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What does All Saints look like? What is All Saints becoming?

From Rector Mike Kinman

At the end of January, on Presentation Sunday, we did something different. As we were able, and with each other's help, we physically came to the front of the church and laid the gifts of our pledges and ourselves on the table.

We did this as a sign of what we do every time we gather at Eucharist. We offer our whole selves on the table along with the bread and the wine.

As I stood watching so many people come forward, I had a glimpse of what God must see every time we gather. What does it look like to see all of All Saints Church laid on that table?

It was beautiful. It was powerful. It was inspirational. What does All Saints look like?

All Saints looks like smiles and hugs. All Saints looks like tears rolling down cheeks. All Saints looks like wheelchairs being lifted, arms being extended in support and hands carrying gifts for those whose legs won't carry them across the church but whose hearts can fill the entire world.

All Saints looks like children holding their hands over the bread and the wine and people struggling with dementia who struggle to remember the faces around them they once knew so well.

All Saints looks like dresses and suits, t-shirts and short, and clothes worn from nights of sleeping on the street.

All Saints looks like skin of many colors, skin smooth and wrinkled. All Saints looks like married, single, divorced, separated, polyamorous and still trying to figure it out. All Saints looks like the entire spectrum of gender and sexual orientation.

All Saints looks like Saints who have been here for more than half a century and Saints who have just wandered in the door. All Saints looks like people who have driven an hour to get here and people who spent the night in the parking lot.

All Saints looks like all this and more. All welcome at Christ's table. All offering themselves. All supporting and rejoicing in each other.

And ... that's not all that happens in Eucharist. In Eucharist God takes all that God sees ... all that All Saints is ... and brings the most extraordinary new life out of it.

It's an amazing honor to preside at Eucharist. It's an amazing honor to be rector of this parish. Because what I get to do is to direct all of our attention to the table, invite us to look at the whole glorious mess of life that we lay on there with Christ, and ask a most wonderful question:

What new life is God creating with us, in us, through us?

What new life is trying to emerge at All Saints Church?

What is the vision that God is shaping for us based on the amazing community that God is continually drawing to



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Christ's table?

What do you see when you look at All Saints Church? Not just what are we ... but what are we becoming?

Your vestry is already having these conversations every time we gather. "What is trying to emerge here?" is a question we ask ourselves over and over and over again. AND ... this is not merely a vestry conversation. Because what is trying to emerge is happening with, in and through us all.

So what do you see when you look at the table?

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And ... that's not all. Because as the new life happens,

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we receive it. It will be a piece of each of us and it will bind us even more closely together in love. It will become a part of us and send us out into the world to meet the love of God that is already out there with the love from and with which we are sent.

As this new life happens, a new generation of All Saints Church will be drawn into the Body as part of this new life, drawn by the beauty and power and passion of all of our lives laid on that table ... both by what we are and by what we are becoming. A new generation, just as the oldest of our Saints once were themselves.

This month, I invite you to keep laying your life on the table. And while you are doing that, look around.

Look around and ask yourselves what you see.

Look around and imagine what God sees.

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What is All Saints becoming?

What new life is God creating with, in and through you?

Local Foster Children Experience a Christmas Miracle from the Angel Tree

by Rosie Chuong

Each year on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, an “angel tree” appears in the lobby of Regas House. For many friends and members of All Saints, the tree bedecked with wishes from local foster children signals the beginning of the joyous Christmas season. This year on December 9th the Angel Tree stood bare, and as all of the familiar green tags had disappeared, simultaneously the Church lobby and youth ministers’ offices began to overflow with bright



Joy in the loading...

Preparatory School, suggested to her Crestview Council during the 2018 holiday season. Such a simple phrase

became incredibly impactful for our community when the resulting collaboration between Crestview Preparatory School, the Pasadena Department of Family & Children Services (DCFS) and All Saints was forged.

Ms. Gendal’s comments sparked an idea in her student Setia Berenji so Setia shared with her peers how her family regularly participates in All Saint’s Angel Tree, an annually coordinated effort between DCFS, All Saints Children, Youth, & Family Ministry (CYF) and the Foster Care Project (FCP). The Crestview Council, a group of elected student leaders and staff advisory members, voted in an initiative for giving back to youth and children who otherwise wouldn’t have been able to enjoy the holiday season. All agreed that All Saints’ Angel Tree would be a perfect opportunity.

“The Crestview ‘angel tree’ was such a popular idea that the students were playing rock, paper, scissors for an angel! Luckily, we were able to allow all interested students and families an angel with a wish to fulfill,” shared Ms. Gendal. The generosity of Crestview families and staff ensured the availability of holiday cheer for DCFS’ incoming children. FCP is delighted to welcome the Crestview students as its newest and youngest partners.

Trula Worthy-Clayton, Angel Tree coordinator, expresses appreciation to all of this year’s extraordinary gift-givers and credits the diligence, perseverance and dedication of Gino Hernandez of DCFS, Kelly O’Plelan and Christina Ortega of CYF, and Nancy Dannevik and Celina Lew of FCP for making Christmas wishes come true.



...and the unloading.

Spotlight

Risë Worthy-Deamer

by Susan Johnson

Following a late afternoon interview with Risë Worthy-Deamer, the Los Angeles western sky took on the cinematic representation of the spiritual – so beautiful, and appropriate. This writer first noticed Risë at the kneeling rail at All Saints several years ago during a time of healing prayers. There was an exceptional connection with those for whom she prayed and a tremendous warmth in her hugs.

Risë was born in Texas and named for the renowned Risë Stevens, Metropolitan mezzo-soprano. She grew up in South Pasadena and attended schools there. Following graduation, she moved to London and studied at University of London and became a buyer at Liberty House. There she met and married David Deamer, a British citizen, and there their first son Miles was born.

After moving to the United States, David continued working for his English employer, IBM. He also shared the care of their young sons, especially becoming their sports guide. For eight years Risë worked in the non-profit sector.

Eighteen months after their arrival in South Pasadena, both of David's parents died within 10 days of each other. They found it difficult to cope with the resulting trauma, and sought a church like the Church of England, where they could raise a family – All Saints Episcopal. Risë found meaning in the liturgy and the formal, structured service. From Rector George Regas, they experienced a strong

sense of welcome. Two more sons were born – Christian and Pierce. At ASC, there was a place for Risë, David and for all three children, especially in the children's choirs and youth groups. There was also a place at All Saints for Risë's mom Trula Worthy.

Risë also found at All Saints great satisfaction in her association with and work in multiple areas over the years: EFM, Lay Counseling, Lay Visitation, Flower Guild, Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, Pastoral Care, Verger and especially – CYF.



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This past summer, Risë chaperoned the ASC Youth Choir Tour to the South. This was not a pleasure trip but rather one of great meaning and depth. As one of the chaperones – with youth aged 12 to 18 – Risë was taken by the young travelers' sensitivity and concern for everyone they encountered as they all experienced the harsh realities of a culture so riddled by pain. She and her traveling companions greatly appreciated the opportunity to hear firsthand the history of those who participated in the freedom work of the 1960's and 70's.

David and Risë credit their membership at ASC with their sons developing into compassionate global citizens and Risë vividly recalls the challenges of making sure that Miles, Christian and Pierce met their ASC obligations. On more than one occasion the boys arrived at church to acolyte with muddy soccer boots.

Risë, the now empty-nester indicates her work with CYF as a Faith Partner and choir chaperone is particularly dear to her heart as it allows her to be a part of All Saints' commitment to children of this and future generations.

Risë is a blessing to All Saints Church!

Making Connections on the Lawn, Part 2

by Nancy Naecker

On Sunday morning the Quad Lawn at All Saints Church is an epicenter of hospitality, information and action. Every week we strive to offer warmth and hospitality for all parishioners. A team of Leaders from Congregational Development, Pastoral Care, Peace & Justice and CYF are working to rethink our lawn experience, and they are working on a first option for the organizing the lawn.

In February, we will begin to re-assess our Café Area. We are going to try out a new arrangement for the Food Table and coffee and tea service, and add a place to chat with friends.

In coming months, we are going to experiment with different arrangements for the Welcome Center, the Action Table, and the Connection Center.

Please come visit with us as we work to make All Saints more welcoming to everyone.

Guiding Principles of the Lawn Area:

- Welcome newcomers
- Embrace all parishioners with warmth and hospitality – create a comfortable place to meet up and greet friends
- Present a view of what all of All Saints stands for and offers – a unified picture of our mission
- Provide for cost-effective and sustainable Sunday Morning set-up for the B&G staff



PHOTOS BY KEITH HOLEMAN

Connect, Reflect, Explore

Our adult confirmation program offers an opportunity to explore your faith and connection to the larger Christian community. A powerful way to make new friends and deepen relationships, each class includes an engaging presentation digging deeper into the history, teachings and theology of the church in general and the Episcopal Church in specific, small group activities, and lunch. Participants also have the opportunity to explore whether the sacramental rite of confirmation – offered on May 11 – is right for them. For more information, please contact Christina Ortega at cortega@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2733.



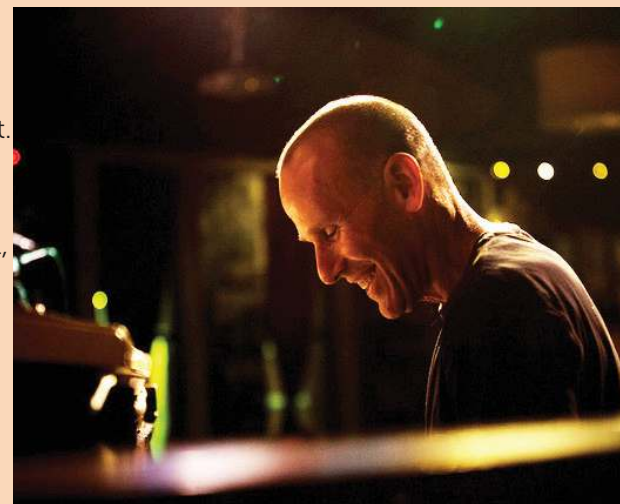
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Jazz Vespers in February – Russell Ferrante Trio

Sunday, Feb. 10, 5:00 p.m. on the Chancel. All Saints Parishioner and founding member of the YellowJackets, Russell Ferrante's first exposure to music came from his church, where his father was the choir director as well as being a frequent vocal soloist and having a vocal gospel quartet. He began piano lessons at 9 with the expectation that one day he would be the church pianist...but his musical interests took him elsewhere.

Russ has performed with Jimmy Witherspoon, Jim Pepper, Joe Farrell, Joni Mitchell, Bobby McFerrin, Robben Ford, Al Jarreau, Marilyn Scott, Kevyn Lettau, Ernie Watts, Sadao Watanabe, GRP, Big Band, Lee Ritenour and Michael Franks among many others. Russ will be joined by Bob Mintzer (saxophone); David Hughes (bass) and Steve Schaeffer (drums).

Christina Honchell offers a meditation. Validated parking is available at Plaza las Fuentes. For information contact Melissa Hayes at mhayes@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2725.



Presentation Sunday January 27

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It's Annual Meeting Time!

We divide our parish annual meeting into two parts: Annual Meeting I on Sunday, February 24, and Annual Meeting II on Sunday, March 10, both at 10:15 a.m. in the Forum. At the February 24 meeting we will elect new members for the Vestry and thank the retiring Vestry. Here's the slate for 2019 – 2023:

Kelsey Hekman grew up at All Saints, was baptized and confirmed here, and sang

in the youth choirs. As a teenager, she served as an acolyte. After graduating from Dominican University of CA with a nursing degree, Kelsey

returned to the Pasadena area where she is now working as a nurse. She is currently a leader of our 20/30's Ministry for young adults. "I am looking forward to being a member of the vestry and to continuing to grow as part of the All Saints Community."



Kimberli Hudson has been at All Saints for three years and is currently on the Finance Committee

and is Chair of the Women's Community at All Saints. She is an expert in entrepreneurship with over 25 years experience in business development;

currently she is CEO of Nexi, a clean-tech company, and co-founder of Unruli, a consulting firm and educational platform working to empower women through entrepreneurship, and is on the board of Conscious Capitalism of Los Angeles. "I deeply believe in business as a win-win solution that can help elevate our communities and humanity."

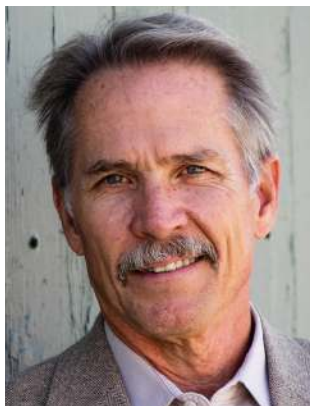


Eddie King and his wife Jennifer have been at All Saints for fifteen years. Their

son Jaspar and daughter Ava have grown up at All Saints and are active in acolyting and youth ministry. Eddie is a working actor and director and a general

contractor, and has lent both talents to the All Saints community: He has written and directed our Christmas pageants and read poetry at Jazz Vespers, and has generously given resources and labor for the installation of our new children's climbing structure. He is a new member of the Buildings and Grounds committee and has served as a leader in the New Member Class, as a member of the Growth and Incorporation Task Force, as a greeter and as a member of Parent Culture.

"While I have been both a 'tourist' and a 'missionary' (see the rector's sermon of 1/6/19) here at ASC, perhaps it's time to take off my shoes and walk with 'Pilgrims.' Thank you for the call and this opportunity to serve."



Rory Lowdermilk is nominated to fill one of the Youth positions on the vestry. She has been at All Saints most of her life, with parents Anna and Teckla and her sister Halley. Rory started acolyting and being involved with youth group when she was in 6th grade. She has participated in Seekers, and made the trip to Washington, D.C. last year with our youth to meet with congressional representatives, and then spoke about that experience in the Rector's

Forum. She is a sophomore at Orange County School of the Arts where she is a year book

photo-grapher, involved with theater as a director and has been a leader in a school-wide anti-bullying program.

Rory is involved in Girl Scouts, in outreach to Precious Life Shelter, which provides services to homeless pregnant women, and in outreach to Casa Youth Shelter. "All Saints has been home to me my whole life and has granted me and others so many opportunities to live out my dreams and to help others achieve theirs. All Saints has taken me in and allowed me to grow, allowed me to become the best person I can be. I hope that I can do the same and encourage a nurturing and welcoming environment."



Juan Mejia has been at All Saints for 18 years. He attends with his wife, Diana

Carbajal, and their four adult children, Olivia, Erica, Nico and Diego, have all been active participants in youth

programs. Juan is a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, and a member of the Latino Prosecutor's Association and the Mexican American Bar Association. He served a prior term on vestry, and has chaired or participated on the Pastoral Care, Giving and Children, Youth and



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

February

5— Tuesday, **Vestry Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

7— Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:30 p.m., Learning Center

8— Friday, **Not So Bored Game Night**, 6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

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

angel Kyodo williams: Radical Dharma retreat, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Forum

10— Sunday, **Jazz Vespers with the Russell Ferrante Trio**, 5:00 p.m., Chancel

12— Tuesday, **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 7:00 p.m., Scott Hall 6

14— Thursday, **Sr. Saints Spiritual Reading Group**, 12:30 p.m., OCC Conference Room

15— Friday, **Theatre Ministry Ragtime**, 8:00 p.m., Pasadena Playhouse

21— Thursday, **Senior Saints: Creating Personal Memoirs**, 12:30 p.m., Seminar Room

22— Friday, **Fiction Fun!**, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room

Lauren's Ordination!

On Thursday, February 28, Ordination of Lauren Grubaugh to the priesthood, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis.



Adult Ed in February, 10:15 a.m. Sundays

3 • **Perfectly Clear: Escaping Scientology**, with Michelle LeClair (via Skype), Rector's Forum, Forum

• **Parent Culture**, birth-5th grade in Scott Hall 2, 6th-12th grades in OCC Conference Room

24 • **Annual Meeting, Part 1**, Rector's Forum, Forum
Other Adult Education options will resume on March 3.

10 • **Rector's Forum**, with angel Kyodo williams, Forum

• **Parent Culture**, birth-5th grade in Scott Hall 2, 6th-12th grades in OCC Conference Room

17 • **This Year's Films & the Oscars**, with Kenneth Turan, Rector's Forum, Forum

• **Parent Culture**, birth-5th grade in Scott Hall 2, 6th-12th grades in OCC Conference Room

Reminder: angel Kyodo williams

Retreat on February 9

The Rev. angel Kyodo williams will lead **Radical Dharma: Connecting Race, Love & Liberation** on Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Forum. Cost is \$100 (scholarships available). Register at <https://allsaints-pas.org/sign-up-center/> or by phone at 626.796.1172.

Annual Meeting Time!

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Families vestry committees. He has served on three discernment committees, several staff search committees, and was a chaperone for the Trouvères Civil Rights tour last year. "All Saints is a sacred place where Diana and I come to have our lives recharged. It is a place where we come to learn. It is a place where we sometimes feel challenged. It is a place where we have received healing. It is a place where we have always felt loved."

Sarah Phillips has been at All Saints for six years and lives in Pasadena with her partner, Keegan Dyer. Sarah is a User Interface Designer at AXS. She came to All Saints looking for a choir to join, and has been a member of Canterbury Choir from the beginning, and now serves as choir president. Her church involvement includes leadership of the 20/30's Ministry, membership on the Music Director Search committee, and participation in the new member class as

well as the Confirmation class. "What's kept me coming back to All Saints from the very beginning is our commitment to radical inclusion. I grew up in a judgmental religion and culture, and I always hungered for a spiritual home. I want to help All Saints continue to grow, learn, and take action when called. I want to give back to a community that has been there for me when I didn't know how badly I needed it, so that we can continue to provide a seat at the table for everyone."



Edna Trigg is currently serving an expired term on the vestry and is eligible to be elected for a full term. Edna, a native of Pasadena, came by

her activism honestly while growing up with her grandmother who was an activist and president of the local NAACP. For many years she was a pre-school teacher; she returned to school to get a degree in Human Development before earning a master's in ESL. She raised two sons, now in their 20s. She now provides house sitting and animal care services. At All Saints, Edna has been an usher and a lay counselor. She is co-chair of Racial Justice Ministry and co-chair of New Members Class. This past spring, she traveled with and lent her wisdom to the All Saints Trouvères Choir on their Civil Rights Tour of the south, acting as facilitator.

