John Michael Talbot, priest and musician, was wildly popular in my earlier years, and this song "Behold now the Kingdom -- See with new eyes!" (based on the Beatitudes) made deep impression on me then, as now.

It strikes me that all the players in the birth saga of Jesus were asked to "see with new eyes"..... little

knowing that they were helping to usher in a kingdom that was not of this world. I'm asking God to help me "see with new eyes" in these weeks and into 2023..... may it be so for you as well.

John Michael Talbot: "Behold now the Kingdom" https://youtu.be/cq6Fbi7dPyo
I close with this powerful meditation that came my direction, written by John Donne (1572 - 1631), English poet, scholar, soldier, lawyer and priest. He has numerous well-known poems, one of the most famous being "Death be not proud".

In this meditation, he seems to span the bridge of Christ's purpose - and suffering- from birth to death.

Make Good Your Christmas

JOHN DONNE

Christ was born a martyr. He found a Golgotha, where he was crucified, even in Bethlehem, where he was born; for to his tenderness then the straws were almost as sharp as the thorns after, and the manger as uneasy at first as the cross

at last. His birth and his death were but one continual act, and his Christmas day and his Good Friday are but the evening and morning of the same day. And as even his birth is his death, so every action and passage that manifests Christ to us is his birth, for Epiphany is manifestation. Every manifestation of Christ to the world, to the Church, to a particular soul is an Epiphany, a Christmas day.

Make good your Christmas day, that Christ be born in you, and he who died for you will live with you all the year.

The peace of Christ be yours, 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.





Many thanks to Lyn Healy and Danielle Pierpont for their help decorating the All Saints tree for the 2022 Festival of Trees at the Wright Museum.

Carolyn Sundquist





Fashion jewelry will be for sale from 6:00 to 7:00 before the fashion show and afterwards.

We will have gold, diamonds, and quality costume jewelry. on display in the parish hall.

A Victorian set of gold, diamond, and seed pearl earrings and pendant/pin will be sold by silent auction.

This is a special sale not to be missed!

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.

Meals Needed



We have a family of two that is in need of meals on medical treatment days (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Please visit https://mealtrain.com/k0o18v to sign-up and help. Thank you!



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: https://www.amazon.com/Chef-Craft-Can-Opener 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!
https://ttsu.me/allsaintswolfe

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.

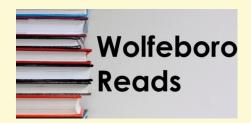
THE SOONER YOU SIGN UP, THE BETTER CHANCE YOU HAVE TO RESERVE THE DATE YOU WANT!

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.

Dinner Bell

Please call 569-3453 or e-mail allsaints@metrocast.net 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.

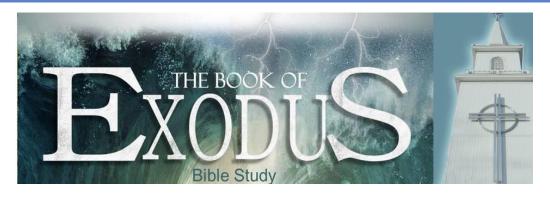


Be a Greeter!



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 **HERE** 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 **Zoom**

Meeting ID: 998 0107 3469 Password: 003176

By Phone: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 998 0107 3469

4:00 pm - Wolfeboro Reads via Zoom

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

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 allsaints@metrocast.net.



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

264 S. MAIN STREET, WOLFEBORO
ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com

Providing access to food security with dignity and respect

Accessing books in the Beck Library

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

User name: AllSaintsWolfeboro

Password: +BeckLibrary+

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