



Saints' Alive

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The Rectors Ramble

Just today Doug and I received an email from Pastor Dande in India. He wished us all at All Saints' a very blessed and merry Christmastide. He is very excited that our own Dave Greene is planning to actually come to India in February. I'm sure that the Lord will show Dave many things and give him many opportunities to be a witness in that far away land. I know that he covets your prayers as he continues to get all the "ducks in a row" that must be taken care of in order to travel to another country.

Interestingly, Dave has shared with Doug and I some of the questions that people have asked him as word has gotten out about his impending trip.

"What are you going to do there?"

"There are plenty of poor people here, why don't you just stay and help them?"

"Are you going in order to try to convert Hindus to Christianity?"

First of all, Pastor Dande invited Dave and anyone in our parish family to come to India to "come and see" what his ministry is all about, but also to experience the Holy Spirit at work in a different country and among a people with a very different worldview and culture from our own. What all of us have been invited to "come and do there" is to see, listen, speak about our faith in Jesus Christ, and learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Second, while it is true that there are plenty of poor people in our own communities we need to understand the invitation to India is about the personal relationship we have with Pastor Dande as he has come to be a part of our parish family. He has shared in our parish life and ministry. Now he extends to us an opportunity to share in his remarkable ministry. Third is the question about "converting the Hindus". I imagine that this statement comes from the many bad models of missionary activity through the centuries in which white folk entered into a non-white culture to try to "straighten out" people who needed "true religion". There's a lot of good reason to wonder about any missionary activity if all we can see is that kind of disrespect and domination. Yet it must be said that such a forceful and unloving message is not what Pastor Dande is about, nor is it why Dave Greene is travelling there. You can be sure that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be preached. After all, we Christians have good news to share! People are invited to come and listen. If they choose not to come or respond to the message that's their choice. Pastor Dande's ministry is all about the great commission of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth and trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work in their hearts.

Let us commit ourselves to pray for Dave as he prepares to travel. Also for Dorrie, Keara and Alteira. As the one year anniversary approaches for the Tsunami that hit the Indonesian coastline, let us also remember all those in the region who still struggle to recover from the damage. Last year, through the generosity of

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our parish family, Pastor Dande was able to serve 150 families of fisherman of the Pallepalem Village of the Krishna District in the state of Andra Praedesch. Each family was given 25 lbs of rice and new clothes each.

God has brought to us this wonderful partnership of ministry. Let us wait upon Him to see where we will be led next!

See you Sunday! Rev. Patti+

Upcoming Calendar Events...

January 1st 8am & 9:30am

Office of Morning Prayer, Rite II

January 6th 7pm

Evening Prayer to Celebrate the Feast of Epiphany

January 8th 11am

Congregational Meeting to Discuss Parish Finances

January 12th 7pm

Vestry

January 15th 5pm

Alpha Celebration Dinner...Bring a Friend!

January 20th 7:30pm

Ultreya

January 22nd 5pm

Alpha Course Begins

January 29th 11am

Parish Annual Meeting, Election of Officers

Annual Meeting

The parish annual meeting is scheduled for **11:00am on January 29th** following the 9:30 service. Annual Meeting is an official "canonical" meeting of all adult communicants of the parish. Vestry officers are elected, the 2006 budget is presented and reviewed, reports are given on the various ministries of the parish. This year we hope to have a video montage showing the life of our parish over the last year! We hope you will consider the meeting something more than tedious.... but a real opportunity to give thanks for all that God is doing in us and through us. See you then!

Special Budget Meeting

At December's Vestry meeting the Vestry decided that we needed a congregational-level meeting to discuss the current situation of our parish finances. This meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 8th, 11:00am** following worship.

We can be proud of our pledge drive this fall *as next year pledge totals amount to around \$76,000. However, this is far below what is needed to balance our projected 2006 budget.* Therefore, cuts need to be made. Since All Saints runs on a very "barebones budget" the only place to make cuts is in the Co-Rector's Salary. At this meeting we will be discussing the ***very real possibility of our Co-Rectors being cut to 3/4 time,*** when such a cut might happen, the possibility of cluster ministry within the Deanery, or other options for solving this problem. **PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND!** The Vestry needs your help to make a decision about what to do next.



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All Saints' Parish Service

Schedule:

Sunday:

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II, no music

9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II, traditional hymns, as well as contemporary music.

Sunday School: ages 0-18

Wednesday:

12:00noon: Holy Eucharist Rite II, healing service

6:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II, healing service



ALPHA NEWS...

Winter Alpha is coming! On **January 15th at 5pm** we hold our Celebration Dinner. The Alpha program will be described in a video, and people who've taken the course will tell what it has meant to them. Come and bring a friend and learn why over 1.5 million people in the US and Canada have taken the Alpha course.

- The 10 week Alpha course starts on **Sunday, January 22nd at 5pm.**
- "Getting acquainted with your Bible" starts on **Monday, January 23rd at 7pm.** (Patti Hale is leading this course, which is a great followup to Alpha.)

Lay Eucharistic Minister Schedule

	<u>8am</u>	<u>9:30</u>
1st	Carolyn Adamson	Kristen Tingblad
8th	Carolyn Adamson	BullWallace-Gross
15th	Carolyn Adamson	Chip Durant
22nd	Carolyn Adamson	Dick Tingblad
29th	Chad Wohlers	Maureen Mahoney

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Tues & Fri. 9am-12noon

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Senior Youthgroup Leaders

Dave and Sue Frazier

Junior Youthgroup Leaders

Maureen Mahoney
Chip and Jolene Durant



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New Bible Study

Starting on *Monday, January 23rd at 7:00pm*, Rev. Patti will be teaching a new Bible Study class called "*Get Acquainted with your Bible*". The class is for anyone just beginning to read the Bible. It lasts 8 weeks and is a great way to "get your feet wet" in the rich treasure of our faith in the Holy Scriptures. Cost of the study book is \$7.00 each. Please let Rev. Patti know right away if you are interested so she can order the materials for you. See you there! Bring a friend!

Prayer Line

Kathye Foster maintains a very strong prayer line ministry via E-mail and snail-mail for All Saints' Parish. If anyone wishes to add a name or concern to the prayer list, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Kathye (508) 378-4818, or through E-Mail at fosterJK@juno.com. Take advantage of this powerful Ministry!

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

(because stewardship is more than once a year)

[From the Rectors...]

Did you know?.... Every Episcopal congregation pays a monthly "assessment" to the Diocese. These monies support ministry on a "Diocesan level". This includes the ministries of our Bishops, but also a number of Diocesan sponsored outreach ministries. If you go to the Diocese of Massachusetts website, www.diomass.org you can learn about them. Did you also know that each Diocese pays a monthly "assessment" to the National Church to support ministries that are sponsored by our denomination as a whole? Go to http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index_new.htm and check out the "Denominational level" ministries we support in our own small way.

[additional comment from an anonymous submitter...]

Did you ever wish you had a second home, a place where you could get away from the bustle of life, be yourself, and spend time with people who care about you? The good news is we do – All Saints' is our second home as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are members of God's family. Here we are loved, care for each other, and grow in our faith. And here we welcome others to join us in God's family. In January, as stewards be thinking of ways you can make our home more welcoming and inviting to those who come to see what life in the family of God is all about!



Fish Net...Jeff Roderick

Dear Maw,

Well, hit's happened agin. Me an Abe an Luke we just about got out of Geresá with our skins after that danged hog thang went South in a real bad way. Man, them lawyers and town folk were riled up like a nest of hornets. Bout the time they hauled out the tar buckets, feathers and rails, we kinda figgered it was time to leave town real quiet-like and git into a whole new line of work.

You know, Maw, us boys ain't got much to brag on. Bein Montessori School drop-outs, petty theives and the village idiots was al we had till we got lucky enough to get that hog-wranglin job up there in Geresá. Any way, we left town late one night, just a few steps out in front of the fare-well posse. Bout all we had with us war the clothes on our backs, a little money from our back pay and our dignity.

I cain't rightly say we'uns had any idea whar in thunder we was a headin an what all we was goin to do to seek our fame and fortune. We kinda skirted up along the edge of the lake tryin to put a lot of ground between us an that pesky posse. Couple o nights later we was just layin there lookin at the stars and tryin to get over some loco-weed that got mixed in with a Caesar salad we bought at a local Centurion Fast Food walk-in. All of a sudden like, Abe hollers out "eurika" (you know, maw, he never lets us forget that he FINISHED third grade), an says that he knows what to do. Seein that fast-food place had done hatched a plan in his mind.

He's a sayin that we all kin do the same sort of thang but just a smidge different . Maw, Hits danged strange how good it sounded: set up a shop at the edge of the edge of the Sea of Galilee an sell cooked fish wrapped in flat bread to hungry travelers, pilgrims and just mebbe a passing roman patrol. All we needed was a shack, a fire, some fish and bread an we was in business. I mean, dang, iffen I cooked good enough grub to keep me an Abe an Luke alive as well as them hogs, then fish an bread looked right easy.

Luke pitched in to help out. He walked round tellin folk he met bout the place for good food, chear an fast, an gave em directions to the shack. He might have over praised the food and service just a mite, but not enough to be out an out lyin.

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Fellowship Breakfast

Don McCrorie has decided to step down from his duties as coordinator of the Fellowship Breakfasts held on the last Sunday each month. He has handled this ministry for a long time, and his efforts will truly be missed. I personally want to thank Don for his work in this area.

This means that if the breakfasts are to happen, we need someone who is willing to coordinate. Perhaps God is tugging at you to help out where it is needed? If you feel a desire to help in this, speak with Doug or Patti. Remember that the tasks are easy to learn...don't be afraid of the duties! All that is required is the desire to help All Saints flourish as a loving community in all that we do. Even if you have a curiosity in this ministry, talk with Doug or Patti.

Thank you.



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Don't rightly know how it happened, but we called our place "the End". Mebbe it was cause we war so near the end of our trail at the time. Anyway, Luke, he wanders around with a big sign front and back sayin "The End is near", He says he gits lots o kinda queer sorts of looks but folks ollow him back to see iff'n he's really crazy or not. what ever it was , it worked. Them people were a buyin an eatin an liken the food real good. Me an the boys we could see custom made sandals an clean linen robes in our future not to mention a decent roof over our heads for sure,

Sure enough thangs went real smooth 'n easy for a while, then one day Lukie, he comes a runnin up with his "the End is near" signs flappin like some loony birds wings. He's a hollerin and a jabberin like he was a for-real looney bird. He gits on up to the shack an he drops like he was pole axed - just plain winded. He finally gits his wind back an starts in a babblin agin. Pilgrims, hundreds, mebbe thousands! headin this way! We're rich!

Seems like Luke, he seen this humungus crowd of folks walkin the edge of the lake an headin this way. We grabbed all the cash out of the till and hot-footed it into town and bought up every piece of fish and bread in the place, and enough wood to cook it, We had cornered the bread and fish market! We was goin to be rich, I mean, man, out here in the middle of no where, how is they gonna git any eats if not from us. Rich, rich, filthy rich, that's what we were goin to be.

Next thing we know the come right on past us, might as well not have been there atall. Then we seen it! They's a followin a boat out on the lake that's headin for shore. Maw, You didn't raise me up to be no fool, so this time I figgered I'd get ahead of this herd an see what's up.

Great balls o fire! It's him again: that Boss fella and his gang. well, they pull the boat upon the beach an the Boss an the gang head up on a hill an set on down. All them dang pilgrims they set on down an the Boss starts in a talkin to em. Caint say I got the drift o what he was a tellin them, but they sure seemed impressed.

We still felt OK, it war gettin late, an those Jaspers didn't seem to have any grub with em. We sure was about to do a land-office business, mebbe ever raise our prices some. Make even more money offen them poor fools.

Now, it gets right strange agin. One of the gang, he grabs some kids lunch pail n takes it to the Boss. The Boss, he looks at it, looks at the crowd and then looks up at the sky then mumbles somethin I couldn't hear. The gang member, he takes the lunch pail an heads out into the crowd an people start helpin themselves out of it. Maw, it was FISH AN BREAD! that gol danged brat kid had in his lunch pail an there was no end to it! Had to be some sort of trick. Them folk all ate their fill an left so much around that there was enough that all the town-folks had enough for days too.

Maw, we're ruint! Truth be told, we bought more than we could pay for an we're in a heap of hot water again. Guess we're goin to have to be movin on agin. Iff'n it's the last thing I do, I'm gonna figger out who that Boss-Dude is if I have to follow him forever. There's talk of him headin to Jerusalem. Me an the boys will be headin there too. There might be something in all o this, mebbe it's iff'n you caint beat Him, join Him . He's one right powerful dude, that's a sure thing. Could be good for business, I can see something really BIG coming out of this.

Will write soon., Tom



January:

- 2 Matt Livrago, Paul Spink
- 6 Wilma Bentley, Dick Corkum
- 7 Debra D'Antuono, Forrest Boynton- Smith
- 8 Robert D'Antuono Don McCabe, Mildred Inglis, Stephen Foster
- 10 Pam Nawrocki, Gary Santiello, Matthew Walbourne
- 11 Hanna Jane Brown
- 12 Charles Lucas
- 14 Mike Fuller
- 20 Scott Armstrong, Dan Andrade, Matthew Bunar
- 24 Kathye Foster
- 26 Marilyn Inglis, Rose McCabe

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February:

- 1 Warren Phillips
- 3 Kyle Armstrong, Liz Putur
- 5 Nancy Bunar
- 6 Sean Powers
- 8 Danielle Johnson
- 10 Cheryl Belcher
- 14 Jonathan Tillson
- 16 Audrieana Casieri
- 19 Marsha Beauleau
- 20 Ellen Stillman, Jeff Phillips
- 21 Joseph Livrago Jr, Jullian Boyd
- 23 Keith Fuller
- 24 Mark Livrago
- 25 Norma Gardner
- 26 Michael Eunice
- 27 Erin Dyson
- 28 Sarge Johnson

Junior Warden Quick Notes...

The monthly update...

- The door handle to the hall main entry doors has once again been replaced! This was my error. The handle must be of an “emergency exit” capability. That means it can be opened just by turning the handle (from the inside, of course) whether it is locked or not. This is a safety code. So it is now of the correct configuration. The good news is that everyone who had a new key given to them can still use that key. I had the cylinder changed to match our key.
- I am working with two sign manufacturers, one in Rockland and one in Bridgewater. I had to adjust the detail drawing slightly to make them happy. I am now deciding whether to use wood or PVC plastic for the sign. I am inclined to use plastic; it would hold up much better in the long term. I am waiting for pricing.
- The memorial garden needs 2 more things to be complete—a plaque for the bench, and a border of bricks. The plaque I am working on and will install as soon as I get it. The border bricks will be installed in early spring.
- I’m beginning to think a little more about the kitchen roof and inside ceiling. I have no easy solutions yet, and I invite any ideas anyone may have. The best solution is to put a shallow-sloped roof over the kitchen, and redo the inside ceiling. I have no cost estimates for this, but given the financial difficulties currently facing the Parish, I can’t see putting money into this problem when the financial health of All Saints is in more dire need.

That’s it for now. Talk to me if you have any opinions or questions. I welcome your comments. Thank you.