



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOLFEBORO, NH



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The Third Sunday of Advent/ Year B

Ministry Assignments

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Sunday, December 17th
The Third Sunday
of Advent

Eucharistic Ministers

8am

Jay Wyman

10am

Steve Cloutier

Gayle Gurney

Lector

Aiden Schuette-Simon

Altar Guild

Carolyn Sundquist

Gayle Gurney

Usher

Holm

Flower Guild

Sue Adams

Flower Delivery

Lynne Slocum

Greeter

Ann Champagne

Joyce Lake



Advent 2023

The Weary
World Waits.

REJOICE!

Beloveds of All Saints,

This week we mark the third Sunday of Advent that is traditionally focused on rejoicing as the advent of our Messiah draws near. This week we also encounter John the Baptist again—who in his unique way, calls for rejoicing by noting that he is *not* what we are waiting for. John, like each of us, has a mission to bear witness, but when he says “I am not,” we hear a clear contrast to all the ways Jesus will identify himself with the Father: “I am the bread of life.” “I am the resurrection.” “I am the good shepherd.”

Jesus will be these things for God’s people, but John’s job is simply to bear witness to the light of his cousin Jesus the Christ.

How do you bear witness, while still waiting for the incarnation? Or can joy in the midst of your

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The Third Sunday of Advent
Year B
December 17, 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

waiting be that very witness? In Advent we know how the story ends through Jesus' birth and life, death and resurrection, and ascension. While we wait to celebrate the incarnation in Bethlehem long ago, we also await how God will be born again, this year, in each one of us. How will the incarnation be revealed in you, through the people God has gathered as All Saints' Wolfeboro, in our greater community this year?

As we all await God's purposes being revealed, may John remind us that there can be joy in taking our proper place, pointing to Jesus without needing to *be* Jesus.

Awaiting the incarnation with joy,
Bill+



Christmas Worship 2023
Sunday, December 24th
Advent IV – 9:00 am
Candlelight Christmas Eve
5:00 and 9:00 pm
Sunday, December 31st
Lessons & Carols – 9:00 am

Sunday December 17

Links to the Readings

- [Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11](#)
Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden
- [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#) Kept in faith until the coming of Christ
- [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#) A witness to the light
- [Canticle 15](#) You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly



A beautiful first snow at All Saints' Wolfeboro

**POINSETTIA
DEDICATION**
slips due in the

The Collect of the Day

Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand. *Amen.*

*office by
Tuesday,
December 17th.*



Flower Dedication

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



**God loves you.
No exceptions.**



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Howard Blaney, Jim & Anne Bullitt, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Louise Graham, Judy Hess, Don & Sandi Johnson, The Jeffers Family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Norma Lunney, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Connie Mitchell, Warren Muir, Carol Pearson, Bree Schuette, Sebastian Tordonato, 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, Kyle Williams Peggy Young.

From The Music and Tech Corner...

This week, a deep blessing emerged for both Ralph and I, as a wonderful benediction song from our young years came back to mind. You may know it as well, under the title “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”. This text from the Old Testament book of Numbers, encourages us in this season of darkness to ask God to shine the Light of



His countenance upon us. In His Light, we see Light, and darkness of mind, heart and spirit is dispelled. Here is the Westminster choir blessing all of us:

The Lord bless you and keep you: https://youtu.be/w4C9zVg5X_A?si=8JRnWj8ypN8TryBp

In approaching the third week of Advent, ponder with me the words of writer/poet Madeleine L'Engle in "First Coming":

*He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace
He came when the Heavens were unsteady
and prisoners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.*

*He did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy He came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
He came, and his Light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn,
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane
To raise our songs with joyful voice...
For to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

Rejoicing with hope in this tangled, anguished world...
Holly



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Epiphany Pot Luck

and De-Greening of the Church



**Bring your
favorite sweet
or savory pie**

Saturday, January 6 at 4:00pm

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS
DINNER TO FOLLOW.
BYO BEVERAGE. WINE GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED.

Christmas 2023 in the Holy Land

Our image of a Bethlehem birth where 'all is calm and all is bright' does not reflect the realities of Bethlehem at the incarnation, nor today. God is with us, breaking into our world, accompanying and comforting the suffering as shown in the nativity from Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem below. For the first time in modern history, there will be no Christmas tree or Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem. The birth of the Prince of peace will be celebrated in holy services only.



Christmas Church Pastor the Rev. Munther Isaac notes that Christmas in Palestine this year has the Christ Child under the rubble. He says: "The child of Bethlehem is our hope. For the children of Gaza and all victims of wars. In Gaza today, God is under the rubble. He is in the operating room. If Christ were to be born today, he would be born under the rubble. We see his image in every child killed and pulled from under the rubble. In every child in incubators."



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.

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.

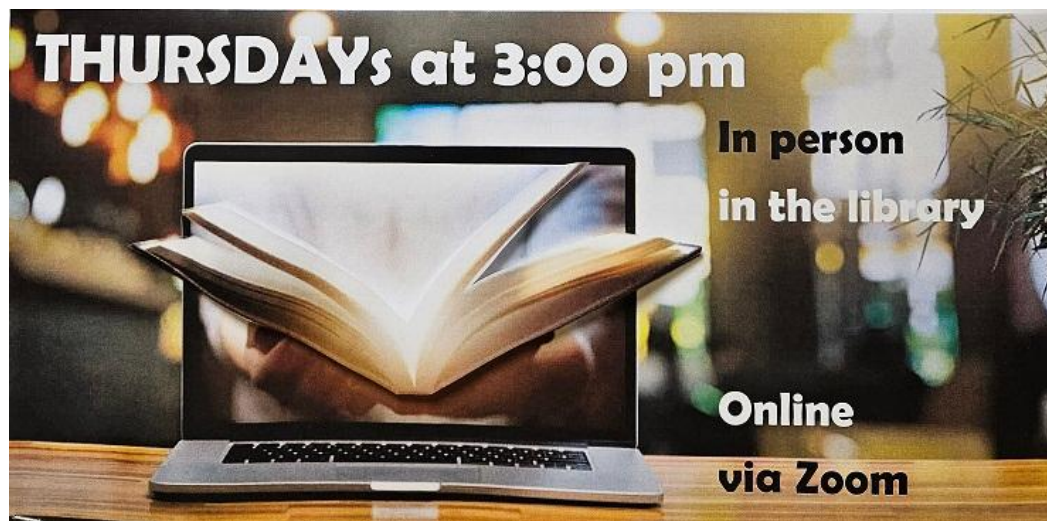
Challenge: You wouldn't believe how long we talked about the \$3000 increase in snow plowing for this coming winter! We finally decided on a commercial contract (instead of per plow) with our landscaper, Cory Hunter.

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*

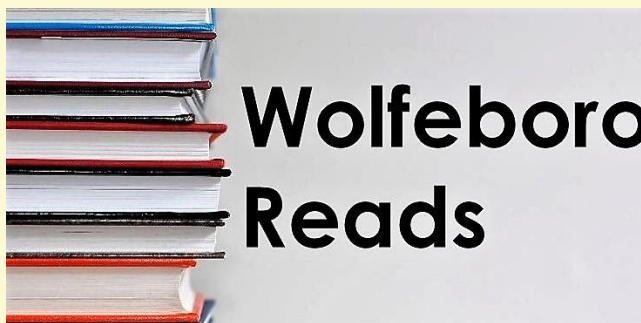
Advent is a season of preparation: shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and sanctuaries. Advent is also a time to prepare our hearts and communities for the coming of Christ, the Almighty God who came among us poor and homeless, a stranger and a child. There may be no better time to reflect on how 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**

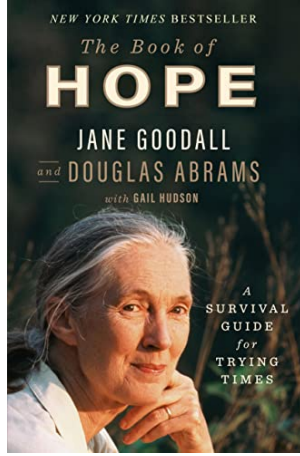
ADVENT-YEAR B



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](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

December 2023

December 14, 2023

Beef barely soup

Beef stew

December 21, 2023

Chicken noodle soup

Roast pork

Roast potatoes

December 29, 2023

Minestrone soup

Baked lasagna

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
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH <i>December 2023</i>					1	2
					Pastor Bill Sabbath	10am AA Mtg (PH)
3 ADVENT 1 8 & 10am Worship- In person Live stream @ 10am 10am Sunday School 6pm AA (PH)	4 10am WFOH (L) 4pm Hanging of the Greens 7pm Allanon (L)	5 9am Women's Worship (L) 4pm Wolfeboro Reads 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	6 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis 6:30pm Choir	7 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	Pastor Bill Sabbath	
Deb Out-Office Closed						
10 ADVENT 2 8 & 10am Worship- In person Live stream @ 10am 10am Sunday School 6pm AA (PH)	11 10am LAT Board Mtg (L) 7pm Allanon (L)	12 9am Women's Worship (L) 11a Wolfeboro Garden Club (PH) Board mtg (L) (round tables) 4pm Wolfeboro Reads 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	13 10am Vestry Exec 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis 6:30pm Choir	14 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	15	16 10am AA Mtg (PH)
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Deb Out-Office Closed						
24 ADVENT 4 One Service at 9am Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm and 9 pm 6pm AA (PH)	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Allanon (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	30 10am AA Mtg (PH)
31 Service of Lessons & Carols One Service at 9am 6pm AA (PH)	PLEASE BE WORKING ON YOUR REPORTS TO SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE FOR ANNUAL REPORT. DEADLINE IS December 28th.				PARISH OFFICE 569-3453 Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, 9am-4:00pm Thur, 9am-11:30am Fri Closed	

Life Ministries Food Pantry (569-6202) Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10am-1pm & 4-6pm Lord & Taylor Thrift Shop (569-6301) Thurs & Fri 10am-3pm - Sat 10am-1pm

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.

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 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 –
FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS MONTHLY

10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

264 S. MAIN STREET, WOLFEBORO

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www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com

Providing access to food security with dignity and respect

Accessing books in the Beck Library

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User name: AllSaintsWolfeboro

Password: +BeckLibrary+

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