

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
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Dear Friends,

The penitential season of Lent is ending. I do hope it has provided you with an opportunity for reflection. None of us can risk complacency about 'laying up treasure in heaven.'

I recently picked up my old and worn copy of C.S.Lewis' Screwtape Letters and a passage in it prompted me consider what we call 'sins of omission', the 'things we have left undone.' When considering our shortcomings, I think there is a natural tendency to pay more attention to 'the things we ought not to have done', and overlook 'the things we ought to have done.'

The passage opens with Screwtape suggesting to his nephew Wormwood, an apprentice devil, that he can ease up on offering pleasures as temptations to his 'patient' if he can instead simply establish in him the habit of doing nothing. 'Nothing' Screwtape says is very strong, "strong enough to steal away a man's best years not in sweet sins but in a dreary flickering of the mind over it knows not what and knows not why, in the gratification of curiosities so feeble that the man is only half aware of them, in drumming of fingers and kicking of heels, in whistling tunes that he does not like."

These 'nothings' may appear to be small, inconsequential sins but what matters is how by their cumulative effect they separate the 'patient' from God. Sins can be no more

than 'nothings', they don't have to be 'spectacular wickedness', and still cut us off from God. Screwtape concludes by telling Wormwood that, when it comes to temptations that he might throw at his patient, "murder (a spectacular sin) is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed, the safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

When our children were teenagers we would be happy to see them when they came home from school. But it seemed as if we would never learn. Our greeting was always, "Hey. What did you do at school today?" The response was always, "Huh! Nothing". And, with that, the conversation was over. Of course, they had done plenty but they did not want to admit that one would do anything consequential at school so the response was always "nothing".

How frightening to think that we might arrive at the gate of heaven where St. Peter asks, "So what did you do with your life?" and our response is, "Huh! Nothing."

I am the first to admit that I mindlessly troll through the internet, watch cable news for a glimpse of a nugget of information which is probably not true, day-dream or alternatively worry about things that that will never happen. Those things amount to a lot of 'nothing' but they take up time which could be spent on a good book or a conversation with someone who would appreciate my time or most importantly prayer. 'Nothing' is leading to too many sins of omission.

Our faith teaches us that our lives are a gift from God and he intends that we should use them to do something, not nothing.

I look forward to seeing you in Church as we come to the end of Lent and turn to the Passion and to Easter.

Every Blessing,

Paul+

BOOK CLUB LUNCH MEETING

We had another large group for our March meeting. Nancy McCollum was the discussion leader for *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl and we talked about his wartime experiences as well as some of his other books. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 12th in the Parish Hall at 11:50 a.m. and our book selection is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We invite you and your friends to join us for fun, fellowship, and a free lunch. Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month; please feel free to come even if you haven't read the book.

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ECW NEWS

The ECW meeting for the month of April will be held at the home of Carlton & Kathryn White, 801 S. Hansell St. It will be held on April 26 and will be hosted by Kathryn White, Pat Glenn and Janie Deal. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Emily Funk

PARISH SURVEY

Four and a half years ago, when Fr. Paul was our Interim Rector we were in the search for a new Rector, the Vestry engaged HolyCow! Consulting to help take the temperature of the congregation and plan for the future. The Vestry believes it is important to receive your input into the life of the Church on a regular basis. Father Paul has now been with us close to five years and it is helpful to him also to know what the congregation is thinking. The vestry has therefore engaged HolyCow! to help us again. The results of the survey will be made available to all of you.

We hope you will participate in an online congregational assessment. This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. The tool we'll use is the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), which will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at All Saints' and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

If you have provided us with a current email address, within the next few days, you will receive a unique web link to complete the assessment online. If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, please stop by the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

NOTE: If there is only one email address for all members of your household, it may be tempting to have one person take the survey on behalf of the family. However, please

be sure your spouse and all young adults living in your home have an opportunity to complete the survey. INDIVIDUAL INPUT is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences.

Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions. This will take about 20 minutes. All survey responses are strictly anonymous.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregational assessment and for helping to build All Saints' future.

If you have questions, please contact Nikki, Fr. Paul, or our Senior Warden, Margaret Wetherbee, (904 673 3722), mbwetherbee@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)

Body & Soul

Topic: Pope John Paul II

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6-7:00 p.m. Lent Course

CHOIR NEWS

ST. DAVID'S CHOIR

St. David's rehearsal dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26

St. David's Choir sings EASTER SUNDAY April 16, at 10:30 Service.

St. David's Choir sings Mother's Day - May 14.

ADULT CHOIR

Please remember to add EASTER VIGIL to your calendar in addition to Easter Sunday.

ATTENTION VESTRY

The Vestry will have its regular monthly meeting in the Parish Hall Library at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 23.

EYC NEWS

April 9 - We'll wrap up our Lenten conversations - how was our Lent? Did we keep up with our Lenten disciplines? What's Palm Sunday all about? We know about Easter, but what don't we know? (hosted by Phillip and Alston Watt)

April 23 - Movie Night! We'll hang out, enjoy each other's company, and eat lots of junk food. (Place TBD)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – April 9

10:30 a.m. Holy Comm &

Reading of the Passion

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday – April 13

Noon – The Commemoration of the
Institution of the Lord's Supper-Holy
Communion

6:00 p.m. Seder Supper followed by

The Stripping of the Altar and the

Procession to the Altar of Repose & Holy
Hour of Meditation

Good Friday – April 14

Noon – Joint Service with St. Thomas
AT ALL SAINTS'

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

AT ST. THOMAS

Holy Saturday – April 15

8:00 p.m. Holy Comm &

the Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 16

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

(No Evening Service)

USHERS FOR APRIL

April 9

Holy Communion & Reading of The Passion 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Usher: Raleigh Rollins

Usher: Mike Shea

Usher: Will Sheftall

April 13

Maundy Thursday

Noon

Holy Communion (Church) - No Usher Needed

Seder Supper (Parish Hall) 6:00 p.m.

Stripping of the Altar, Passion & HC Following

Seder Supper Followed by: Process to the Altar of
Repose and Holy Hour of Meditations

April 14

Good Friday

Noon

Ante-Communion, Passion & Reproaches

AT ALL SAINTS'

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

AT ST. THOMAS

April 15

8:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Holy Communion & Vigil

Usher: Ed Davis

Usher: Buck Mitchell

April 16

Holy Communion

10:30 a.m.

Easter Day

Usher: Paul Gurley

Usher: Carlton White

Usher: Charlie Whitney

April 23

Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter Usher :Robert Balfour

Usher: John Brinson

April 30

Holy Communion

10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Easter

Usher: Clayton Penhallegon

Usher: John Glenn

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 9

Holy Communion & Reading of The Passion 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

REHEARSAL AT 9:30 a.m.

Christopher Watt

Will Ladson

Simms Ladson

Elise McPherson

Ben Watts

Sam Watts

Curry Brinson

Parker McCollum

April 15

Holy Saturday-- Holy Communion & Vigil 8:00 p.m.

REHEARSAL AT 7:00 p.m.

Christopher Watt

Parker Watt

Will Ladson

Simms Ladson

Reid Myers

Ethan Myers

Curry Brinson

April 16

Holy Communion
Easter Day

10:30 a.m.
Sam Bruhn
Preston Young
Elise McPherson
Harrison Jackson
Bridger Middleton
Sam Watts
Ben Watts

April 23

Morning Prayer
The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.
Raleigh Rollins
Olivia Enright
Curry Brinson
Sam Watts
Elise McPherson

April 30

Holy Communion
The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.
Christopher Watt
Elise McPherson
Bridger Middleton
Harrison Jackson
Parker McCollum

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 9

Eliza
Caroline

April 16

Berkeley
Hendley

April 23

Olivia
Lilly

April 30

Caroline
Eliza

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in April to:

William Thomas Bragg	4-1-98
Caroline Sewell	4-2-96
Olivia Anne Enright	4-4-02
Caroline Rossiter Cobb	4-8-10
Rosslyn Ellis Johnson	4-9-14
Elizabeth Anne Rollins	4-14-03
Peyton Middleton	4-25-01
Annalee K. Jackson	4-28-96
John Treadwell (Jack) Josey, Jr.	4-29-07

Happy Birthday in May to:

Ford Faulk	5-2-98
Samuel Harrison Watts	5-8-04
Taylor Hill Middleton	5-10-04
Natalie Paige Moreton	5-11-99
Eliza Fontaine Miller	5-15-03
Ella Simmons	5-18-01
Ella Claire Thomas	5-19-08
Christopher C. Watt	5-27-99
Samuel Bruhn	5-28-01

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

William Davis Smith
received the sacrament of
Holy Baptism on March 1, 2017.