

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
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Dear Friends,

On Wednesday March 21 at 6:00-7:15 all of you are invited to what I am styling "a conversation" with Father Will Brown and his fiancé, Katie. This will take place in the Parish Hall.

I am considering Will+ as a potential Associate Rector. I say "I am considering" because the call to an Associate is made by the Rector and an Associate serves and reports to the Rector. Of course, the Vestry have been part of this and I want them to remain very much part of the process. I also want to know what you think of Will+ and that is the goal of this conversation, that you will have a chance to meet him, listen to him introduce himself, ask him questions and then give me your feedback.

Will+ is a Georgia native and was ordained in the Diocese of Georgia. He has been a priest for 12 years and currently serves in the Diocese of Dallas. He graduated from Sewanee as a philosophy major and went to seminary at Berkeley Divinity School which is at Yale. He was awarded a Master of Sacred Theology degree by Yale University.

I want to address some questions which I know this will raise. Why, all of a sudden, are we talking about an Associate Rector? Is All Saints' big enough to warrant two ordained staff members? What will an Associate Rector do? How long will an Associate stay? Does this mean Father Paul is getting ready to leave us?

Let me address those last two questions first.

I am not getting ready to leave. I remain excited and engaged and, blessedly, am healthy. In fact, there are aspects of my ministry which have developed over the last year which have been particularly gratifying. Especially, I see the emergence of lay spiritual leadership in the congregation which I want to support and encourage. I think the strongest churches are those in which both spiritual and temporal leadership are shared between the clergy and the laity. My plan, which I have shared with the vestry, is, God willing, to remain Rector until January 2023 when I will be 72 and by the Church canons must retire.

How long will an Associate stay? No-one can answer that question. This is not a 'term limited' appointment. How long an Associate might stay depends on 'fit' for them and

their family and for us, and whether other opportunities arise. Those are matters that are best left to the Holy Spirit.

So, why all of a sudden are we talking about an Associate Rector? The question of how the parish is best staffed is one that the vestry regularly considers. At our most recent planning session it was a topic that we explored at length, talking both about lay and clergy staff. Will's name came up through connections to our All Saints' family and it turned out that he was planning to be in Moultrie visiting a cousin. This seemed so serendipitous that I felt we should meet him while he was in the area. So, I called him to feel out his possible interest in All Saints'. He agreed to extend his stay in Moultrie so that we could talk face to face. He met with me and Cynthia and I took him out to dinner with our Senior Warden, Julie Carico, and her husband John. Philip and Alston Watt put him up at Osceola and spent time with him. All who met him thought that he would be just the kind of priest who would do well at All Saints' and in Thomasville. We shared that with the vestry last Wednesday and I was asked to see if he would come back with his fiancé to meet the entire vestry and the parish.

Is All Saints' big enough to warrant two full-time priests? Will+ and I have talked about that and I believe that we can complement each other's ministry in such a way that we do not trip over each other. If we do that successfully the Church will benefit from having both of us. In particular, he is much younger than me and will be the peer of the young parents in our congregation, so we have already talked about a focus for him being ministry to our young families.

Obviously, there is the question of how to afford an extra salary. I feel strongly that the vestry will need to tackle that issue in such a way that it does not add to uncertainty over whether we will be able to make our budget. It will require new sources of income beyond what we currently receive through gifts and pledges. I have told Will+ this because I do not want to be leading him on. He and his fiancé have their wedding planned for early May and they will want to know where their home will be. They are willing to come and visit with us knowing that it may not be financially possible.

What I am asking you to do is to pray about this and then come and meet Will+ and Katie on March 21st. It is a very important issue and potentially a wonderful opportunity for our Church. We just need to discern God's will.

Every Blessing,
Paul+

ST. DAVID'S CHOIR NEWS

The St. David's choir sings March 4, April 15 and May 13.

ECW BOOK CLUB

The book for our February meeting was *The Book of Marie* by Terry Kay, led by Nancy McCollum, the discussion was animated and many of those who had not read it said they were motivated to go back and do so! This month's book club will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 11:50 a.m. Bring your lunch—we'll provide the drinks and dessert. The book is *Beauty: The Invisible Embrace* by John O'Donohue, the discussion will be led by Fr. Paul Hancock.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

First, we wish to thank Julie Carico, Jinanne Parrish, Clarise Waddill, Kim Bragg, and Patti Poppell for their help with our services on Ash Wednesday. Also, we continue to be grateful to Stacie Humphrey for her ongoing help with the fair linen. The fair linen is the long white cloth that covers the altar, and, according to some older guidance texts, is symbolic of the winding sheet that was used in the burial of Christ's body. Meanwhile, we have three more Sundays in Lent and will stay with our purple colors, before changing to red on Palm Sunday and white on Easter Eve.

ECW NEWS

Members enjoyed a delicious lunch in a lovely setting at the February meeting, which was held at the home of Michelle Arwood with April Hatchett serving as co-hostess. March's meeting will be at the home of Patti Cooper at 500 N. Dawson on Thursday, March 22, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Lee Mitchell and Lee Chubb are co-hostesses and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Pat Glenn

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)
Body & Soul
Topic: Isaac Watts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

6-7:15 p.m. A Conversation with Fr. Will Brown
and Fiancé' Katie

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

6:00 p.m. Seder Supper followed by
The Stripping of the Altar

ATTENTION VESTRY

The Vestry will have its regular monthly meeting in the Parish Hall Library at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 18.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAZAAR --- April 14

All Saints' Episcopal Church will have a Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00-12:00. It will include clothes, toys, kitchen and household goods, furniture, linens, rugs, paintings, etc.. As you spring clean, please drop off donated items to the Parish Hall by April 6. This is another way our church provides funding for many community outreach projects. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to help make this event a success. Volunteer days for clean up and organizing items in Linda Gail's will be every Tuesday and Wednesday starting March 6th from 9-11. We will need many hands on deck the week of the sale and on the day of the bazaar. Please email to let us know when you can help (lbrackenallsaintschurch@gmail.com) or sign up to volunteer through the sign up genius email sent to all parishioners on February 28.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 25

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion &
Reading of the Passion
5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday – March 29

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

Good Friday – March 30

Noon – Joint Service at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
At All Saints'

Holy Saturday – March 31

8:00 p.m. Holy Communion &
the Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 1

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
(No Evening Service)

USHERS FOR MARCH

March 4 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
The Third Sunday in Lent Usher: Ben McCollum
Usher: Paul McCollum

March 11 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent Usher : David Middleton
Usher: Vann Middleton

March 18 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday in Lent Usher: Buck Mitchell
Usher: Charles Olson

March 25 Holy Communion & Reading of The Passion 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday Usher: Al Park
Usher: Clayton Penhallegon
Usher: Raleigh Rollins

March 29
Maundy Thursday Noon Holy Communion (Church) - No
Usher Needed

6:00 p.m. Stripping of the Altar, Passion &
HC Following Seder Supper

March 30
Good Friday Noon Ante-Communion, Passion &
Reproaches **AT ST. THOMAS**

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross **AT ALL
SAINTS'**

March 31 8:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday Usher: Mike Shea
Holy Communion & Vigil Usher: Will Sheftall

April 1 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Easter Day Usher: James Tyson
Usher: Ben Waddill
Usher: Carlton White

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in March to:

Raleigh Rollins	3-2-01
Benjamin A Watts	3-6-07
Harrison Wright	3-11-99
Campbell Avery Smith, Jr.	3-11-09
Caroline Treadway Miller	3-21-05
John Moreton (Jack)	3-28-01

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

For the Parish Register

Requiescat in Pace:

Virginia Rose Miller
departed this life on February 27, 2018.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

*The service for Gini Miller is scheduled for
Monday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.*