

Pro Omnibus Sanctis

The 176th Diocesan Council

On **Friday, February 7**, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Annual Council begins in Fort Worth. Our Diocese represents over 70,000 Episcopalians from hundreds of parishes all over Texas, making it the largest Diocese in The Episcopal Church.

This year, we are pleased to send the following elected delegates to represent All Saints: **John Burk, Barbara Evans-Chowning, Cynthia Hill, and Andrew Johnsen**. They will be joined by **Mthr. Hill**.

Much like our own Annual Parish Meeting, the Diocesan Council is the annual business meeting of the Diocese held every February. Elected delegates from all congregations, college ministries, and canonically resident clergy gather together to discuss various topics and changes needed for the Diocese. The Bishop diocesan (aka the bishop in charge of a Diocese) serves as ex-officio president of the council.

Last year, two All Saints' parishioners were elected to important Diocesan positions: **Barbara Evans-Chowning** was elected to the Standing Committee, a committee which provides advice to the bishop, gives consent for persons to become candidates to Holy Orders, for ordinations, and for the elections of bishops in other dioceses.

Andrew Johnsen was elected to the Executive Board of the Diocese, which includes the bishop suffragan and assistant bishops, the president of the Protestant Episcopal Church Council of the Diocese, the treasurer, and other elected clergy and lay members. Both Barbara and Andrew took great pride in representing All Saints' and the Episcopal faith.

We look forward to hearing about this year's Diocesan Council and are proud of our representatives! For more information on the Diocesan Council, please visit their [website](#).



Our delegates and Mthr. Hill at the 2024 Diocesan Council.



The impressively packed room of representatives for all Texas Episcopalians!

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78th Annual Parish Meeting: Updated Bylaws, New Faces for Vestry and Diocesan Council

By John Kent

The All Saints' Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 26**, brought in scores of parishioners who approved small but important tweaks to parish bylaws, and ushered in a fresh set of Vestry members and Diocesan Council delegates.

In her address to those in attendance, All Saints' Priest-in-Charge Mthr. Maddie Hill characterized 2024 as a year of remarkable growth. "We welcomed 84 new members -- a good number of whom are here today -- grew our Sunday attendance both in-person and online, and celebrated three times as many baptisms as funerals," she said.

Before receiving year-end reports from church committees, commissions and Vestry leadership, parishioners okayed adjustments that better align All Saints' bylaws with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, which the parish joined in 2024. Those changes include a return to a previous policy that disallows Vestry members from serving consecutive three-year terms. A one-year break between those terms is now mandatory -- a regulation observed by most other parishes.

"In these new bylaws, we will accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas," Mthr. Hill said. "This formalizes our membership in our new diocese, which is our connection to the National Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion." The revisions are the work of a committee led by parishioners **Greg and Mollee Westfall**.

Voters at the meeting elected delegates to the Diocesan Council: **John Burk, Barbara Evans-Chowning, Cynthia Hill** and **Andrew Johnsen**. The alternate delegates are **Christy Brammer, Melanie Brown, Laura Fleming** and **Bill Greenhill**.

Also elected were three new Vestry members -- **Tasa Anderson, Bill Arnold** and **Claire Jones** -- and two incumbents, **Amy Robinson** and **Sallie Trotter**. The Vestry is entering an unprecedented period in which All Saints' will choose both a new rector and build or buy a new church home.

Mthr. Hill also honored **Dick Varnell** for his many years of service to All Saints' as treasurer. She presented him with a memorial plaque affixed to a symbol of his service, a model ship named *The Varnell*, emphasizing his skill in steering us in the right direction as a church. We are thankful to Dick for his dedication and service. **Adam Hurley** picks up where Dick leaves off and assumes the role of treasurer.

Be on the lookout for the next issue of the Pro O, which will have a feature article about Dick Varnell and his accomplishments here at All Saints!



Mthr. Hill presenting Dick Varnell with his commemoration, immortalized in the ship, The Varnell, seen to the right.

Upcoming at All Saints'



Spring Adult Forum: Unveiling the Mystery

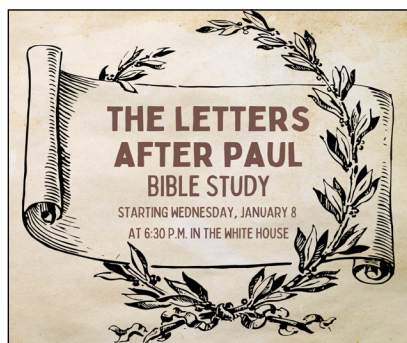
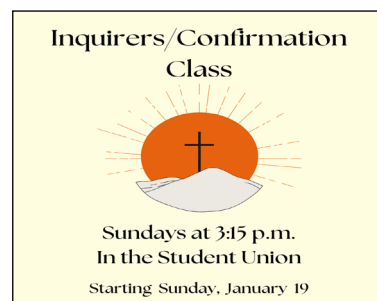
The Church is bound together by a great, mysterious, and invisible reality. That mystery defines our common life, inspires our liturgy, and transforms our very human nature. It is the life of the Church and the crux of our identity as Anglicans. What is this mystery? When do we encounter it? How does it shape our life at All Saints'? Join us on Sunday mornings to find out.

This Adult Forum begins at **10:10 a.m.** in the Student Union Conference Room, beginning **Sunday, February 2**. For questions about this Adult Forum, please contact Mthr. Hill at mthhill@asecfw.org.

Inquirers/Confirmation Class

Join Mthr. Hill for an Inquirers/Confirmation Class. This question-based class is geared toward those new to All Saints' or the Episcopal Church, adults preparing for Confirmation, or for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith.

Inquirers/Confirmation Class will meet on **Sundays at 3:15 p.m.** in the Student Union Conference Room continuing **this Sunday, February 2**. For questions about this class, please contact Mthr. Hill at mthhill@asecfw.org.



Bible Study: The Letters After Paul

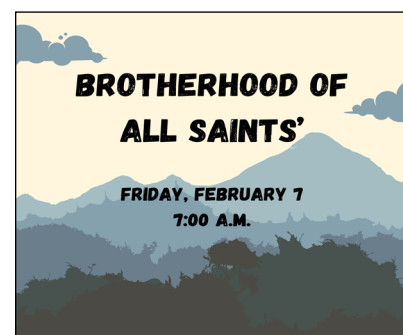
Between the letters of Paul and the Revelation to John, we find a small collection of letters written under the names of James, Peter, John, and Jude. Continuing **Wednesday, February 5**, we will explore how their collective wisdom and witness helped spread the Gospel to different cultures and communities.

Sessions will be **Wednesday evenings** in the White House at **6:30 p.m.**, with supper at 6:00 p.m. For questions about this class, please contact Fr. Bartkus at frbartkus@asecfw.org or Mthr. van Liew at mthrvanliew@asecfw.org.

Brotherhood of All Saints'

Men of All Saints', begin your day with friends in prayer and study. Brotherhood of All Saints' continues **Friday, February 7, at 7:00 a.m.** at the White House, 4939 Dexter Ave. This Bible Study features meditation, reflection, and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided.

Questions? Email **Eliud Njubi** at eliud1500@gmail.com or Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org.



ECW Community Crossroads Information Session

Please join the ECW for an Educational Presentation by Community Crossroads Outreach Center on **Thursday, February 13, at 6:00 p.m.** at the White House. The ECW plans to partner with Community Crossroads for a day-long service project later this year during Lent. Anyone interested in learning more about this upcoming service project-- including men of the parish!-- are welcome to join.

For questions, please contact **Nancy Searway** at nancysearway@att.net. For more information on the Community Crossroads, please visit their [website](#).



ECW Cookie Decorating

Back by popular demand! Join the Episcopal Church Women on **Saturday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m.** at the White House to learn how to professionally decorate cookies for Valentine's Day! Decorating will be taught by Professional Cookie Bakers and Decorators Extraordinaire, **Mary Shannon**, and her daughter, **Katy Wampach**.

This class costs \$25 and includes the instructions, supply of six cookies, and royal icing. Children 8 years and older (with an adult) are welcome. Payment can be made in advance or at the door, but if you are interested in joining, please be sure to reserve a spot- space is limited to just 20 people (not including children). We hope to see you there!

To make a reservation, or for questions, please contact **Nancy Searway** at nancysearway@att.net.

Expanding Our Feeding Ministry

By Harrison Hobgood, *Outreach Coordinator*

In 2025, All Saints' prepares to extend our reach and feed even more hungry folks in our city. We will partner with Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County to deliver hot meals to our neighbors in Fort Worth.

Meals on Wheels' mission is "to enable people to live with dignity and independence by offering community support through nutritious meals and coordinated services that improve well-being." Having started in the early 1970s, Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County has grown from serving 25 meals their first day to approximately 1.3 million meals each year.

Food insecurity is on the rise. The delivery of a hot meal and a "How's it going?" goes a long way, particularly for senior citizens living alone. Meals on Wheels' clients' median age is 75.

All Saints' will commit to delivering meals one day each week. We are looking for parishioners to sign up to help us deliver food. Whether you are available once a month, once a quarter, or even once a year, please consider this ministry in the upcoming new year as a way to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

Please contact Harrison Hobgood for sign up details or with any questions you may have. His email is harrison@asecfw.org. You may also visit <https://mealsonwheels.org> for more information about Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County.



Feeding Ministry Donations

The All Saints' Feeding Ministry is in need of donations to support our regular food packing sessions for hungry children in Fort Worth.

Items needed for our weekend food bags include: shelf-stable 1% white or chocolate milk, juice boxes, fruit snacks, fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, mac and cheese cups, and crackers.

Please drop off your donations in the baskets at the back of the All Saints' School Chapel. For questions, please contact Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org.





All Saints' Feeding Ministry

Upcoming Food Packing Dates



Many children in food-insecure families receive free breakfast and lunch during the week at school, but it can be a struggle for families to have enough to eat over the weekends. The All Saints' Feeding Ministry provides shelf-stable food to help bridge the gap!

This Ministry serves hungry children around Fort Worth, including Como Community Center, Jo Kelly School, Glen Park Elementary, Bonnie Brae Elementary, Mary Louise Phillips Elementary, and Boulevard Heights School.

Check out our upcoming food packing sessions for 2025!:

- Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Food Packing takes place at our Feeding Ministry Hub at 7616 Benbrook Pkwy.

For more information, contact Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org.

Thank You Notes from Bonnie Brae Elementary for Adopt-a-Family

Please enjoy some of the heartwarming thank-you notes from students at Bonnie Brae who received Adopt-a-Family gifts this year.





Join the Altar Guild!

The Altar Guild is responsible for behind-the-scenes preparation for each service on Sunday and during the week. There are a variety of services supported by the Guild including weddings, funerals, and Holy Days such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

The Altar Guild is comprised of four teams, each of which serves for one week per month and one additional week during the year for months that have a fifth Saturday.

For more information on the Altar Guild, please contact **Dabney Shires**, Altar Guild Directress, at dabneyshires813@gmail.com or at 817-713-8892.

Thank you...

to **Julien Cirrincione, Gwen Holder, and Sharon Maben** for organizing and assembling the Sunday morning bulletins every week;

to parishioners **Helen Ferguson** and **Sue Shields** for singing in the All Saints' Choir;

to **Caren Rector** and the Flower Guild: **Joyce Bender, Melanie Brown, Laura Fleming, Kimberly Jerige, Erin Miller, Jenny Miller, Gretchen Smith, Josie Mankin, Betty Mabray, Cameron Colyer, Martica Foy, Mary Elyn Worsham, Anne Marie Levi, and Mary Perry;**



Food Packing on Sunday, January 26

to **Dabney Shires** and our Altar Guild: **Becky Cain, Juleigh Davenport, Helen Ferguson, Suzy Griffin, David Griffin, Eddie Hale, Jan Hale, Gwen Holder, Ann Jambor, Sue O'Brien-Malen, Patty Salazar, Patricia Ward, Suzanne Wood, and Robert Wood;**

to our dedicated Lay Eucharistic Visitors, **Stephanie Burk, Jane Ferguson, Nancy Searway, Shelly Seymour, Whit Smith, and Gilman Tracy**, for faithfully delivering Holy Communion each month to parishioners who are unable to attend church;

to **Liz Holland, David Griffin, Suzy Griffin, Karen Cannon, Laura Jones, Larry Story, Diana Isbell, Allen Kent, John Kent, Makenna Hobgood, Ian Hobgood, Katie Hobgood, Ed Luke, James Shadle, and Nancy Searway** for packing food for hungry children in Fort Worth;

to **Ivy Shaskan** and **Jill Kolstad** for cooking delicious meals for the weekly Bible Study;

to **Collin Mankin** for chaperoning Jr. & Sr. EYC;

to **Mike Plunk, Nancy Plunk, and Travis Plunk** for delivering food to the Como Community Center;

to **Joyce Bender, Garry Bender, and Allen Kent** for delivering food bins to Boulevard Heights School, Jo Kelly School, Bonnie Brae Elementary and Mary Louise Phillips Elementary;

and to **Jeff Nichols, Jim Cross, Judy Cross, Larry Story, Nancy Searway, Susan Howell, and Ellen Feik** for hosting the Solemn Evensong Receptions.

PARISH CALENDAR

<p><u>Sun., Feb. 2</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Food Packing 2:00 p.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Feb. 3</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Feb. 4</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Feb. 5</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Feb. 6</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Feb. 7</u></p> <p>Brotherhood of All Saints 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Feb. 8</u></p> <p>ECW Cookie Decorating 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p><u>Sun., Feb. 9</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Feb. 10</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Feb. 11</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Feb. 12</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Feb. 13</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Community Crossroads Information Session 6:00 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Feb. 14</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Feb. 15</u></p>
<p><u>Sun., Feb. 16</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Food Packing 2:00 p.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Feb. 17</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Sacred Mamas 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Feb. 18</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. St. Anne's Guild 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Feb. 19</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Feb. 20</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Grief Support 5:15 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Feb. 21</u></p> <p>Brotherhood of All Saints 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. EYA Happy Hour 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Feb. 22</u></p> <p>Safeguard Training 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><u>Sun., Feb. 23</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Newcomer Lunch 12:30 p.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Feb. 24</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Feb. 25</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Feb. 26</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Feb. 27</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Feb. 28</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Mar. 1</u></p> <p>Safeguard Training 10:00 a.m.</p>



Bible Study: The Letters After Paul - Read more on Page 3.

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