

Pro Omnibus Sanctis

What is Advent?

The word "Advent" literally means "arrival." During this season, we prepare for the many arrivals of Christ – as an infant born in a stable, as the Son of Man who will return to judge the living and the dead at the end of days, and as the one whom we will meet when we pass over to the other side of the grave. You will hear about each of these three "arrivals" in our prayers, scripture readings, and hymnody during Advent.

At All Saints', the color for Advent is Sarum blue. Blue is the color of the Virgin Mary, whom we remember and celebrate especially during this time as she bears our Lord. Another name for the Virgin Mary is the *theotokos*, the God-bearer. At All Saints', we have a special devotion of and fondness for the Virgin. Every time our prayer book gives us the option to include Mary in our devotions, we do! Sarum blue has another special meaning for us. Sarum is the Latin word for "Salisbury," the English cathedral at which the tradition of wearing blue in Advent began. When you look up at the altar, the acolytes, and the sacred ministers all clothed in blue, remember both the Blessed Virgin and our English spiritual heritage.

In Advent, we renew the ancient practice of lighting candles arranged around a wreath. An Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreens with four blue candles around its edge, and a white candle – the Christ Candle – in the center. The four blue candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A single blue candle is lit every day during the first week of Advent and an additional one each week thereafter. As the season progresses, the additional candles and the light they give signify the approach of the One who said, "I am the Light" – Jesus Christ. Finally, on Christmas Eve, the Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath is lit to show that the Light of Christ has come into the world. On Christmas Eve, the blue candles are replaced with white, in festive celebration of the mystery of the incarnation.

The two evergreen trees in the chapel are not Christmas Trees. They are Jesse Trees, decorated with ornaments which represent the Family Tree of Jesus and God's acts of salvation through the ages. Jesse is the father of King David from whom both Jesus' mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, descend. In Isaiah 11:1-3, we read, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Christ is the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the fulfillment of King David's great lineage.

Through God's salvific acts in history, we are grafted into this family tree as well. As the weeks of Advent pass, more ornaments are added to the Jesse Trees.

May you and yours be blessed this Advent.

*Want to help begin the Advent season? Please join us for the **Greening of the Church**, a long-time tradition at All Saints' of hanging garland and decorating the chapel for the upcoming season of Advent. It is a fun and festive way to begin the holidays.*

*This year's Greening will take place on **Monday, November 25, at 2:00 p.m.** at the All Saints' School Chapel. All helping hands are welcome! For more information, please contact **Erin Miller** at 817-793-3383.*



Sarum blue vestments, and ornaments on the Jesse Tree.

Parish Volunteers Pack a Bountiful Thanksgiving for Those in Need

By John Kent

The well-oiled machine that is the All Saints' food-packing operation kicked into high gear last Sunday, as a super-sized legion of volunteers assembled not only the usual snack bags for underprivileged FWISD school kids, but also sacks full of Thanksgiving staples for many of their families who struggle to make ends meet.

At the All Saints' Feeding Ministry warehouse on Benbrook Parkway, 37 volunteers ranging from little tikes to retirees staffed four separate packing lines in a hive of high-intensity activity that was expertly choreographed by Outreach Coordinator Harrison Hobgood. Later in the day, EYC members extended the effort with their own packing session.

In all, the Thanksgiving for the Hungry helpers filled 1,650 sacks, 100 of which were jammed with Turkey Day essentials like boxed mashed potatoes and stuffing; canned carrots, corn and green beans; pasta, dinner rolls, cake mix and frosting. Those brimming bags will help ensure that 50 deserving families (receiving two bags each) are able to enjoy a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving Day meal with their loved ones.

"The generosity of time and effort shown was truly humbling, and the work of less than one hour will make such an impact on these families' Thanksgiving," Harrison said. "Thank you to all who made it happen!"

When the dust had cleared and bags were packed and loaded, the swarm of volunteers closed out the day by singing happy birthday to Harrison and scarfing down some seriously decadent cupcake-sized bundt cakes supplied by his wife, Katie.

To learn more about our Feeding Ministry outreach and how to get involved, please contact Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org. Or, attend our next Food Packing session on Sunday, December 22, at our Feeding Ministry Hub located at 7616 Benbrook Parkway.



Rector Search Update - November 22

By Stephanie Burk and Amy Robinson

In September, the Parish Profile Committee was formed to create a narrative and video that would reflect All Saints' from our beginning to the present. This document is required by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas to help rector candidates decide if they might be a good fit for our parish, and would like their names to be considered in our search. The vestry unanimously approved their work at the October vestry meeting, and the Parish Profile is now posted [on the All Saints' website](#) for all to view. Additionally, you can find the Parish Profile Narrative [here](#).

Many thanks to our Parish Profile Committee for their hard work: **Sallie Trotter**, Chairman; **Greg Beck**; **John Kent**; **Marc Schneidewent** and **Shelly Seymour**. Be sure to check out upcoming editions of the Pro-O for more updates on the Rector Search.

Adopt-a-Family

The Adopt-a-Family program at All Saints' gives all of us a chance to show God's love to a child in need each year. A ministry that began more than 30 years ago, Adopt-a-Family provides necessities and gifts to families who otherwise would not have anything for Christmas. All Saints' partners with local schools to obtain a list of families and children in need. Parishioners then "adopt" a family and shop, wrap and deliver gifts to them. All Saints' provides a stipend per child so everyone in the parish is able to participate. Parishioner **Wende Dwyer-Johnsen** has skillfully directed this program for many years and, through her efforts and the generosity of All Saints' parishioners, thousands of children and their families have enjoyed a Christmas morning filled with gifts and joy.

There are many ways for you and your family to get involved in this cherished outreach:

- You can sign up to buy Christmas presents and necessities for a child. There are stipends available to cover the cost.
- You can make a donation to enable others to shop for a child.
- You can attend our annual gift-wrapping party, hosted by the Episcopal Church Women, on **Tuesday, December 10, at 5:00 p.m.** in the White House at 4939 Dexter Avenue. Immerse yourself in the Christmas spirit with music, festive refreshments, and fellowship as we all gather to wrap our presents.

Please note that all gifts should be wrapped and ready for delivery before school lets out for the Christmas holiday.

Ready to get involved? Contact Wende Dwyer-Johnsen at 817-995-6425.



Wrapping Party, 2023

Grief Support Group: Finding Inner Cheer When Loss Steals the "Happy" from Holidays

Is loss or grief taking the "Merry" out of Christmas for you or someone you know?

This December, the regular Grief Support Group is opening its hearts to include friends and family who are struggling with the "not-so-happy holidays." Join us just after Evening Prayer on **Thursday, December 19, at 5:15 p.m.** in the Gray House Staff Chapel for an evening of self-care and hope. Share what has worked for you, what you hope to find, or just be still in the midst of God's love.

Questions? Thinking of coming? An RSVP is appreciated as there will be giveaways. Contact Mother van Liew at mthrvanliew@asecfw.org to RSVP or to learn more.

The group is led by Mthr. van Liew, **Janie Rector**, and **Larry Story**. All are welcome.

Advent at All Saints'

Check out these upcoming events during Advent here at All Saints!

- **The Gathering - December 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for the Gathering, hosted at the home of Wende and Andrew Johnsen at 6128 Curzon Avenue. Together we will celebrate the Advent season with food, fun, and fellowship. For more information or to RSVP, email **Sallie Trotter** at sallietrott@yahoo.com. The Gathering is open to all.

- **Mission Market - December 8 at 8:30 a.m.**

The annual All Saints' Mission Market will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union on Sunday, December 8. Stop by and peruse curios, homemade baked goods, and a variety of Christmas gifts. All proceeds will support All Saints' Outreach and Mission. Every dollar you give or spend that day will feed hungry children in Fort Worth, support Holy Cross Anglican School in Belize, and provide for the girls of Amazing Grace in Awasi, Kenya.



- **Advent Lessons & Carols - December 8 at 5:00 p.m.**

Join us on December 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the All Saints' School Chapel for a Festival of Lessons and Carols, featuring The All Saints' Evensong Choir and our very own organist and choirmaster: Clive Driskill-Smith. Gather with us as we celebrate Advent with this beloved Anglican tradition.

- **Christmas Concert - December 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

Fill your heart with the spirit of the season at our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the All Saints' School Chapel. This special event features the All Saints' Choir, the All Saints' Chamber Orchestra, and organist and choirmaster, Clive Driskill-Smith. The event will be followed by a reception in the Student Union.

- **St. Anne's Guild Bake Sale - December 22 at 8:00 a.m.**

Join us on December 22 at 8:00 a.m. in the All Saints' Student Union for the annual St. Anne's Guild Bake Sale. Select from an assortment of delicious homemade baked goods, breakfast casseroles, and so much more! All proceeds benefit All Saints' Episcopal Church Christian Education. If you would like to donate a baked good, please contact **Liz Lattimore** at bizzylizzy@sbcglobal.net for more information. Anyone is welcome to donate a baked good; no membership to St. Anne's Guild is required.

- **Christmas Eve Services - At 4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for Christmas Eve in the All Saints' School Chapel. Our 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy is perfect for families with young children. Our 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service is a Solemn Choral Eucharist, featuring the All Saints' Woodwind Quintet.



Thank you...

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

to parishioners **Helen Ferguson, Liz Holland, 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, and Anne Marie Levi;**



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



Bishop Visit on January 12, 2025

Save the date! We will be visited by the Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, Bishop Suffragan, on **Sunday, January 12**, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. We will celebrate the Baptism of Jesus with a combined **10:00 a.m. service** with Holy Baptism and Confirmations. Afterward, we will have a reception in the Student Union to welcome Bishop Ryan.

Are you, your child, or grandchild ready to be Baptized? Or are you ready to be confirmed and make an adult proclamation of faith? The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord is a wonderful day to do so. If you are interested in Baptism or Confirmation, please email Mthr. Hill at mthhill@asecfw.org.

Christmas Flower & Music Donations

All of us at All Saints' look forward to the approaching Christmas Season. We appreciate the opportunity to perform our ministries and hope you will continue your support by sending your donations for the Flower Guild, and/or donating for the All Saints' Woodwind Quintet. Both the Flower Guild and our Christmas Music is funded entirely by contributions.

Please attach your check to the form below and mail or bring it to the church office at 4936 Dexter Avenue **no later than Monday, December 16**. Names received by this date will be included in the Christmas Service Leaflet. Please send a minimum of \$20 per name. You may also send in names using [this Google Form](#).

Please make checks payable to ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH and include "Christmas flowers/music" in the MEMO line. Or, you can visit our [Give Page](#) and select "Christmas Flowers and/or Music."

For questions, please contact Kyle Mankin by email at kyle@asecfw.org or by telephone at 817-732-1424.

Thank you for your generosity, and blessings to you and yours.

ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS MUSIC



All Saints' Episcopal Church
4936 Dexter Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76107

All of us at All Saints' look forward to the approaching Christmas Season. We appreciate the opportunity to perform our ministries and hope you will continue your support by sending your donations for our All Saints' Woodwind Quintet. Christmas Music is funded entirely by contributions. Please attach your check to the form below and return to the church office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.**

Names received by this date will be included in the Christmas service leaflets. We ask for a minimum of \$20 per name.

*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND
GIVE FULL CHRISTIAN NAME FOR MEMORIALS.*

In Loving Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

As a Thank Offering by _____

Donation in the amount of \$ _____ Payable to *All Saints' Episcopal Church – MUSIC*

[] Check enclosed for \$ _____ Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

ALL SAINTS' FLOWER GUILD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

All Saints' Episcopal Church
4936 Dexter Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76107



As we approach the Christmas Season we invite you to help us prepare by donating to the Flower Guild. The Flower Guild is funded entirely by contributions.

We appreciate the opportunity to perform our ministry and hope you will continue your support. Please attach your check to the form below and mail or bring it to the church office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.**

Names received by this date will be included in the Christmas Service Leaflet. Please send a minimum of \$20 per name.

Please print clearly and give us full names as you would like them to appear.

In Loving Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

As a Thank Offering by _____

Donation in the amount of \$ _____ Payable to *All Saints' Episcopal Church – FLOWERS*

[] Check enclosed for \$ _____ Name _____
Address _____
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PARISH CALENDAR

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| <u>Sun., Nov. 24</u> Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m. | <u>Mon., Nov. 25</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church 2:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Tues., Nov. 26</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Weds., Nov. 27</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evensong 4:45 p.m. | <u>Thurs., Nov. 28</u> Church Offices Closed (Thanksgiving) | <u>Fri., Nov. 29</u> Church Offices Closed (Holiday) | <u>Sat., Nov. 30</u> |
| <u>Sun., Dec. 1</u> Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m. | <u>Mon., Dec. 2</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Tues., Dec. 3</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Weds., Dec. 4</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evensong 4:45 p.m. | <u>Thurs., Dec. 5</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | <u>Fri., Dec. 6</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Sat., Dec. 7</u> The Gathering 6:30 p.m. |
| <u>Sun., Dec. 8</u> Mission Market 8:30 a.m. Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m. | <u>Mon., Dec. 9</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Tues., Dec. 10</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Adopt-a-Family Wrapping Party 5:30 p.m. | <u>Weds., Dec. 11</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evensong 4:45 p.m. Christian Education Commission 5:30 p.m. | <u>Thurs., Dec. 12</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. ECW Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | <u>Fri., Dec. 13</u> Brotherhood of All Saints 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Sat., Dec. 14</u> |
| <u>Sun., Dec. 15</u> Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Christmas Concert 5:00 p.m. | <u>Mon., Dec. 16</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Tues., Dec. 17</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. St. Anne's Guild 11:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Weds., Dec. 18</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evensong 4:45 p.m. | <u>Thurs., Dec. 19</u> 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. | <u>Fri., Dec. 20</u> Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. | <u>Sat., Dec. 21</u> |



Thanksgiving Food Packing - Read more on Page 2

All Saints' Episcopal Church

The Rev. M. Madeleine Hill, *Priest-in-Charge*

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