



# All Saints' News

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## January, 2005

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### Plan now to attend All Saints' Parish Meeting and Luncheon

Our annual parish meeting will be held Sunday, January 9, 2005, after the 10:30 service.

One order of business will be to elect three new vestry members to replace those whose term is over. We extend our thanks to Bob Adkins, Julia Pearce, and RitaJane Eichelzer for their faithful service. These three are now charged with finding parishioners to serve in their places on the vestry. Nominees must be over 18 years of age, confirmed in All Saints' Church or having their membership transferred to All Saints', regular in attendance (traditionally expressed as "more frequently present than absent") at Sunday worship and participating in financial contributions to the upkeep of the parish.

If you are willing to serve, or if you would like to suggest a name for consideration, please contact a member of the nominating committee (named above) immediately so that nominees may be contacted and voted upon next Sunday if they agree to do so.

We will also enjoy a pot luck luncheon at the meeting. **Please bring a dish to share!**

### Integrity Meets in Statesboro

There will be an Integrity Gathering Saturday, January 22 at Trinity Church, Statesboro. We will begin with The Holy Eucharist at 11am followed by a lunch meeting to adjourn at 1:30pm. Please RSVP at email: [snyderpc@bellsouth.net](mailto:snyderpc@bellsouth.net) or phone: 912-234-5398.

A summary of the recent "Going Forward Together" Conference will be heard, and both short and long range planning will be addressed. Other agenda items can be submitted at any time to Jamie Maury at the contact info.

Integrity is for gay/lesbian Episcopalians and for anyone else who is interested. All are welcomed!

### All Saints' will Celebrate MLK Day in 2005

Once again, the diocese will have a walking entry in the Martin Luther King Parade in Savannah on Monday, January 17. The Savannah Convocation is coordinating this event, and anyone and everyone from the diocese is welcome to participate. We will meet at St. Matthew's parking lot, corner of Anderson and Martin Luther King Blvd. Our exact parade entry number will not be known until January 5, but it is expected that we will be in the first half of the parade. Bearing that in mind, please arrive no later than 9:30am.

Lunch will be served back at St. Matthew's after we finish. Please RSVP for lunch.

For additional information, please contact Jamie Maury at email:

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### The Bible in 50 Words!

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born

God walked  
Love talked

Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

## **Episcopal Relief and Development Plans Response After Tsunamis in South Asia**

More than 77,000\* people in 11 countries are reported dead two days after devastating tsunamis swept through coastal regions of South Asia. In Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, and Malaysia, entire villages were destroyed after tidal waves swallowed homes, buildings, and other structures. A magnitude-9.0 earthquake in the Indian Ocean triggered the tsunamis, causing widespread destruction from Thailand to Somalia.

Episcopal Relief and Development has reached out to affected dioceses and will provide emergency assistance following the disaster. "In South India, the worst-hit areas of Alappuzha and Kollam are in the Diocese of Madhya Kerala where thousands were rendered homeless and many were reported missing," said the Rt. Rev. Thomas Samuel, Bishop of the Diocese of Madhya Kerala in the Church of South India. "Many in these areas were caught and crushed and washed away before they even knew what was happening."

ERD's emergency response will aid children and families devastated by one of the worst natural disasters in recent times. ERD will continue monitoring the situation and assess the ongoing needs of people in areas affected by the tsunamis. "We will assist the most vulnerable victims of the catastrophe and provide immediate humanitarian needs such as food, potable water, and medicine," said Sandra Swan, ERD President.

"The disaster happened at a time when people were gathering to celebrate the holidays and connect with their families," said the Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty, Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon and a native of south India. "In this season of Incarnation, this tragedy affords us the opportunity to recognize the Christ in each of us," said Bishop Itty.

Please continue to pray for people who are suffering after the disaster. To support families devastated by the earthquake in South Asia, donate to the South Asia Relief Fund in the "Ways to Give" section at <http://www.er-d.org>. To make a credit card donation by phone, call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development, c/o South Asia Relief Fund, PO Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101.

Episcopal Relief and Development saves lives and builds hope in communities around the world. We provide emergency assistance in times of disaster. When the immediate crisis is over, we rebuild devastated communities and offer long-term solutions in the areas of food security, health care, and HIV/ AIDS.

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