

Saints**Alive!**

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All Saints Parish, Brookline, Massachusetts

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Spring 2015

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

28 March 5:00pm Celtic Eucharist
29 March 10:30am Choral Eucharist,
with the Choir of All Saints

The Triduum

2 April 6:30pm Maundy Thursday,
with All Saints Schola
3 April 7:00pm Good Friday,
with the Choir of All Saints
4 April 7:00pm Great Vigil of Easter,
with the Choir of All Saints

Easter Sunday

5 April 9am Choral Eucharist,
with All Saints Schola
5 April 11am Choral Eucharist,
with the Choir of All Saints

From Our Rector, Richard Burden



As I write this, I'm getting ready for Ash Wednesday. I'm thinking about Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. I'm looking forward to the Mission Reflection and Mission Fair, and the Adult Formation Lenten series. I'm also, along with Becky, and Emily, and Suzanne planning out the liturgies of Holy Week, and thinking beyond that to welcoming a new Music Director, and when possible even further into the future. However, by the time you read this, the Mission weekend will be over, we'll be well into Lent, Spring Training will have started and we'll be that much closer to getting out of the grip of this record-setting winter! Most of you will have received all of the information you need about these (now past) events at All Saints through other communication tools. That's because the ways in and the speed at which we communicate has dramatically changed over the last ten years.

Ten years ago, Saints Alive was a monthly publication in a format very similar to our current weekly insert. In the years that followed it became an every other month publication about eight pages in length. In 2008, All Saints Weekly, the email newsletter was introduced, and a couple of years later Saints Alive became a quarterly publication. All during that time the website continued to develop and was also used to spread the Good News. Now in 2015, we have a robust website, a weekly email news letter, a Facebook page, a Twitter feed, Google+ account (that during blizzards we can use to broadcast Morning Prayer services), and we are continuing to produce a weekly bulletin insert and a quarterly newsletter. Technology has made it easier to get more information out, in more ways, and with greater speed, but it has increased the challenge of making sure that the right information gets to the right people using the right tool. Having more technology available—more tools at our disposal—means we need to be very intentional about who we are reaching, using which communication tool, and with what information. Communication, I believe, is primarily about building and sustaining relationships. Information is often the fabric with which a relationship is woven together, but information itself is not the primary reason for communicating.

Communicating well means answering the challenges of making sure that each person gets the information they need in the most effective way for them in the most timely fashion. Because of these challenges, the Wardens, the Vestry, and I believe it's time to reevaluate what Saints Alive is and do some dreaming and planning about what it could be. So we're going to put Saints Alive on hiatus for at least a cycle. This will be the last issue in this format, and my hope is that we can begin publishing a rebooted Saints Alive in the fall. I'll be working with the Wardens and a select group of people to reimagine what Saints Alive could be, and if you've got editing and/or publication skills please let me or the Wardens know. I wish you all a blessed Lent.

Peace and blessing,
Richard



From the Wayback Machine, Saints Alive from February 1999

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Reintroducing Anoma

By Roberta Schnoor



Many longer-time parishioners remember Rev. Anoma Abeyaratne from her days doing field education work here in 1999-2000 while she was preparing to be ordained as a priest. During the interim period after Rev. David Killian left in 2012, Anoma returned to worship and serve at the altar here on a periodic, non-stipendiary (unpaid) basis and folks will notice that she is now present more regularly. So this seems a good time to reintroduce her to the congregation, since Anoma is at once a familiar presence but probably not well known to many of us.

Anoma was born in Sri Lanka and came to the United States in 1977. She and her husband Rohan lived and studied in Michigan and California before moving to the Boston area in 1986. Anoma was licensed as a nurse and began working at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She and Rohan joined St. Paul's Church in Brookline and later Christ Church in Cambridge, and in both congregations Anoma became an active lay leader. She served on the vestry at Christ Church and became very involved in pastoral care and welcoming newcomers, both natural extensions of her profession and personal desire to build church community.

Anoma discerned a call to the priesthood in the late 1990s, left nursing and started seminary at the Episcopal Divinity School in 1998. After her ordination in 2001, Anoma was appointed the Cox Fellow at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in downtown Boston, where she was an active priest for that congregation and had many diocesan responsibilities as well. As she was drawn to healing ministry, Anoma began to work towards becoming a board certified chaplain, a degree she obtained in 2005. She has worked as a hospital chaplain at Boston Children's Hospital and is currently a chaplain at the Franciscan Hospital for Children, which addresses the behavioral and mental health issues of children and adolescents.

For five years from 2008-2013, Anoma spent several months each year in Singapore, where Rohan was administering a program for MIT. As she had formed an affection for All Saints during her field work here, Anoma and our interim priest Rev. Sarah Conner agreed that she would worship and serve at the altar at All Saints during those periods when she was in Brookline rather than abroad.

In 2014, as Rev. Richard Burden arrived at All Saints, the focus of Rohan's work returned to Massachusetts. Over the past year, Anoma and Richard have gotten to know each other and have been working together to consider Anoma's role at All Saints. With her deep experience and interest in pastoral care, Anoma has recently begun to assume some pastoral and visiting duties, sharing this aspect of ministry with Richard, as well as the Caring Ministry Team. Her heart also is with welcoming newcomers and young adults and she has been associated with our 20s and 30s group.

We are very blessed to have Anoma's presence with us and give great thanks for her willingness to share her time and considerable gifts with us!



Choral Evensong

March 1st, 4:00pm

*Featuring The Choir of All Saints
Suzanne McAllister,
Music Director in the Interim*

As we move through the seasons of the church, we mark them with changes in worship and music, using different prayers and service music. The first Sunday in Lent is often opened with the Great Litany, chanted and processed. The psalms will be chanted, a cappella. "Alleluias" are dropped from our hymnody and acclamations, until we celebrate the Great Vigil, the first Easter moment. The music of the Eucharist, Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Lord, have mercy, Holy, holy and Lamb of God) will be an adaptation by Healey Willan of a very old chant, the Missa de Sancta Magdalena. The Adult Choir will be offering choruses and arias from the Lenten portion of Handel's Messiah. In addition to the Sunday worshipping, the Choir will be offering a Choral Evensong, on Sunday, March 1st, at 4 pm. This short, but very musical service will include a homily, canticles by Orlando Gibbons, chanted prayers in a traditional Anglican setting, and will be followed by a reception in the Guild Room.

It has always been my Lenten practice to work on the "big" Bach works: Preludes, Fantasies and Fugues – and to offer them as Preludes and Postludes for the services. They are, most of them, "bigger" than the usual prelude offerings, and I ask your indulgence for some pretty LOUD music before the service. The works are considered some of the greatest pieces ever composed for the organ, and provide this organist with a Lenten discipline, and perhaps the listeners with a sense of awe and wonder (and/or confusion) at the mind of the greatest composer ever to dedicate his life to adding music to THE WORD.

Come and Worship!

SuzanneMcAllister



From the Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

During the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter, our children and young people will be engaged in several activities designed to nurture their relationship with Jesus and their

call to ministry in his name. If you do not have children but want to learn more about our ministries with kids, please contact Becky Taylor at 617-738-1810 Ext 104 or at reled@allsaintsbrookline.org

Church School & youth classes meet on these dates:

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Cherubs only); April 12 & 26; May 3, 10, 17 & 31

Last day of Church School: May 31

CHERUBS (PreK-1st Grade)

Godly Play stories

The Mystery of Easter
The Faces of Easter
Knowing Jesus in a new way
The Good Shepherd & World Communion
Synagogue & Upper Room
Jesus & the Twelve
Circle of the Eucharist
The Mystery of Pentecost

GRADES 2-5

You give them something to eat (Lent)
In the beginning, God... (Easter)

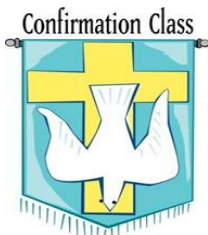
GRADES 6-8

You give them something to eat (Lent)
Joy on Easter morning (Easter)
Life in the Church (Easter)

GRADES 9-12 (Lent & Easter)

My Faith My Life: Preparing for Confirmation
Our high school teens will be using Jenifer Gamber's book *My Faith My Life* to help them decide whether to be confirmed on Saturday, May 2, by the Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, our diocesan bishop. With their adult mentors they will learn about how people live out their baptismal promises both within the Episcopal Church and beyond it.

To all parents with high school kids: Please stay after worship on March 1 for a 30-minute meeting with Richard+ and Becky Taylor to learn more about the course requirements as well as about confirmation itself.



Children's, Youth & Family

Lenten focus: You give them something to eat

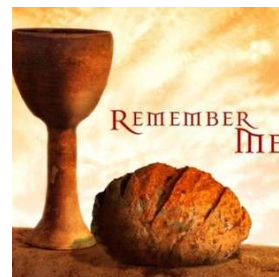


During Lent children in Grades 2 to 8 will learn about the issue of hunger in our community, how we can help the

Brookline Emergency Food Pantry feed hungry people, and how doing this is an act of Christian ministry. We look forward to a visit from Rene Feuerman, the Director of the Food Pantry, and to collecting loose change and lots of donated food items to give to the food pantry at the beginning of Eastertide.

Nightwatch 2015: April 2 & 3

Nightwatch is an overnight spiritual retreat for kids in Grades 3 to 12. It combines corporate worship, individual prayer, learning, and fellowship, inviting participants into the final events of Jesus' earthly life. This year's theme for Nightwatch, "Broken for you," are from Jesus' final meal with his close friends.



Nightwatch begins with supper at 5:30pm, followed by Maundy Thursday worship. Kids and their adult mentors then spend a few hours before bedtime interacting in a "hands on" way with the Stations of the Cross. Nightwatch comes to a close on Good Friday morning with breakfast and a simple, "kid-friendly" liturgy. The cost is \$20/child. Information and registration materials will come to all eligible households in early March, but please mark your calendars now!

"Take. Eat. This is for you."

Communion preparation for children in Kindergarten-Grade 2
May 2, 9, & 16 9:30 to 11am



While instruction is not a prerequisite for receiving the sacrament in the Episcopal Church, parents often feel that some sort of preparation is a good idea for their young children. This 3-session program is designed to help families participate more fully in the sacrament. Children who attend this program need to have some basic reading skills. To register your child, please contact Becky

Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org).

Service opportunities for teens & adult companions

City Reach, March 20-21: An overnight program sponsored by Ecclesia Ministries, our diocesan homeless ministry. Participants learn about homelessness from people who are or used to be homeless. Cost: \$25/person. Starts at 7pm on Friday evening and goes until 3pm on Saturday afternoon.

Walk for Hunger, May 3: Participate in Project Bread's annual walk to end hunger in Boston. We are hoping to form a team that will walk from Boston Common back to All Saints, in time for worship that morning.

Please contact Becky Taylor if you are interested in knowing more about either activity.





B-SAFE Partner Parish meeting: March 1 at Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, 1 to 3pm

The Mission & Outreach Committee is hoping that we will participate again this year in B-SAFE, the summer day activity program for urban kids at risk. The program is administered by St. Stephen's Church in Boston's South End and operates in 5 different locations in Boston and Chelsea. Since 2008, All Saints has been a partner parish at the B-SAFE location at the Church of St. Augustine & St. Martin in Roxbury. Being a partner parish involves preparing and serving lunch to the 85 children and staff at this location for 5 days, and hosting an all-day field trip. The meeting on March 9 provides not only an orientation to B-SAFE, and but also a way to connect with other partner parishes and share best practices as we begin to plan for the summer. To learn more, or to get involved, please contact Becky Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org; 617-738-1810).

Register now for summer fun at the Barbara C. Harris Camp

Since opening in 2003, our diocesan camp in Greenfield, NH, has provided outstanding opportunities for children, young people, and families to build new friendships, have fun, and grow in faith. Registration is now underway for the 2015 season which begins on June 28 and runs for 5 weeks. For more information, please visit www.bchcenter.org/camp/camp-home. Financial aid is available. Some kids from our parish have attended the Harris Camp. If you or your child would like to hear first-hand what that experience is like, please contact Becky Taylor.



***Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on March 7th!
Don't miss the first hour of worship the next morning!***

Celtic Liturgy

From the Celtic Liturgy Coordinator

The Saturday Celtic themed services provide wonderful opportunities to engage our faith with a slightly different take on the ancient liturgies of the church as interpreted through a contemporary theological lens. The structure of these services follows the outline of an Episcopal Eucharist but the texts and music are decidedly themed to Celtic spirituality. You would recognize the general structure but hopefully be surprised and delighted by a "different take" with worship texts and music that lead us in a slightly different direction!

Often times on the first Sunday of Lent we use the sung Lorica Litany (St. Patrick's Breastplate or Deer's Cry), which is similar to the Great Litany of our Book of Common Prayer but with a decidedly Celtic flavor. Similar to Sunday services, during Lent, the Celtic services have a more subdued character, which is replaced at Easter time with a joyful proclamation of our resurrection faith. We hope you will join us Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Schedule

February 28 Lent 2 (St. David of Wales)
March 7 Lent 3 (Ciarán of Saigir)
March 14 Lent 4 (St. Patrick of Armagh)
March 21 Lent 5 (St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne)
March 28 Palm Sunday
April 4 No Celtic Service – Please attend the Easter Vigil Service
April 11 Easter 2
April 18 Easter 3 (Earth Day)
April 25 Easter 4
May 2 Easter 5
May 9 Easter 6 (Julian of Norwich)
May 16 Easter 7 (Brendan of Clonfert, the Navigator)
May 23 Pentecost

Celtic Pilgrimage to Ireland 2015?

The 2014 Pilgrimage to Ireland was a wonderful and deeply engaging journey. In January, members of the group hosted a forum on our experience. I have heard that others at All Saints are interested in such a pilgrimage. How about 2015? Such a pilgrimage would certainly be open to those who were part of the 2014 journey and others who did not go. We could visit similar places and sites if we had a totally new cadre of pilgrims, or we could consider other Irish areas on the west coast, hidden places of incredible natural beauty and with deep historic and spiritual significance if we had a mixed group of previous and new pilgrims.

With this invitation, All Saints parishioners are the first invited; after we find out how many can commit, the group would be opened to others in our diocese and relatives and friends of parishioners who might be interested. Please contact Kim Hardy soon if you are interested so that we might determine whether we have sufficient interest to organize another adventure! kimhardy138@comcast.net or (508) 655-7114.



Adult Education

Violence and the Life of Faith – Lenten Series

Violence is all around us, from the streets of Boston to countries around the world. Violence is at the heart of Jesus' encounter with the cross. In many ways, the cross can be seen as God's response to the violence of the world. And yet, ironically, religious people perpetuate violence, both historically and in the present. How can we understand the relationship of violence – in the abuse of women, in persecutions, wars and terrorism, in relationships among family members – to the God who loves us and commands that we love our neighbors as ourselves?

During Lent, we will examine these ideas in a series of discussions sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, to be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30, beginning on February 26 and continuing through March 26.

- 2/26: Making Sense of God's Violence
- 3/5: Violence and Worldly Power
- 3/12: The Violence of Living a Divided Life
- 3/19: Violence and Idolatry
- 3/26: Reconciliation: Non-violent accountability



The series will be based in Scripture and will draw on the books suggested for reading: *Fields of Blood* by Karen Armstrong and *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power* by former president Jimmy Carter. You need not have read the books to attend, however.

Please feel free to bring a sandwich or snack to the meeting.

Lenten Retreat “The Heart of the Cross” March 7

Actor Olivia Woodford, who has previously visited All Saints to portray the young Virgin Mary and Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, will present “The Heart of the Cross,” her depiction of the women present for the events surrounding Jesus' death and Resurrection. The 75-minute performance will take place on Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 pm and will be the focus of a Lenten retreat. Time for meditation and discussion will follow the play.

Woodford's presentation features Veronica, witnessing Jesus as he carries the cross; the Repentant Prostitute at the foot of the cross; Mary, his mother, washing him for burial; Mary Magdalene at the tomb after the Resurrection; and Martha at Pentecost. The retreat will be held in the Music Room. A contribution of \$20 (\$10 for students and seniors) is suggested.



Men's Reading Group

On alternate Saturday mornings from 8-9:15 between 15 and 8 of us discuss books and how they relate to spiritual growth. In 2014 we read:

The Gospel of Thomas selected passages,
The Contemplative Imperative by Tina Rathbone,
God: a Biography by Jack Miles,
The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.
Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc by Mark Twain.
Thomas Cranmer: a Life by Diarmuid MacCulloch
The Forty Rules of Love: a Novel of Rumi by Elif Shafak
Some Rumi poems
Empire of the Summer Moon: Quannah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Tribe in American History by S.C. Gwynne

This year we began reading Jimmy Carter's *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power*, and Karen Armstrong's *Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence*. You're welcome to join us and if you have questions please contact Bruce Keary bruce.keary@gmail.com

Women's Book Group

Meets from 2:30 to 4:00 pm on March 14, and April 11. For information contact Sharon Siwiec dlrow@comcast.net

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Celtic Holy Eucharist

Sunday
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with Prayers for Healing
(Child care during the
10:30 a.m. Service)

Spring 2015

1 March
7 March

Choral Evensong 4pm
Lenten Retreat 1:30pm

28-29 March

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6:30pm

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Good Friday 7pm

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24 May