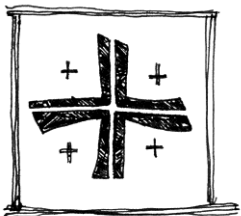


# A History of All Saints Church Pasadena



that was THEN



**The Vestry & Wardens of All Saints Church: circa 1952**

*All of these things are very much like the other.*



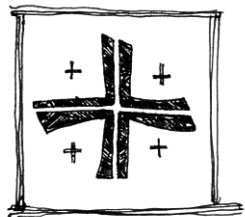
# this is NOW

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**The Vestry & Wardens of All Saints Church: 2022**

*An expansively diverse team of leaders.*





in the beginning

All Saints' roots were set down in 1882 in the living room of a small house tucked into a Pasadena orchard at the corner of Lake and Walnut. Eleven people were present.

# Land acknowledgement

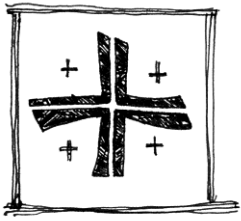
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We acknowledge that All Saints Church is included in the region of the ancestral and traditional lands of the Hahamog'na Tongva people who historically inhabited the San Gabriel Valley area around present-day Pasadena and Altadena.

We honor their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, serve and learn on their traditional homeland.







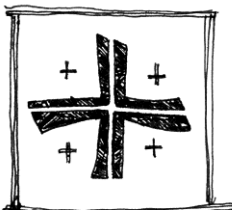
# the first church building

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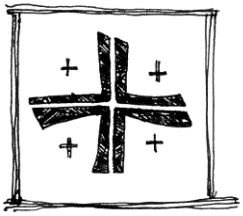
This small frame church ... located on Garfield ... served All Saints from 1885-1889.

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## on the inside

At first, the congregation sat on planks placed on boxes during the services. All Saints became a parish -- a self-supporting congregation -- in 1886.



# the wooden church



In 1889 a wooden church was built on the present church site on North Euclid Ave and served the congregation from 1889-1923.





## 132 N Euclid

It took 14 months and \$275,000 to build the current church building. The cornerstone was laid in October 1923 and the church was dedicated in 1925.



a complete campus

By 1930, the Parish Hall and Rectory are added to the campus – creating the current campus “footprint” still in use today. (But no oak tree yet!)

# the 1930's

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Until the mid-30s only the boys had a choir. Girls were not allowed to serve as acolytes, and we were decades away from women having access to the sacrament of ordination.





# St. Barnabas, Pasadena

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Part of All Saints' history is its participation in the systemic segregation of the Jim Crow era.

African Americans who were excluded from worshiping at All Saints Church planted St. Barnabas Church as an Episcopal mission which was officially founded in 1923. Families from All Saints Church donated land and provided funding for St. Barnabas to build its separate sanctuary on North Fair Oaks Ave, which was dedicated in 1933.

While celebrating the decades of ministry of St. Barnabas Church, we also acknowledge our complicity in the sin of racism which led to its founding and commit to continuing to be engaged in an ongoing process of self-examination and repentance.

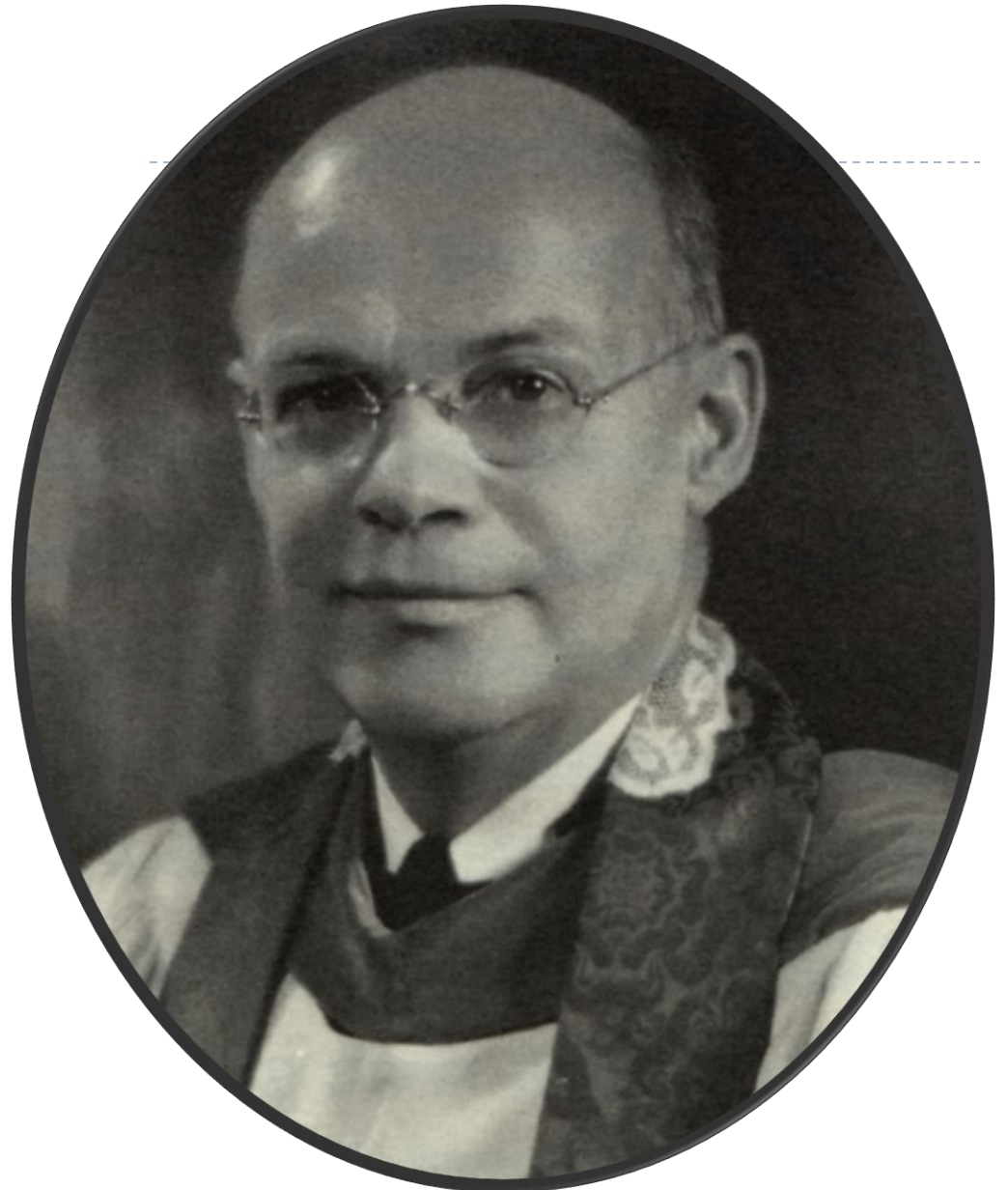
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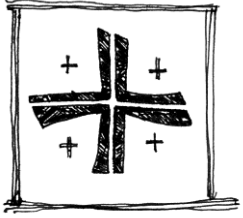


# John Scott: Rector 1936-1957

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- ▶ During World War II, Dr. Scott ushered in a new era of activism by protesting the relocation of Japanese Americans by protesting at Union Station.





## views of the 60s

Notice the ironing of the Sunday bulletins ...

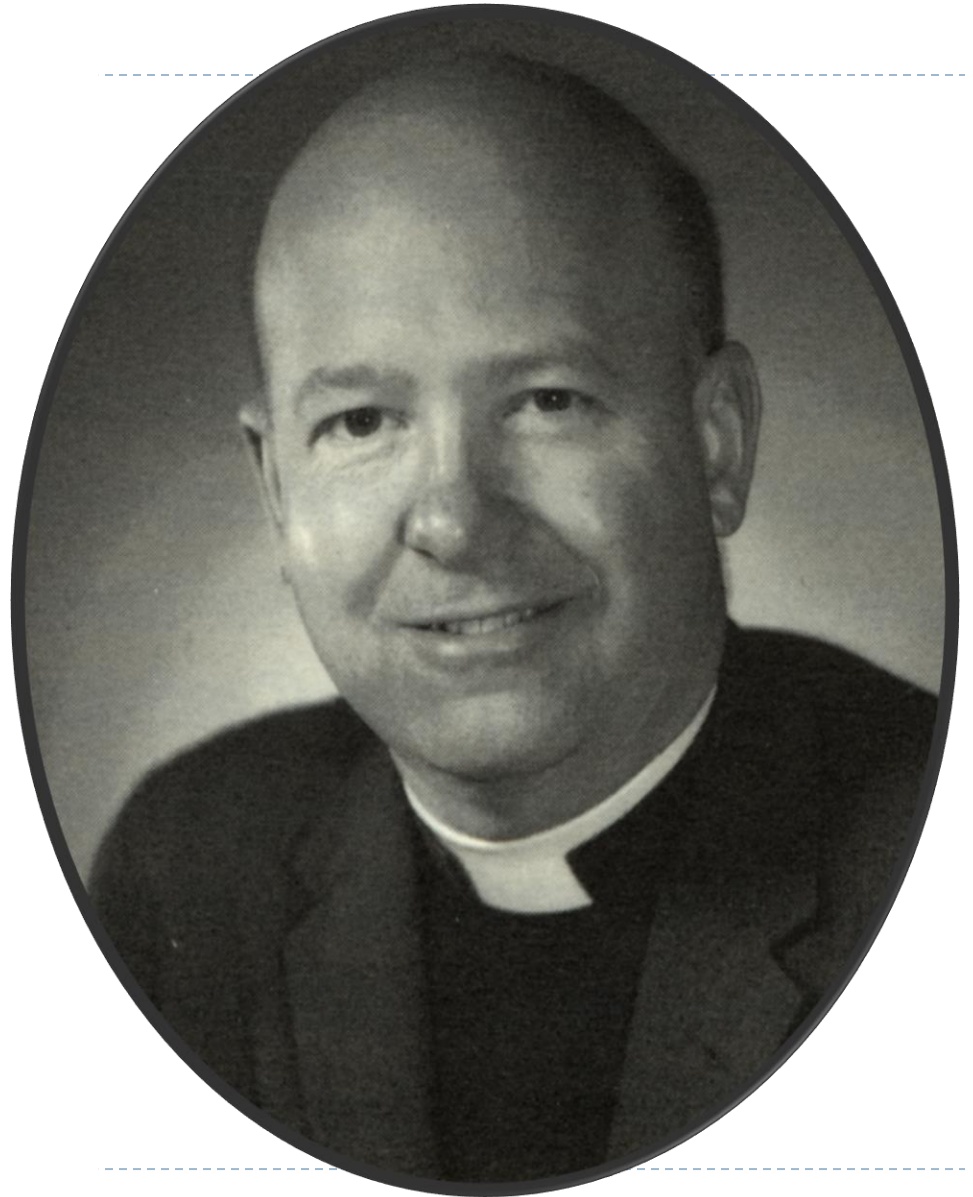


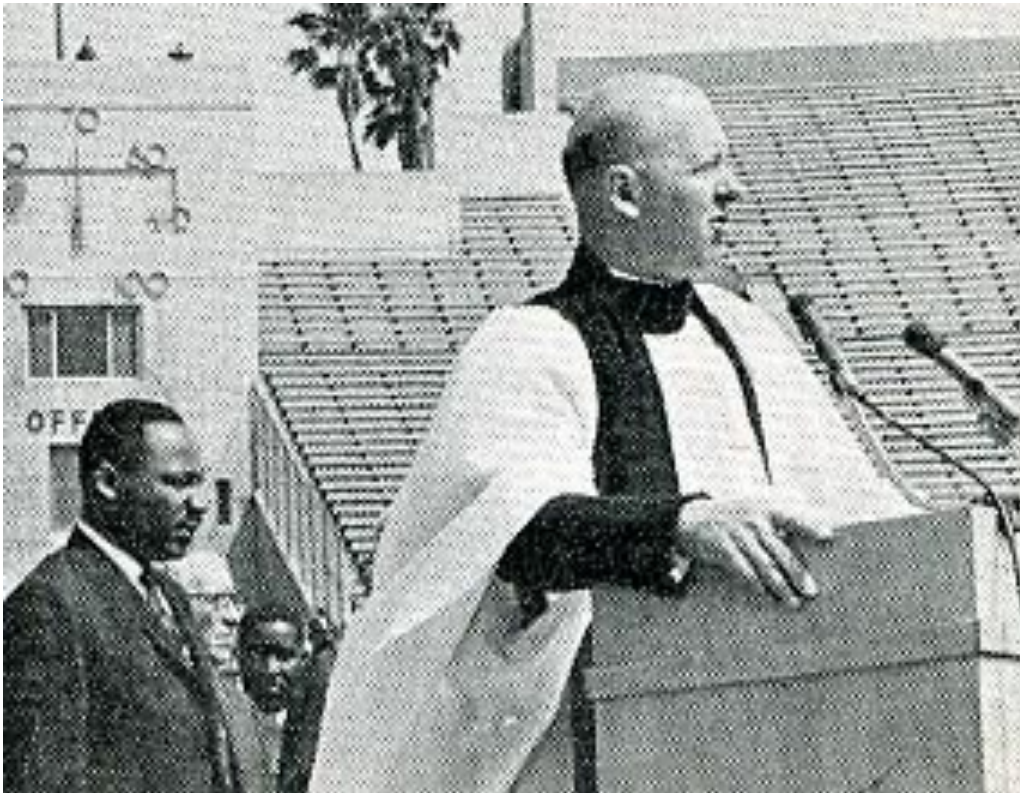


## John Burt: Rector 1957-1967

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- ▶ Elected as All Saints' seventh rector in 1957, John Burt was a noted civil rights activist and actively supported Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers Movement.





- ▶ In 1963 he was a co-sponsor of the "Rally for Freedom" – Los Angeles's largest civil rights rally until that date -- at which Dr. Martin Luther King spoke to 35,000 supporters.
- ▶ Burt received death threats at the rectory as a result.
- ▶ He was elected as the Bishop of Ohio in 1966

# George Regas: Rector 1967-1995

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- ▶ Born in Knoxville, Tennessee  
George came to All Saints from  
Nyack, New Jersey
- ▶ He was a powerful preacher, a  
tireless activist and continued to  
move All Saints forward as a  
leadership church on Peace &  
Justice issues.



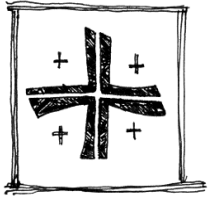


# the jury is in...

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- ▶ George's 1971 sermon protesting the Vietnam War appeared in the LA Times and inspired the establishment of the Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race.
  - ▶ It also inspired nearly half of the parishioners to leave All Saints.
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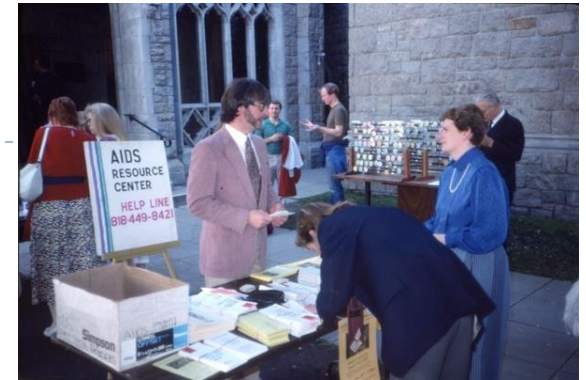
# milestones during the Regas years

## Creation of:

AIDS Service Center  
Pueblo de las Familias  
Union Station  
Office for Creative  
Connections

## Leadership on:

Ordination of Women &  
Blessing of same- sex  
covenants in the  
Episcopal Church







## the parish fire

▶ In 1976 an arson fire destroys the Parish Hall; the congregation responded with a \$4.5 million rebuilding campaign.



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## sanctuary renovation: before

During the Regas rectorate, renovations to the sanctuary included removing the wooden rood screen dividing the sanctuary from the nave of the church and moving the altar away from the east wall



# sanctuary renovation: after

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## Regas Retires

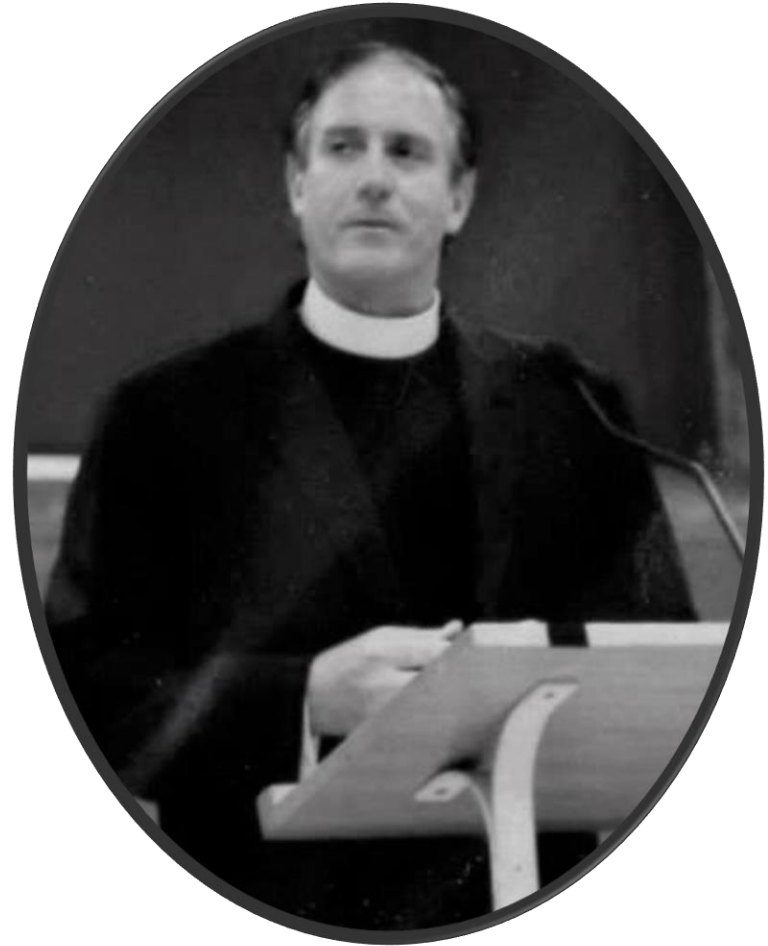
► In 1995, after 28 years as Rector, George Regas retired. His last service was a huge outdoor celebration.



# Ed Bacon: Rector 1995-2016

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- ▶ Born in Georgia, Ed was called to All Saints Church from Jackson, Mississippi where he was serving as the Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral.
- ▶ He was known for his active support of LGBTQ rights, peace & justice, and interfaith causes.





it takes a  
village

▶ The All Saints Staff, circa 1996

# the IRS comes to church

An anti-war sermon preached during the 2004 presidential election cycle drew the ire of the IRS, which challenged All Saints' tax exempt status.

After a lengthy and very public process, the IRS ended the inquiry with both our tax-exemption and integrity intact.



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## IRS ends church inquiry

### Clergy seeking answers

By Janette Williams  
Staff Writer

PASADENA — The IRS has dropped an investigation into an anti-war sermon preached at All Saints Episcopal Church two days before the 2004 presidential election, the Rev. Ed Bacon told his cheering congregation Sunday.

The sermon did amount to endorsing the Democratic candidate, the Internal Revenue Service told church officials in a letter received Friday, and could have jeopardized the church's tax-exempt status.

But Bacon said Sunday that the IRS gave no specific reasons for the inquiry into the liberal Episcopal church but that it appears to have direct links to the White House and be rooted in partisan politics.

Last week's IRS response to the church's Freedom of Information request on what prompted the investigation was heavily redacted, Bacon said, but the documents "raised the specter of Department of Justice involvement in the crafting of the inquiry."

"We want the (church's) name of the IRS and DOJ official and if any people in the White House were involved," Bacon said at a multidimensional forum after the services.

The IRS' latest comment on specific cases, spokesman Joan Wiley said Sunday. But Sharon T. Miller, spokeswoman of the IRS Tax Exemption and Government Relations Division, issued a statement that said the agency "is committed to ensuring that tax-exempt organizations understand and comply with the law."

"In his sermon, Bacon said the documents the church obtained from the IRS in its attempt at making the request — allowed the agency's chief counsel's office, was "closely coordinating with the Department of Justice personnel to which their views on the AS Saints case" and shared drafts of documents requests months before any proceedings began.

"We must raise the question whether political appointees at the IRS involved in approving and planning the examination of our church," Bacon said in his sermon.

Miller wrote that the federal agency will assist churches and charities in following federal guidelines.

"Our goal is to ensure that church

**RELAY:** The Rev. Ed Bacon of All Saints Episcopal Church lifts his head during prayer after telling his congregation Sunday that the IRS has dropped its two-year investigation of a guest sermon that they said crossed the line into political advocacy. Bacon said the church is seeking a correction and apology from the IRS.

**STARBUCKS WHITE? TRY IT!**  
The Los Vegas based company has speculated in development and use of alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas for fleets.

"The waiting for the day we get bought out by the big companies," Thomson said. "They'll

## Alternate fuels are gaining favor

### Animal fats, algae among substitutes

By Sam Doyle  
Staff Writer

**CHINA VALLEY** — A diesel mechanic for years, Joel Wolff was preparing a speech about his job when he stumbled on an diesel engine history and hunted the region ran on peanut oil when first introduced at the 1907 Paris World's Fair.

Wolff started testing vegetable oil as fuel with engines in his own back yard. He and his wife Rebecca were astonished when they discovered the liquid easily worked as an alternative to diesel fuel.

"It was an awakening," said Rebecca, who with her husband runs Veg Powered Systems, which converts diesel engines to run on recycled vegetable oil. "It's about not waiting for big companies or government to hand us answers. It's about individuals taking action."

Whether corn, soy, vegetable oil or animal fats, alternative fuels are emerging as a competitor to traditional gasoline. And they are also growing in popularity among consumers as oil prices have soared.

It is uncertain though if alternate fuel businesses will ever threaten over the oil industry.

Some startups have begun backing the mainstream and trying alternatives — from hybrid cars to experimental fuels made from rubber nuts, sunflower seeds or algae.

"We are in a transition," said Jack Kyeve, chief economist from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. "We've got them here. We haven't found the answer."

While there has been little room for such alternatives to seriously evolve in a country as reliant on oil, in 100-year run the oil industry has felt growing pressure as refiners age.

The AS major U.S. refiners can pump out a total of 27 million barrels of crude oil a day. But just a single major U.S. refinery has been built since 1970, and there are no plans for any — largely because of public opposition and a \$2 billion startup cost. Oil companies are bolstering their existing refineries, said Ray Connelly, a spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute.

But despite the alternative fuel problems, they are gaining ground with consumers and some businesses.

More than 25 million gallons of biodiesel — a fuel produced from oil or fat — was sold in 2006, up from just 500,000 gallons in 1999, according to the National Biodiesel Board.

Analyst Thomson, executive director of the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute, wants to see big companies buy out and invest in the alternative-fuels industry.

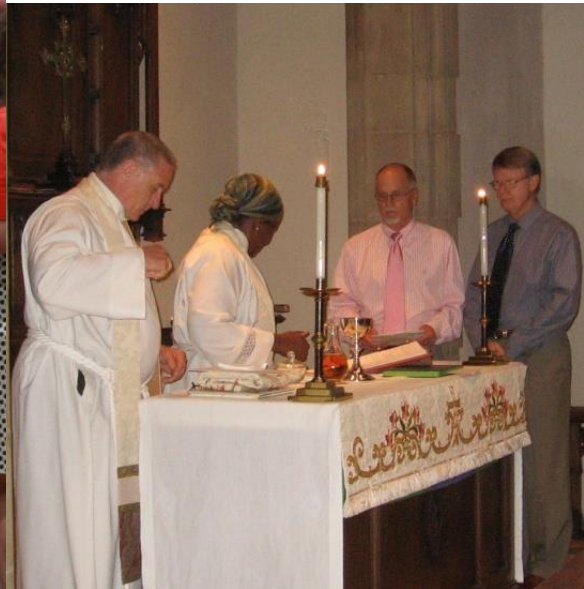


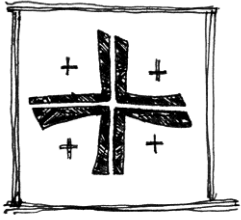
# Marriage Equality

In 2008 All Saints was in the forefront of the marriage equality battle in California.

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Between May & November of 2008, we married 46 same-sex couples, fought hard to defeat Proposition 8 and celebrated with great joy when marriage equality returned to California in June 2013.





# “Being Gay is A Gift from God”

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In January 2009 Ed Bacon appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

*“Being gay is a gift from God. But our culture doesn’t understand that. And consequently, the culture sends messages that you ought to isolate. And isolation is the antithesis of what we all need.”*





# Commitment to Interfaith Partnerships:

“To be religious in the 21st century is to be inter-religious” – Ed Bacon

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## Ed Bacon Retires

► In 2016, after 21 years as Rector, Ed Bacon retired in another huge outdoor celebration.

# Mike Kinman: Rector 2016-present

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- Mike began his tenure as the 10<sup>th</sup> Rector of All Saints Church on November 1, 2016.
- Previously the Dean of Christ Cathedral in St. Louis, he brings a passion for preaching, amplifying the voices of the marginalized and following Jesus
- His pronouns are he/him





# ASC Clergy Staff 2023

(front to back:)

- Mike Kinman
- Sally Howard
- Susan Russell
- Mark Chase
- Alfredo Feregrino





# All Saints Core Values include:

## Radical Inclusion







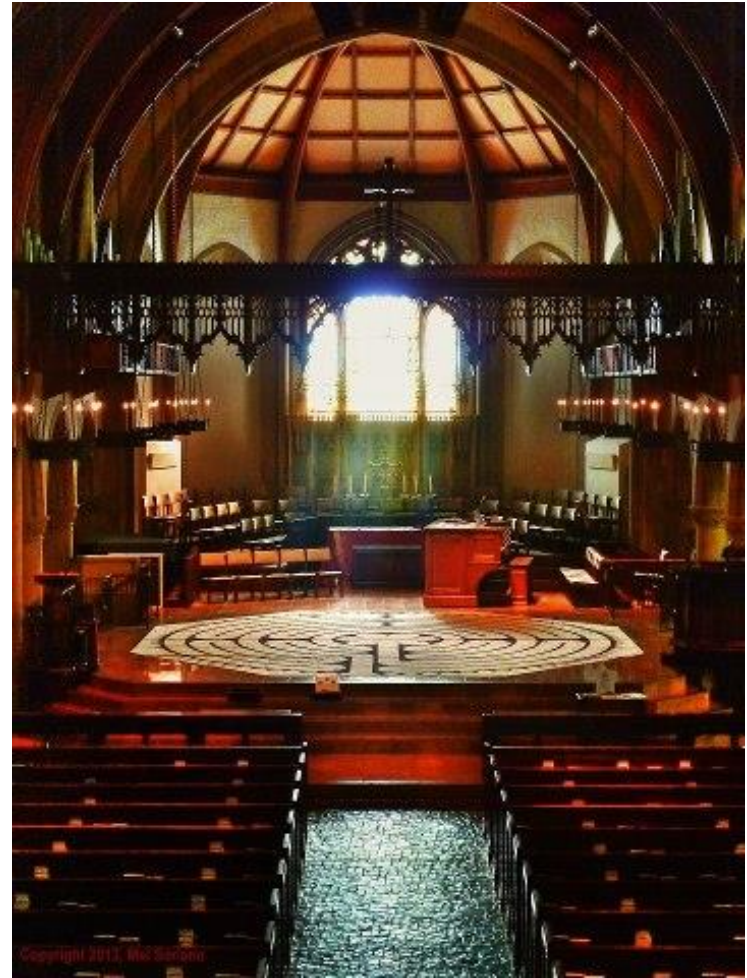


# Joyful Spirituality









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# Courageous Justice





# Ethical Stewardship

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# Our Mission Statement

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We are an Episcopal Church, walking with a revolutionary Jesus,

Loving without judgement, doing justice courageously, embracing life joyfully,

Reverently inviting all faiths and peoples into relationship,

For the healing and transformation of ourselves, our community, and the world.



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▶ THE END

