

Exciting Transitions in the All Saints Music Ministry

FROM JAMES WALKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER

It is with great excitement that we announce the appointment of Weicheng Zhao as our new associate organist-choirmaster, effective September 1. In addition to being a brilliant musician, he is a wonderful human being with a warm and engaging personality.

Born in Tianjin, China, Weicheng Zhao began his musical training at the age of five. After receiving a Bachelor of Music degree in 2008, he was appointed a full time faculty member of the Electone Organ at the Tianjin Conservatory of Music. He came to the United States in 2009 to pursue study of the pipe organ with Professor Cherry Rhodes at the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music. Upon completing the Master of Music degree in organ performance, he received the distinction as the Outstanding Graduate at the master's level of the entire School of Music. He is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at USC.

Among numerous scholarships and awards, Weicheng was the first prize winner in the 43rd Yamaha International Electronic Organ Competition, first prize winner in the Miami International Organ Competition and the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition. Mr. Zhao received the Second Prize and the Audience Prize in the prestigious Ruth and Clarence Mader National Organ-Playing Competition in 2010 and 2013. He has been organist at St. Bede's Church in La Cañada since 2012.

I know you will enjoy getting to know Weicheng and his wife, Fang Gao, who is a gifted violinist in the Graduate Certificate program at USC.

James Walker Medical Leave

Many of you have noticed that I've been having some mobility issues the past year, and I will be having hip replacement surgery in early July. I will work through the first Sun-

day of Summer Choir, July 5, and then be on medical leave for a month followed by a few weeks of vacation, returning to work on September 1. I am grateful for your prayers.

Summer Choir Guest Organist-Choirmasters

I am delighted to leave Summer Choir in the capable hands of two outstanding musicians.

Timothy Durkovic will be here July 12, 19 and 26. A Los Angeles based concert pianist, Tim is an active soloist and

chamber musician, collaborating regularly with some of world's finest instrumentalists and vocalists. He is also a fine organist and choral director, most recently serving Church of the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Arcadia. Born and raised in Guatemala, Mr.

Durkovic studied at the National Conservatory of Guatemala, the Juilliard School, Salem College and the USC Thornton School of Music.

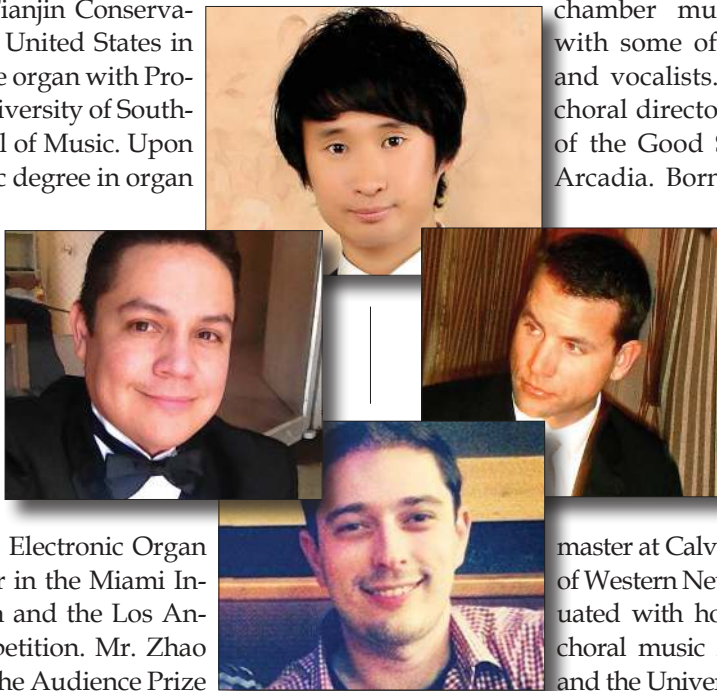
Alex Benestelli will be here all five Sundays of August. Alex will be visiting Pasadena this summer from Buffalo, New York, where he is organist-choir-

master at Calvary Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Western New York's largest parish. Alex graduated with honors with degrees in organ and choral music from Westminster Choir College and the University of Southern California.

New Choir Soloist

With Ben Cortez moving to Germany, I am pleased to announce the appointment of

Daniel Ramon as new tenor soloist-section leader of Coventry Choir. Daniel has performed with many groups in Southern California, including Pacific Chorale, John Alexander Singers and Opera A La Carte. He is currently working on a teaching credential and undergraduate degree in Music Performance at California State University of San Bernardino. In addition to being an excellent singer, Daniel is a professional flutist and is thrilled to be joining the ASC music ministry.



Clockwise from top: Weicheng Zhao, Timothy Durkovic, Alex Benestelli, Daniel Ramon

July

Corita Kent Play Reading at All Saints

Little Heart, a new play by acclaimed playwright Irene O'Garden, is based on the life of artist Corita Kent and explores her ongoing battle with arch-conservative Cardinal MacIntyre, as well as her private struggles with fellow sisters, students and her own spiritual doubt. The reading stars Amanda Plummer and is directed by John Pielmeier. Saturday, July 18, 2pm in the Forum at All Saints. The play is presented in conjunction with the exhibit of Corita's work at the Pasadena Museum of California Art (PMCA), and the exhibit will be open for extended hours until 6pm for attendees to visit the exhibition after the play. Parking at All Saints and at the PMCA. Free admission. For information contact Christina Honchell at honchell@allsaints-pas.org.

Repair Café Returns to All Saints

The award-winning Repair Café makes a return visit to All Saints on Saturday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Learning Center. It's a free, roving monthly event that brings repair volunteers together with people with household items in need of repair. Various tinkers, sewers and other folks with skills apply their talents to fixing small appliances and electronics, mending clothing, blade sharpening (limit two), etc., all at no cost.

The program's mission is to build community, reduce consumption and model the principles of a sharing, zero waste economy while providing a welcoming, festive experience for all who participate. You are also invited to take part in "The Really, Really Free Market" by bringing something usable that you're ready to discard (a wearable piece of clothing, functioning household item, used book, etc.) and/or taking something home with you if you like.

Fit to Change the World: everyBODY included

This year's Summer Adventure, July 13 - 17, is for absolutely *everyBODY*! It's about celebrating health and wellness in all that we are. It's about loving ourselves for however we are made - not about feeling bad for what we are not. It's



about movement: running, jumping, making our way on crutches, walking, crawling or rolling in a wheel chair. And sometimes it's about sitting still or laying down.

We'll share healthy food, gardening, yoga, games and a visit from Special Olympics athletes. We'll focus on the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, and learn that whoever you are and whatever you have to give is enough. And together we'll see that what you have is all that's needed for miracles to happen: different bodies of all shapes and sizes, different minds and perspectives, skin colors and hair color. We have a world to change and we need your help! Join us for summer adventure - where we'll be "Fit to Change the World" in a way you've never imagined before! Info = Jamie Hebert at 626.583.2733 or jhebert@allsaints-pas.org.

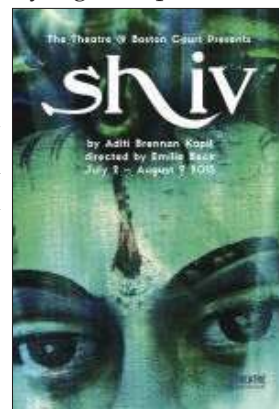
For more information or to volunteer, contact Ada Ramirez at 626.583.2734 or aramirez@allsaints-pas.org. Sponsored by Transition Pasadena (www.transition-pasadena.org) and Sustainable World.

FCP Shopping Spree

It's Shopping Spree time again! On Saturday, July 18, volunteers with All Saints Foster Care Project (FCP) and its Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) program will take 25 to 30 children in the care of the Pasadena office of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) shopping for back-to-school clothes. Children, their caseworkers and volunteers meet in the Target patio area at 8:00 a.m. We finish before noon. Each child and "personal shopper" volunteer team is given a \$200 gift card to spend on clothing for the coming school year. A good time is had by all. If parishioners and friends would like to sponsor a child or would like to accompany a child, please let us know at inbox@fostercareproject.org.

All Saints Theatre Ministry: Shiv

Friday, July 17, 8:00 p.m. at Theatre @ Boston Court. *Shiv*, a post-Colonial fantasy loosely based on Shiva, the Hindu destroyer god, explores a vividly rendered relationship between a girl becoming a young American woman and the South Asian poet father who inspires and eventually disappoints her. We will have a post-show beverage and cheese reception. Tickets are available for purchase at the Sign-Up Center on the lawn, June 28, July 5 and 12, or at <http://qrs.ly/ta4nmfv>. \$24 tickets must be purchased by 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 12. Info = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.



Summertime Giving

Are you making plans for vacations and time away this summer? If so, make sure that you include continuing contributions toward your pledge. Our staff can help you find ways to maintain your generous giving while away. Contact Jim Loduha in the Giving Office at 626.583.2736 or JLoduha@allsaints-pas.org with questions, or visit www.allsaints-pas.org/support/donate to make online pledge payments and contributions (maybe even while you're streaming on the website on Sunday mornings!). And, as always, thank you for your inspiring generosity!

JULY ADULT EDUCATION: Continued from the righthand column)

the Mindfulness movement and recent brain research. The goal is to give all a few practices that can be incorporated into intimate relationships. SWEETLAND HALL

God as Generation of Diversity: Unity by Embracing Differences

with Claudia Owens Shields

This two-part offering will examine the often invisible necessity of moving beyond political correctness and "color blindness" in order to form authentic relationships across racial, cultural and religious lines. The presentation will expose ways in which the belief that "we are all the same" can actually be damaging to intergroup relations, and offer skills needed for intergroup reconciliation, building empathy, and creating trust across lines of human diversity. GUILD ROOM

Summer Choir Is Coming!

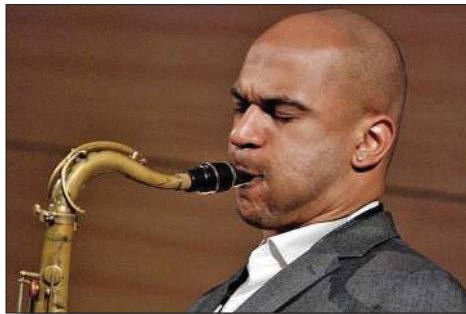
July 5 marks the beginning of this exciting adventure that continues through September 6. All tuneful voices are welcome to sing any or all of the Sundays. Simply come to the Choir Room (downstairs in Regas House) promptly at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for the 11:15 a.m. service. For more information call Debbie Daniels in the Music Office, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

July's Conscientious Projector: *Aluna*, for the Old Pasadena Film Festival

In 1990, noted British author, historian and filmmaker Alan Ereira's classic BBC documentary *From the Heart of the World: The Elder Brothers' Warning* was first broadcast. It brought global attention to the centuries-old indigenous Kogi tribe, an ancient "lost" Colombian civilization previously unknown to the rest of the world, who saw themselves as guardians of the earth. In recent years, Ereira returned to the Kogi to document their renewed call for humanity to recognize the interconnectedness of all life, a message they brought to New York City in their first venture into the "civilized" world. The result is the stirring documentary *Aluna* (translated as "the mind inside nature"), this month's Conscientious Projector feature screening on Thursday, July 9, 7:00 p.m. at Armory Center for the Arts as part of the Old Pasadena Film Festival. The Armory is located at 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. For more information contact Marty Coleman at 818.517.8878 or martycoleman@pacbell.net or visit www.alunathemovie.com.

Last Jazz Vespers of the Season: Walter Smith, III

Sunday, July 19, 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel. With his fresh sound and compelling original compositions, Walter Smith, III is consistently called as a sideman in some of Jazz's developing and gifted bands including Ambrose Akinmusire's Quintet, Christian Scott's group, and the Sean Jones Sextet. When not on the road, Walter utilizes his Music Education degree from Berklee College of Music, Master's degree from Manhattan School of Music, and Graduate Certificate in Performance from the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz to enlighten the next generation of Jazz students. Christina Honchell offers a meditation. If you would like to use the elevator for accessibility, please arrive five minutes early. Child care provided. Info = or Melissa Hayes, 626.583.2725 or mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.



Fiction Fun! Reads To Rise Again at a Decent Hour

Friday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. Everyone is welcome as we read and discuss Joshua Ferris' novel about a dentist and his search for meaning, when he sees his stolen online identity might just be a better version of him than the real thing. Copies available at Vroman's Will Call desk for 20% off, if you mention *Fiction Fun!* Information = Amanda McCormick at 626.583.2769 or amccormick@allsaints-pas.org.

July Adult Education Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

July 5

The Transformative Power of Transitional Moments

with Jon Dephouse and the Transition Life Committee

First it was Ed, now it's Francisco! Transitions are everywhere at All Saints, and everywhere in your life: at work, at home, in the larger world. Jon Dephouse and MaryAnn Ahart will offer unique perspectives on how to envision transitions anew. Following the prepared comments, let's brainstorm together on how the Transition Life Committee can offer resources to assist parishioners with their personal transitional moments. The TLC aims to use the church's institutional transition as a gateway to transform, in radical and sacred ways, how we all deal with change in our own lives. So come help us help you! FORUM

The Myth of Privilege from a Galactic Perspective

with Matthew Graham

When faced with radically transformative ideas, our natural inclination is to dig in. We claim a special status for our particular worldview and feel a need to defend it. Yet the historical narrative of both science and religion is the story of how successive privileged perspectives have been undone by the inescapable embracing of heresies and paradigm shifts. Matthew will review some of these and consider how modern science is confronting traditions we still cling to and how our future may depend on accepting that "we live on an insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people." SWEETLAND HALL

July 12

The Clean Money Campaign and Democratizing the Political Process

with Representatives from the Clean Money Campaign

Corporate money and other special interests have had undue influence on California's elections for years. When the Supreme Court made its infamous Citizens United decision, it unleashed unlimited amounts of corporate and other spending on campaigns, making things even worse. Learn about the California DISCLOSE Act (Assembly Bill 700), a legislative effort underway that would require major funders of elections to be disclosed in campaign ads, among other changes. SWEETLAND HALL

Report Back from General Convention

with Susan Russell and Jim White

Every three years the Episcopal Church meets for its General Convention. This year it took place in Salt Lake City, June 25-July 3. Join Jim White, chair of the deputation from the Diocese of Los Angeles, and Susan Russell, coordinator of the legislative team on LGBT inclusion resolutions, as they give a behind-the-scenes report on what happened, what happens next and what it all means for All Saints Church. GUILD ROOM

July 19

Thomas Merton: Contemplation in a World of Action

with Gary Hall

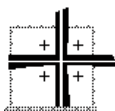
2015 marks the 100th birthday of priest, monk, and poet Thomas Merton. In his brief life—he died accidentally at age 53—Merton wrote more than 60 books while living the life of a monastic at the Gethesemani Trappist community in Kentucky. Forty-seven years after his death, Merton exerts increasing influence on Christians and others in his roles as contemplative, concerned citizen, and literary artist. As people of faith seek to engage the nexus between prayer and action, we could seek no better or more compassionate guide than Thomas Merton. Gary Hall will discuss a selection of Merton's works, covering his thoughts on contemplation, social action, and psychology. FORUM

July 26

Mindfulness in Marriage (and other significant relationships)

with Sam Alibrando

Marriage (or any intimate relationship) is particularly challenging. Intimacy brings the best out of us, but often brings the worst out of us as well. This presentation will submit a few powerful ideas from the likes of Eckhardt Tolle (pain-body and Presence), Saint Paul (and the idea of the "flesh" and Sound Mindedness), the Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz* – and the presenter's book, as well as some of the best ideas from



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Events and Opportunities

• Spiritual Friendship Circles: Group Spiritual Direction •

Many of us yearn for a more intimate relationship with God/Spirit, and for good friends to share the journey. Imagine experiencing and learning in a single day the art of establishing deep and abiding spiritual friendship. A spiritual friendship circle is a process in which people gather together to assist one another in an ongoing awareness of God in all of life. Participants provide spiritual companionship to each other using deep listening, prayer, silence and sharing. The workshop will be led by Ann Jaqua, a gifted spiritual director, retreat leader, and co-founder of Stillpoint:

The Center for Christian Spirituality. Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at All Saints Church. For further information and to register, go to www.stillpointca.org.

Have you included All Saints in your will or estate plan? Let us know! If you'd like to learn more about making a pledge or planned gift, call the Giving Office at 626.583.2736

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172.

July Preachers at All Saints at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

July 5 – Ed Bacon

In the last Sunday before his summer of study and re-creation, Ed Bacon will preach in our annual Independence Day services.



July 12 – Susan Russell

Senior Associate for Communications Susan Russell returns to the All Saints pulpit.



July 19 – Gary Hall

Dean of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and former All Saints priest Gary Hall will be in the pulpit at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.



July 26 – Sally Howard

Associate for Pastoral Care Sally Howard will preach at 7:30, 9 and 11:15. Janine Schenone preaches at 1 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m.

July 5 – Francisco Garcia

Director of Peace & Justice Francisco Garcia preaches in the 1 p.m. Spanish language service in his final Sunday at All Saints.



July 12 and 26 – Janine Schenone

Senior Associate for Congregational Development and Welcome Janine Schenone will preach at 1 p.m.



July 19 – Antonio Gallardo

Antonio Gallardo preaches at 1 p.m.

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