

The background image shows an outdoor church event under a large white tent. A group of people, including children and adults, are gathered. A woman in a grey cardigan is in the foreground, and a man in a grey suit is seen from the back. A dog is on a leash. A large tree trunk is on the left. The title 'Saints Alive' is overlaid in large white letters, with a cross symbol integrated into the word 'Saints'. Below the title, the text 'ALL SAINTS CHURCH PASADENA' and 'OCTOBER 2017' are printed.

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What Will Our Story's Next Chapter Be?

from Rector Mike Kinman

"In the end, people don't view their life as merely the average of all its moments—which, after all, is mostly nothing much plus some sleep. For human beings, life is meaningful because it is a story. A story has a sense of a whole, and its arc is determined by the significant moments, the ones where something happens." —Atul Gawande, *Being Mortal*

Last month, I dropped our oldest son, Schroedter, off at college. As we walked into his dorm room, loaded down with laundry baskets full of stuff, we were greeted by one of his roommates. Schroedter put down what he was carrying and they shook hands, exchanging names.

"Hi, I'm Schroedter."

"Hi, I'm Satchel."

Instantly, an image flashed in front of my eyes. It was 31 years ago, and I was putting a suitcase down on the bed in my dorm room at the University of Missouri. A hand was outstretched toward me from a smiling guy wearing an REO Speedwagon "Wheels Are Turning" concert tour t-shirt.

"Hi, I'm Rand."

"Hi, I'm Mike."

I remember that moment because it was significant. Because for the past 31 years, Rand has been my closest friend. He was the first person I told when I decided to propose to Robin and when we knew we were going to have our boys. We were the best men at each other's weddings.

My friendship with Rand has changed my life. I have given to it and it has given to me. He is a part of my story.

I realized in that moment that my deepest dreams for Schroedter in sending him to college are not about academic achievement or even setting him up for a good job and career trajectory ... they are about meeting people and having significant moments that will change him forever.

My deepest dream for Schroedter is for him to have a rich, wonderful story. A story that has incredible characters and experiences that shape who he is. A story that he writes and that God writes through him and that he has the joy of giving himself to. A story about meaning and community and love.

Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*, changed the way I looked at life, and particularly at aging. He talks about life as a story we write and the challenge of aging and dying being others—well-meaning others—trying to stop us from writing our own story. Except in our culture, the latter years of life become a litany of loss. Of others telling us we need to give up living, give up writing our own story,

so that we might prolong the chronology of life.

Jesus teaches us something different. Jesus teaches us that we have the power to write our own stories to the end. And that it is all about how we give ourselves away. How we give our time, our skills, our wealth.

That is the only thing that matters. How are we writing our story? How are we giving ourselves away? Gawande writes:

The only way death is not meaningless is to see yourself as a part of something greater: a family, a community, a society. If you don't, mortality is a horror.

As we continue our conversations about giving this month, we're going to be talking about the convergence of three

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stories—God's story, All Saints Church's story and your story. That's because both living and giving only have meaning in terms of these stories.

As you consider your gift to All Saints Church, I hope you will ponder in your heart, in your prayers and in your conversations the story God has written in your life and the story you want to write with the life you have left—be it 10 days or 100 years. Can the Gospel lived out through the human family at All Saints Church be that "something greater" that changes life from being a horror to being a glory? And if so, are

we willing to go "all in" to make that happen?

What will the next chapter of our story be?

What role will you play?

What will happen to us and through us that we will remember and that will change us ... forever?

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Spotlight

by Carolyn Ash

Dan McCarrel

As you walk around the lawn on Sunday mornings, you may run into Dan McCarrel. You will know who he is because he will be wearing his red and white Greeters name tag. He will welcome you with his warm smile and friendly demeanor and invite a bit of conversation. If you ask, Dan might tell you about why he is deeply engaged in our church and about how his participation in the Welcome Ministry flows from his appreciation for All Saints—for the radical inclusion, the teaching, the contemplative aspect, and the energetic social action.

Dan's road to All Saints began with his upbringing in the United Methodist church in the Midwest. Then followed a period of doubt and absence from church in his college years and, later, a time of steeping in Buddhist teaching and practice. Dan and his wife, Abby, found their way to All Saints in the late 1990s when their daughters, Kyla, Carmen, and Kenzie were young. Dan and Abby desired to give the girls spiritual grounding, hoping they would develop their own experiences of God and faith

as they grew up. After visiting, they chose All Saints because of its reputation for being open and inclusive and because of the excellent children's music program.

As soon as the kids were old enough, they joined Minisingers. Years passed, and each of them progressed through the children's choirs and joined the youth program. Abby volunteered with

the choirs and coordinated the Wednesday night youth suppers. Dan became a loyal customer of Bob Shull's tape ministry so he could keep up with sermons and Forum presentations on his long commute to work. He reflects that his Buddhist background helped ease his transition into Episcopal liturgy from his Methodist roots.

One Sunday morning Dan experienced one of those

moments when something routine unexpectedly quickens and comes dynamically alive. As he listened to the phrase he had heard so many times—Whoever you are and where ever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome here—the words shimmered in a new way, and he felt drawn into deeper involvement and commitment to All Saints.

It wasn't long before Dan became a greeter on the lawn and a host of the Welcome Coffee. He enjoys welcoming those who visit All Saints and hearing their stories. Some visitors come hesitantly because they feel rejected or harmed by the church of their youth. Others come because of the current political tensions. "Here," he tells them, "you can find hope and acceptance wherever you are on your journey of faith. Here you can participate with others in social action. We are at the leading edge of inclusion."

The Welcome Ministry, which Dan co-leads with Stephanie Herrman, extends hospitality to all who come to All Saints whether long-time members or first-time visitors. This ministry invites people into our community and helps them connect with the life of the parish in whatever ways they want to become involved. Dan encourages everyone to consider joining the Welcome Ministry and becoming a greeter to help extend the All Saints radical welcome.

Each fall Dan and Abby make their pledge to All Saints. "Pledging is more than giving," Dan states. "It is part of spiritual practice, an offering, and it is sacramental, like the bread and the wine." Dan's offering is a ritual: he prepares his envelope with care and places it into the plate with intention. On the practical level, their pledge helps the church budget for its operations. On the personal and spiritual level their offering connects them to the history of All Saints, to those who came before and built and nurtured the community. "Over time, others gave for me. Now we make our own claim," Dan says.

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Our Seminarians

by Susan Russell

All Saints is honored to be sponsoring three exemplary candidates for Holy Orders – all working their way through the long and winding road of ongoing discernment and theological education. Here is an update on who they are and where they are in that journey as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

Jamie Barnett is in her third year of seminary working toward her M.Div. at Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Claremont. Jamie is also very proud to have studied at the Bloy House sister seminary, Episcopal Divinity School, in Cambridge, MA, up until this past June when the 160-year-old institution known for its bold and expansive vision of inclusion and social justice closed its doors. This year finds Jamie busy not only with her three classes at Bloy House but also with her fulltime job at CBS Studio Center where she is the first woman in Hollywood studio history to ever head up a grip department. What is new for Jamie this year, also explains why we won't be seeing her here at All Saints for quite some time. She is in the process of completing her year of student internship placement at St. Michael's and All Angels in Studio City. There she is looking forward to growing in church leadership skills and the integration of academic knowledge with the practice of ministry.

Antonio Gallardo is in his third year of studies toward the completion of an M.Div. in a joint program between Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Claremont, and Claremont School of Theology. Since the beginning of his studies Antonio has served as a Pastor at All Saints, working primarily with the Latino-Hispanic Congregation. Antonio is building upon the foundation created over the past twelve years toward the realization of All Saints' Vision of a church that reflects the diversity of Pasadena. In 2015 in recognition of his gifts for leadership he was appointed Chair of the [Task Force for Latino-Hispanic Congregational Development and Sustainability](#) for the National Episcopal Church. More recently, Antonio's commitment to a richer Episcopal Church community—and his research innovation—were recognized in an award from the [Episcopal Evangelism Society \(EES\)](#) to pilot an approach to "Find Mutuality in Christ" between dominant and non-dominant groups in Episcopal congregations.

Lauren Grubaugh is completing a year of Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, outside of Washington, D.C. Her coursework focuses on liturgy and Episcopal Church history. She is serving as a seminarian intern at Church of the Ascension in Silver Spring, Maryland, a vibrant and diverse urban community deeply committed to racial justice, interfaith dialogue and mercy ministry in the neighborhood. She is looking forward to serving at the altar, preaching, and getting to know the parish's 300-some members, half of whom are under the age of 18! Lauren is also working with the Kaleidoscope Institute to facilitate dialogue at the National Cathedral about the church's confederate windows that were recently removed, and she is seeking to remain connected to the work for justice in the community as she completes her seminary studies.



From top to bottom right: Jamie Barnett (right) & Friends, Antonio Gallardo, and Lauren Grubaugh (right) & Friends

New Members Class/ Clase para Nuevos Miembros

by Antonio Gallardo and Jamie Hebert,
Leaders of the New Members Class

Clase para Nuevos Miembros, by Antonio Gallardo

Hace ocho años, cuando llegué por primera vez a la Iglesia de Todos Los Santos sentí que estaba en el lugar que mi corazón anhelaba cuando escuché las palabras: "quienquiera que seas, y donde quiera que te encuentres en tu camino de fe, eres bienvenida / bienvenido."

Ese gozo que sentía me inspiró a conocer más de la comunidad de Todos los Santos, y de la tradición Anglicana (con la cual no estaba familiarizado). Decidí atender a la Clase Para Nuevos Miembros y allí, no solamente conocí más de la Iglesia y sus tradiciones, sino que también hice amigos que todavía son una parte importante en mi vida.

Al involucrarme más con nuestra comunidad Latino-Hispana sentí que la opción que yo tuve de la Clase Para Nuevos Miembros no era una opción viable para todos, no sólo por el lenguaje, sino también porque la clase no estaba diseñada tomando en cuenta la cultura y las tradiciones Latino-Hispanas.

En el año 2015 diseñamos una Clase para Nuevos Miembros que fuera lingüística y culturalmente apropiada. La clase fue todo un éxito, y muchas personas que habían estado atendiendo a nuestros servicios por muchos años estuvieron en la clase, y se convirtieron en miembros de nuestra comunidad.

Unos años después, y como parte de nuestro crecimiento como comunidad de fe, decidimos explorar la opción de crear una Clase Para Nuevos Miembros que funcionara para TODOS en nuestra comunidad. En conversaciones con personas que atendieron a la clase en Inglés, y con personas que atendieron a la clase en Español nos dimos cuenta que tenemos muchas más cosas en común de lo que esperamos recibir en la clase, que cosas diferentes.

Yo estoy muy emocionado de ver que, como comunidad de Fe, estamos abiertos no solamente a escucharnos los unos a los otros, sino también a crear oportunidades de crecer juntos basadas en los aspectos que compartimos, explorando la mutualidad que tenemos en Cristo.



The All-New New Member Class, by Jamie Hebert

In my role as the new Congregational Development Coordinator I know how important the New Member Class is to the All Saints Church DNA. I am very excited to help guide a new group of class participants into full, vibrant, active membership in our church. The beauty of the class is that it is offered both to those taking their first steps into a church, and for those who are cradle-Episcopalians. In this engaging six-week class, participants will learn



about the history and mission of All Saints Church and the Episcopal Church, and discuss the balance of faith and doubt and how generosity makes All Saints thrive. They'll be introduced to worship and liturgy in the Episcopal Church, and get a special "behind-the-scenes" tour of the church. The class includes presentations by All Saints staff and small group discussions that will dive further into topics and encourage the sharing of stories. If you want to know more about us, what we do, and your role in this work, this is the class for you.

There is an added beauty to the class this session.

This summer I met with Antonio Gallardo, Pastor for Latino Ministries, and we discussed how we could facilitate a New Member Class that serves more of our community. After discussions between Antonio and those involved in both the traditional English-language New Member Class and those who took the 2015 Spanish-language Class, we were faced with two questions. Can we present a unified bilingual New Member Class that serves the unique needs of, and equally celebrates, the different gifts of both Latino and non-Latino congregants? And, if so, would it be practical with limited time, staff and resources?

The answers to both were an emphatic, "Yes! We can make this happen." We met with our new ministry co-leaders Edna Trigg and Carlos Carrillo and challenged ourselves to re-examine every aspect of this class to ensure it was offered on every level as totally equal and radically inclusive to ALL in our community.

The New Member Class is extremely rewarding and I invite you to experience it, whether the language of your heart is Spanish or English. I hope to see you at the first class on October 8th!

New Member Class/Clase para Nuevos Miembros:

6 Sunday evenings from Oct. 8th – Nov. 12th / 6 Domingos por la tarde desde el 8 de Octubre hasta el 12 de Noviembre, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information = Jamie Hebert at 626.583.2765 or jhebert@allsaints-pas.org.

Senior Associate for Pastoral Care/Healing & Health

by Sally Howard

I am so excited to be your new Senior Associate for Pastoral Care/Healing & Health (PCHH)!

I come to this position with extensive knowledge

and experience with healing relationships between both individuals and groups of people. As a psychotherapist, I have built a diverse practice across age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and class. I have special expertise in contemporary human development across the life span, recovery

from trauma, and systems theory—including family systems and non-linear systems theory. For 30 years I have been an instructor, supervisor, and writer, and have developed many training programs and workshops. As the senior associate for PCHH, I look forward to utilizing my expertise in emotional and spiritual human development, and applying my knowledge of what helps people heal and what helps systems move towards health—to equip, encourage, and train people to be ministers of healing—to help them develop and grow into agents of change and healing.

In addition to my theological training, I studied for one year with Episcopal philosopher and priest Marilyn McCord Adams on the goodness of God and existence of evil, and for four years in an international study group on the radical ethics of Jewish theologian and philosopher Emmanuel Levinas, who professed that our selfhood is derived in relationship to others, particularly

our willingness to care for the vulnerability of others—and that to say “here I am” to the call of God is to recognize and honor difference and the face of God in every human being.

I have had Jewish, Muslim and Christian spiritual directors and I am committed to continuing my growth towards multicultural competence. I have deep and abiding experience of God’s loving presence in my life, in all people and in all of creation.

My call to All Saints includes helping us move towards greater health and wholeness/holiness as a system and a congregation—to help us model Christ’s use of power, which was power that serves, heals, favors—and empowers—those who are on the margins. Our church tradition is steeped in white male patriarchy that has used power over others—rather than for and with others. It is also a scarcity model in which power must be competed for rather than shared. Women, people of color, and LGBTQ individuals have been silenced, marginalized and traumatized by this dynamic for nearly the entire history of the church. I want to help our community heal from the inside out, to promote leadership that empowers and serves others, and strengthens a dynamic of collaboration, rather than competition, among staff and leadership.

Lastly, it is also my call to move us towards greater health in our daily lives—practicing rest and living deeply connected to each other. As a staff, we need to model a life of balance and wholeness.

I bring these experiences, skills and goals to All



Saints pastoral care, and with God’s grace, I believe I can use them to strengthen the ministries already in place and expand them, to enable our community to greater healing and health.

our stories

Community. Spirituality. Peace and Justice. These words have been at the center of All Saint Church's story for generations. They represent how we express the love story of God and share it with the world around us.

The story of God's work at All Saints, and every aspect of our mission, is supported by every one of us, through our gifts of time, talent and creativity.

And it's the generosity of our community – both local and far away – that underpins it all. Our giving as a community is an opportunity for us to grow in relationship with one another and with God.

What big step can you take with us in your giving? Maybe you'll pledge for the first time. Maybe you will take a big step toward a 10% tithe. Or maybe you will want to tithe for the first time in your spiritual journey. Whatever you pledge, may it be an expression of joy, knowing that your generosity is woven with the generosity of everyone else in our community.

Here's how you can pledge today:

1. Email: stewardship@allsaints-pas.org
2. Click: www.allsaints-pas.org/donate/pledge/
3. Call: 626.583.2753
4. Scan:



Jazz Vespers for October: Kait Dunton

Sunday, Oct. 15, 5:00 p.m. on the Chancel. Kait Dunton is a Los Angeles based composer & pianist with an unconventional approach to composition and to the piano trio, best expressed by her genre-pushing super group, trioKAIT. Together with bassist Cooper Appelt (Kan Wakan, Station Breaks, Robert Davi) and drummer Jake Reed (Bill Holman, Bruce Forman, Mako), trioKAIT brings a modern, tight and groovy sound to the piano trio format, shuffling wide-ranging influences and Kait's innovative compositions into a refreshingly modern take on instrumental music that is as uncategorizable as it is infectious. Fused together via Kait's music, the trio melds into a laser-focused single entity that is captivating, playful and exciting.

Kait has produced and released three albums of original compositions, with a fourth featuring her equally out-of-the-box arranging style. Her latest album, "trioKAIT Casual," reached #5 on the Jazz Week radio charts, while her debut album, "Real & Imagined," continues to draw fans, now with over a million streams on Spotify. Her third record, "trioKAIT," made the Huffington Post's list of "The Best Jazz for 2015" and was featured in Downbeat Magazine as well as on JAZZIZ Magazine's 33th Anniversary CD. Her second album, "Mountain Suite," features master interpreters Peter Erskine, Bob Mintzer, John Daversa and Darek Oles. Prior to this, Kait was a member of Snarky Puppy during their formative years in Texas, appearing on their sophomore record, "The World is Getting Smaller."

Kait has been recognized on Jazz.com as one of "10 Future Female Jazz Stars" and described by critic Don Heckman as "an extraordinary talent on the rise" with "impressive compositional skills." Something Else! Reviews writes that "[Kait] throws cold water on any notion that the piano/bass/drums format is an exhausted one. It's very much alive and well, and here is all the proof you need..." In addition to composition and performance, Kait is also an active educator, heading the Piano Performance program at the Los Angeles College of Music (LACM) in Pasadena, California.



Calendar of events for the month. Please check our website at allsaints-pas.org and the weekly *This Week At All Saints* for details and contact information.

October

1 — Sunday, **Monthly 1 PM**

Service Convivios, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall

Taize Service, 5:00–6:30 p.m., Chapel

3 — Tuesday, **Vestry Meeting**, 7:00–9:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

5 — Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:30–2:00 p.m., Seminar Room

6 — Friday, **Our Town**, 8:00–10:00 p.m., Pasadena Playhouse

8 — Sunday, **New Member Class/Clase para Nuevos Miembros**, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Learning Center

13 — Friday, **Not So Bored Game Night**, 6:00–9:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall

14 — Saturday, **Free Legal Clinic**, 9:00 a.m.–noon., Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103

Festival de Arte y Cultura, 4:00–8:00 p.m., Quad Lawn &

Guild Room

15 — Sunday, **LGBTQ Fellowship Lunch**, 12:30–1:30 p.m., California Pizza Kitchen

No More Homeless Women in the City of Pasadena, Lunch of Compassion, 1:00–3:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

Jazz Vespers: Kait Dunton, 5:00–6:30 p.m., Chancel

16 — Monday, **Vroman's presents Ron Chernow**, 7:00–9:30 p.m., Forum

20 — Friday, **The Mad Woman of Chailot**, 8:00–10:00 p.m., A Noise Within

27 — Friday, **Fiction Fun!**, 7:30–9:00 p.m., Guild Room

29 — Sunday, **LGBTQ Dia de los Muertos Potluck**, 1:00–3:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

Click on the blue titles to see more information.

Adult Education 10:15 a.m. Sundays

1 • **Rector's Forum: Winning Full Equality for LGBTQ People**, with Allison Smith-VanKuiken, Forum

8 • **Rector's Forum: Loss & Longing: Grief as a Spiritual Path**, with Mirabai Starr, Forum

15 • **Rector's Forum: A Conversation About Homelessness**, with Mike Kinman, Forum

22 • **Rector's Forum: Socially Responsible Senior Living Communities**, with Episcopal Communities & Services, Forum

29 • **Rector's Forum: Harvesting Abundance: Church Agriculture and Food Justice**, with Brian Sellers-Petersen, Forum

October Vestry Meeting

The Vestry last met on Tuesday, **September 12**. Highlights included approving funding for needed repairs for the church roof, approving an Advisory Board to oversee the implementation of the 2016 Racial Justice Resolution, considering a draft Parish Policy on Alcohol Use, and receiving reports from the treasurer about the strongest giving numbers since 2009 and from the Climate Change Task Force about a November event featuring Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. And a record 14 visitors were in the visitor's gallery! Complete notes are at <https://allsaints-pas.org/vestry-notes-september-12-2017/>.

The next meeting of the Vestry is Tuesday, **October 3**, at 7 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. All Vestry meetings are open and visitors are welcome!

Preachers for October

Preachers for the month of October at the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 a.m. services are:



Susan Russell, October 15



Mike Kinman, October 1, 8, 22

Preachers at the 1:00 p.m. Spanish language service will be:



Antonio Gallardo, October 1, 8, 22, 29



Sally Howard, October 29



Carlos Ruvalcaba, October 15