



# All Saints' News

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## November, 2004

### **Take All Saints' wherever you go**

Thanks to the talent of Nancy Luke, All Saints' now has a website. The address is: <http://www.allsaintstybee.org/> Tap it up and see what you think! Nancy would be glad to hear any suggestions about what would make it better.

### **Advent I is just around the corner!**

Yes, Advent will be upon us even before Christmas, and time for us to consider making Advent wreaths. To make one, begin with a Styrofoam circle, available at craft shops, and cut four evenly spaced holes into which you will place the four candles. Traditionally there are three purple candles and one rose candle (for the third Sunday). Purple reminds us to turn our hearts toward God; rose is a color of joy. Place fresh evergreen branches over the styrofoam. Replace them when they dry out in order to preserve the symbolism of the vitality of God's love. Encourage children to participate as they are able, by gathering branches, placing the candles and so on.

### **Thank You for Hurricane Relief Contributions**

Thanks to the generosity of all of you, we have given \$18,610 so far to hurricane relief efforts in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina. And I know many of you are continuing your support of these efforts. Thank you so very much.

Jacqueline R. Belcher TSSF  
Communications Officer & Registrar  
The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

### **Do you shop at Kroger?**

If you shop at Kroger, you could be helping All Saints at the same time. Just ask Margaret Hall for a Kroger commitment card. Every time you shop, use the barcode on the card, which will total your purchase with those of other parishioners. After \$40,000 has been spent, Kroger will give \$500 to our church. We are more than halfway there.

### **Sam Takes the Lead Again!**

On Sunday, October 31, Sam Leverette delivered our annual stewardship talk, reminding us once again that we are more blessed when we participate. Please consider what you would like to contribute to All Saints in terms of your time and/or money. Remember, someone put the flowers in the church; someone made the coffee; someone handed out the bulletins; someone read; someone paid the light bill. Thanks to everyone who has given freely of your time and money. We are all blessed.

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The Reverend Clergy  
Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Although this is not a Pastoral Letter as described in the Canons, I would like to urge that "A word to the Church..." be widely published in Sunday bulletins, etc. I believe it very accurately describes where the Bishops of the Church are, especially Bishop Louttit and myself. Let us continue to keep the Church in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Keyser  
Assisting Bishop in Georgia

**A word to the Episcopal Church  
in from the House of Bishops  
Spokane, Washington  
28 September 2004**

We the bishops of the Episcopal Church, gathered in Spokane for our regular fall meeting, greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our time together has reminded us of the words spoken at our ordination that our "heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope," and our "joy is to follow him who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

We are deeply grieved by the on-going violence and division in the Middle East, continuing war in Iraq, the Sudan and other troubled places, and we are mindful of the devastating effects of hurricanes and other natural disasters. As well, we are sharply aware of tensions and pain in our church and in the Anglican Communion. During these days we have explored more fully our continuing call as your chief pastors to be ministers of

reconciliation, even as we seek and discover reconciliation within ourselves, within our church and across the Communion.

We rejoice in the depth of our conversations and, in spite of the differences among us, we discovered that although we are not of one mind in all things, we are profoundly of one heart in our commitment to proclaim Christ's reconciling love to this broken world. We are confident that our household of faith is large enough to embrace us all.

We have been encouraged by stories of health, vitality and strength within the Episcopal Church. We have also heard stories of anger, anguish and division within this church. All are responses of faithful people.

Our perspectives have been enlarged by the presence and witness of bishops from other provinces of the Anglican Communion. These bishops have

described some difficult consequences felt in their provinces as a result of our decisions. We are deeply saddened by the pain we have heard so movingly described.

The report of the Lambeth Commission will be released in mid-October. We are committed to a gracious reception of the report in a spirit of humility and to a willingness to learn how we might best be faithful and responsible partners in the Anglican Communion. It is our intention to gather as provincial Houses of Bishops during the autumn and then to meet as a House of Bishops early in the New Year to study and appropriate the work of the Commission.

We believe our relationships with others make real and apparent God's reconciling

love for all of creation. Our mutual responsibility, interdependence and communion are gifts from God. Therefore, we deeply value and are much enriched by our membership in the Anglican Communion. We also value Anglican comprehensiveness and its capacity to make room for difference.

As the future unfolds, differences will continue to challenge us. We believe that the gift of difference is the gift of Christ among us. In wrestling with difference we discover a blessing as Jacob discovered a blessing when he wrestled with God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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### **Ain't it Nice to be in Paradise**

Yes, paradise is in for the no-name book club that meets every third Saturday. Two months running, the books of November and December will have paradise in their titles.

November's selection is *Bobos in Paradise* by David Brooke, a wonderfully gentle satire on the new upper class, the bohemian bourgeoisies shortened to "bobos." Brooke's book plays well as a sequel to the heavier choice for October, Edith Wharton's *Custom of the Country*. Then again the selection for December is paradisaical as well, James Michener's version, that is: *Return to Paradise*. I could not resist asking if the club wouldn't want to follow up with *Paradise Lost*. However, Lee McHenry's retort cut that suggestion short: she figured that Milton's work is too high on the list of "must reads." So the vote was to stay with Virginia Wolff's *To the Lighthouse*, a previous selection that is now re-scheduled for January's meeting.

The book club held its October meeting at Betsy & Will Strong's. Attendance was slightly low, six in all, but the discussion was engaging and lively. The book club offers an excellent opportunity for those who commit to reading books-of-the-month to be able to sit down together and discuss works that the group has recently read. That opportunity is one regularly enjoyed in college classrooms; however, once out of college, it is rare that one finds someone else who has read the same book at the same time frame to readily discuss that writing.

Naturally, it would be good to include more readers into the book club to share more views on books being discussed. Not only does one benefit from sharing ideas, but also from enjoying good food and good company. November's meeting will be held at LuAnn Harris' at 10:00 am, Saturday, November 20. Please feel free to join us!

--- Will Strong

**Thank You from the Tybee Beautification Association**

Dear All Saints' Episcopal Mission members,  
Thank you so much for your contribution of \$500 to the Tybee Beautification Association's Memorial Park Cemetery project. Because of your generosity, we have already contracted for the wrought iron fence and are working with the City of Tybee to prepare the site for its installation and planned landscaping. It is our hope that the entire restoration and beautification of the cemetery will be completed by the end of the year. We invite you to visit the cemetery in the next several weeks and see how your contribution is being put to excellent use.

Sincerely,  
Bernie N. Goode, Project Chairman

**Bible Study in Full Swing**

Bible study has resumed on Wednesday nights. We start with Evening Prayer in Church at 7:00 PM, followed by Bible Study until 8:00. On the first Wednesday of each month, we'll start with the Holy Eucharist. Come join us!

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