

All Angels by the Sea

The **SANDPIPER**



SUMMER 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10:00 a.m.
Summer Service

Tuesdays
Through the Summer
10:00 a.m.
Men's Study &
Discussion Group

Tuesdays
Through the Summer
4:15 p.m.
Women's Study &
Discussion Group—
Discussing the Gospel of
Luke

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday June 27, 4:00 p.m.
Follow-up Centering Prayer
Workshop

Fourth of July Picnic
5:30 p.m. at the home of
Sylvia Thompson
More details on back page

See page 5 for upcoming
2016-2017 events

Watch *Tidings* and the
Sunday bulletin for details

RECTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

It is only a few days now since the horrific shootings in Orlando. The funerals are just beginning. My emotions are still raw and I'm still trying to make sense out of what I know is a senseless act. Some asked about making donations to assist the victims' families. The Diocese of Central Florida (1017 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801) is accepting donations which they will pass on to already established funds. At this point, substantial donations have been received. What is really needed more than money is your prayers, your support of the grieving LGBT community, and your commitment to work to end gun violence through common sense reforms.

Tens of thousands of Americans across our land have come together for vigils and prayer services. I was deeply struck by the response this tragedy has engendered around the world. I first want to share with you some comments from the Rt. Rev. Gregory Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida, but also a few of the many messages from our sister Churches in the Anglican Communion. We are truly a family, and like all families, when one grieves, we all grieve.

Bishop Brewer: "Words of condolence have little value in the face of this carnage. For right now, all we can do is grieve, pray, and support the families of those who have died the best we can. I will leave it to others to look for someone to blame. Instead – right now – all I want to do is stand beside, pray, and love as best I can. There will be time later to raise questions about security, gun violence, and homophobic rage. There is no justification for this atrocity. I categorically condemn what has happened. Better solutions must be found. What I do believe is that love is stronger than death. The promise of resurrection brings courage, and the promise of 'a new heaven and a new earth' should fuel all of God's people to help build a better world. 'Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'"

Archbishop Mounier Anis, Anglican Primate of Jerusalem: "We stand strongly against any kind of violence, especially where individuals think to take the position of God in punishing others."

Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury and Archbishop John Sentamu of York: "We must pray, weep with those affected, support the bereaved, and love without qualification. The obligation to object to these acts of persecution, and to support those LGBTI people who are wickedly and cruelly killed and wounded, bereaved and traumatized, whether in Orlando or elsewhere, is an absolute call on our Christian discipleship. It arises from the unshakable certainty of the gracious love of God for every human being. Now, in this time of heartbreak and grief, is a time for solidarity. May God our Father give grace and comfort to all who mourn, and divine compassion to us all."

Finally, in the left-hand column is a prayer published on the Church of England's website in response to the killings.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
Amen.*

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace – peace that passes our understanding but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

David

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Bev Joutras, Stewardship
Susan Matthews, Christian Education & Spiritual Development
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Bill Steele, Stewardship
Graham Toft, Programs

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Dale Hooey,
Music Director and Organist
Sue Blue,
Administrative Assistant

Senior Warden Report

As I sit down to write this I am watching the news coverage of the horror in Orlando where 50 people are dead and more than 50 injured in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. Our prayers seem so inadequate for those families who have lost loved ones in another senseless tragedy, but all of us must not only pray for those killed and injured but that this World find a way back to peace.

Here at All Angels we have started "Summer Season". We have a chance to see those from services who we do not always get to see when we have 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. Our Choir gets a well deserved break and the Vestry even takes a bit of a break with no meetings in July, August and September.

While the Vestry is not meeting we do have projects on the table. Dorothy Cole and I are tackling a history project to put together a readable history of All Angels. Bob Erker is working to find an engineering firm that will help the Vestry develop a long term plan for our facility in terms of maintenance and future needs. Mike Clay, Elaine Smith & Graham Toft continue with establishing criteria for the Outreach Commission to analyze organizations who wish to be considered for grants. Alison Jones continues to visit parishioners unable to come to church. Don Getz as our Junior Warden always has issues he takes care of for us — Memorial Day weekend our AC broke making for a warm service.

For those of you up North we have had our first tropical storm system — had a few hours of rising water and flooding and lots of breezy conditions taking down tree branches, but otherwise not seriously affected. Hopefully that will be the worst weather we see.

B. J. Bishop, Senior Warden

BJ

The Gallery

The work of Peter Christ will be on display in the Gallery until the end of August. In September and October, we will see the work of Robert Barylski.

Musical Musings

Our choir and handbell choir are taking a much-deserved break for the summer months and I want to thank them for their dedication to this important ministry of musical leadership. A special word of thanks to Marcy Gobell for directing the handbell choir. Special thanks, too, to Sylvia Thompson for assisting me in so many ways throughout the year.

During the choir recess I plan on having a Summer Choir sing on the first Sunday of the summer months. The Summer Choir is open to all. If you are interested in singing in the Summer Choir, simply come to the music room at 9:15 on Sunday, July 3. We will rehearse the service music. The music I have chosen will be familiar and easily learned. Again, the Summer Choir is open to anyone. No audition and no long-term commitment. We will continue to sing on the first Sunday of August, September and October.

Dale Hooey, Organist and Music Director

Please note Dale Hooey's new email address: dhooey1@brighthouse.com.
Phone number remains the same—941.722.2421

Meet a New Vestry Member—Elaine Smith

Since retiring to Florida, it has been wonderful to have time to do many of the things I enjoy...traveling, reading, tutoring, theater, yoga, water aerobics and ballroom dancing. We live in a great community with a nature preserve allowing us to observe all kinds of birds including a family of sandhill cranes which stride across our yard each spring with a new colt or two.

Summers are spent on an island in Maine where the ocean shows itself in a fascinating change of colors and intensity - calm and blue one day and stormy and dark on another. Lobsters are pulled from the water just in front of us and there is nothing better than a fresh lobster with an ocean view.

We came here from Christ Church, Andover, Massachusetts. We have two sons and two identical twin grandsons. I spent many years as a teacher which I loved and am now grateful to be here at All Angels among so many good friends.



Meet another New Vestry Member—Mike Clay



I grew up in the Army, the son of an Army officer. We were stationed in Kansas, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and North Carolina. In 1963 I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery from West Point. During my 15 years of active military duty I was stationed in West Germany, Vietnam (twice), Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, West Point, and Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. I then served in the Army Reserve retiring in 1995 as a Colonel.

The next 15 years I spent in industry at Ford Motor Company and three smaller companies. My focus was in Program Management/Product Development using advanced technologies in very diverse areas such as automotive power train components, nuclear power, ballistic materials and computer simulation (virtual reality).

My last 15 years I spent teaching quantitative subjects (both undergraduate and graduate level) in the business school at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I retired from there in 2006.

I was raised a Methodist but became an Episcopalian my senior year in high school. My father (the Army Colonel) was somewhat taken aback as he exclaimed that in his opinion "the Archbishop of Canterbury was a communist!" None the less, I have found great comfort in my religion and have been involved in numerous Episcopal churches both on vestries and in other positions. Of particular note was Christ Church Dearborn, Michigan. The church was built by Henry Ford and the interior looked like a New England Quaker church in its simplicity of design and furnishings.

My wife Gail and I have two sons and five granddaughters. Michael is a physician at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan and Whit is in the financial industry working in Manhattan and living in Ridgewood, New Jersey. I enjoy writing, reading, going to plays and being with friends.

Outreach Update

On Sunday, June 5th, Fr. David gave a very inspirational sermon on the topic of Compassion. He spoke of how Jesus showed his compassion for a widow by bringing to life her dead son. The widow had not asked for help or even sympathy.

As I listened, it came to me that while we cannot raise people from the dead, or perform related miracles, we can demonstrate great compassion for those in need through gifts of time, talents and treasure – Outreach.

All Angels has an Outreach Commission with the mission to lead the parish to do good and to share what we have with the needy. To that end the Commission has been challenged by the end of this calendar year to make a contribution sizeable enough to make a substantial difference to a worthy project undertaken by a vetted charitable organization.

We have incorporated parishioner input received over the past 2 years including the widely-held view that our next outreach initiative should be one that supplements and complements the many charitable projects/ organizations currently supported by individuals and groups within the church — a single larger project the whole congregation can get behind that will not only have a more substantial and measurable impact but build a deeper sense of community and camaraderie within All Angels. We will focus our funds directly on programs/projects rather than overhead, organizational staffing, buildings/equipment or other infrastructure.

The Commission appreciates the support of the Endowment Committee which has pledged all earnings from our endowment this year to this initiative, approximately \$15,000. Along with other outreach funds at hand we will be able to make a grant this year of approximately \$25,000, a substantial project requiring good planning and execution on our part.

At the Vestry meeting on June 16th the Commission presented several documents that will be given to charitable organizations in Sarasota and Manatee Counties seeking requests for proposals for a charitable grant. They will have until August 15th to respond and then the Commission will evaluate the responses and select one for recommendation to the Vestry at its October meeting. We will then award the grant before Thanksgiving.

It is important to note that we expect these organizations to ask not only for funds, but for volunteers; and we pray that parishioners of All Angels will respond to these prayers by volunteering where and when possible. The successful grant recipient will meet with the congregation to inform us of project details and to discuss various ways we can help with its success both individually and in groups.

Mike Clay, Chair, Outreach Commission

Centering Prayer Workshop

On Monday, June 13th, a Centering Prayer Information Workshop led by Susan Mathews and Barbara Pickrell was held in the Parish Hall. A total of seventeen parishioners were in attendance. A follow-up session **for those participants who attended** will be held Monday, June 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Another Introductory Workshop will be offered in the Fall for all those who are interested in learning more about Centering Prayer but who were unable to attend the gathering on the 13th. In summary, Centering Prayer is sitting in silence before God, listening with the 'ear of the heart' for what may be given.

Parishioners are also welcome to contact either Susan Mathews or Barbara Pickrell for more information about Centering Prayer or Spiritual Direction.

Barbara Pickrell and Susan Mathews

Update on Stewardship

A few months ago we wrapped up a very successful Stewardship campaign, reaching 100% pledge commitment to the budgeted pledge amount. A special thanks to all 103 pledging units! And especially to Bill Steele and Bev Joutras, Stewardship co-chairs. Bill and Bev have discussed with Vestry some fine-tuning in 2016-17 to shorten the duration of fundraising, while still engaging the congregation in meaningful ways — details in the next Newsletter.

Formation of Fellowship Commission

In 2013 Vestry held a significant strategic planning retreat at which it was decided to more formally organize several activities of the Church through various Commissions. The Worship, Caring Ministries, Newcomer Hospitality and Programs Commissions were set in motion. Just a year later the Outreach Commission was added. While we still have a ways to go, significant progress has been made in how we organize ourselves and do business as our church grows. The latest report from the Outreach Commission in this Newsletter attests to our thoroughness and professionalism.

One area of activity deserving improved coordination is our fellowship activities. These happy and well-attended events are planned and organized by various groups and individuals in keeping with our 'grassroots' way of getting things done. But we do need some overall coordination especially to dovetail with our worship, devotional, educational and music activities and to help share the work load. To that end Vestry voted on June 16 to create a Fellowship Commission to coordinate such activities. More on this in the next Newsletter.

What can we look forward to November 2016 — Early January 2017

- **Dining Club** starts October
- **First Bell Choir Rehearsal** October 12, 10 a.m.; **First Choir Rehearsal** October 13, 4 p.m.
- **God and County Roundtable — Election Year Reflections** Nov 9, 2 PM ; Every week we pray for the President, country and armed services. Through a facilitated non-partisan discussion we'll share our thoughts on the changes and challenges facing the nation we love.
- **Welcome Back Snowbirds:** Sunday Nov 12, noon. Brunch at Bird Key Yacht Club
- **Thanksgiving Sunday Service** November 20; Donations to Manatee and Sarasota Food Banks
- **LBK Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,** Tues. Nov 22, Longboat Island Chapel
- **Memoirs Writing Group:** 2nd and 4th Mondays, December –April; starting December 12
- **Epiphany Concert** Sunday January 8

ALL ANGELS WEBSITE: DID YOU KNOW...?

Need a phone number, email, or address? The most up-to-date information we have is available on the parish website. Just go to www.allangelslbk.org and click on Parish Life. From the dropdown box select Parish Directory. Enter the username "all angels" and the password "paradise".

You can also see those photos taken as part of the 2011 photo directory and the 2014 update. Photos from recent parish events can be seen on our website. Just choose Photo Gallery and enjoy! No password needed. These pages have recently been updated and expanded by Pat Anderson who maintains the Photo Gallery. Thanks Pat!

Details of current and upcoming events are posted for all to see.

Past sermons by the rector are added periodically (approximately every six weeks).

The most recent as well as past issues of the newsletter are posted. Look under Parish Life.

A host of other information about outreach projects, parish leaders, history and volunteer opportunities.

Our Amazing All Angels Family!



We did it !!! 3 times around the track for 3 K. In photo Louise Rich, Marge Stapleton, Jessica Nicole and Barb Standish President of the Sarasota alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma.



Marge Stapleton showing off her Top Dog shirt, having raised nearly \$2,000 for the Southeast Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots program, sponsor of the event.



Women's Study & Discussion Group Outing, April 26—
Dinner at Mar Vista.

Historical Society Names 2016 'Hero'

The Historical Society of Sarasota County recently bestowed its 2016 Hero of History award to Suzette Jennings Blue, a historian, preservationist, playwright, writer and trolley history tour leader, who, through writing and public presentations, consistently educates the public about the history of Sarasota and Florida. Congratulations Sue, our Administrative Assistant! (Courtesy of Sarasota Harold-Tribune)



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING:

June

Anniversaries

- 7 Fred & Diana Emrich
Bill & Suzanne Thomas
- 10 Alan & Betty Forrester
- 12 Don & Carolyn Judd
- 20 Tom & Alison Jones
- 22 Warren & Anne Roberts
- 23 Ted & Nancy Bremble
- 29 Edson & June Sheppard

Birthdays

- 2 June Sheppard
- 3 Nancy Gross
- 5 Peter Temperton
- 7 Melanie Gennet
- 17 David Eiss
- 18 June Granger
- 21 Diana Emrich
- 26 Don LeWin
Connie Jose
- 27 Eve Wickwire
- 28 David Matthews
- 29 John Williams
Phil Kreis

July

Anniversaries

- 12 Sandy & Connie Jose
Courtney & Gloria Blackman
- 18 Ed & Elyse Rogers
- 20 John & Dee Binney
- 23 Bill & Daphne Walker

Birthdays

- 6 Don Edwards
- 9 Carol Doenecke
- 12 Happy Grahn
- 13 Sylvia Thompson
- 20 Anne Roberts
- 22 Edson Sheppard
- 23 Tanya Edwards
- 29 Mary Geeslin
- 30 Pearl Fisher
Doug West

August

Anniversaries

- 4 Jim & Pat Anderson
- 16 Doug & Ginny West
- 20 Ray & Lynne Woo
Bill & Elaine Smith
- 23 Jim & Mary Lou Thomas
- 25 David & Wafa Danner
Don & Judy LeWin
- 27 Bob & Carol Hambrecht

Birthdays

- 5 David Rice
- 7 Julian Hansen
- 9 Sally Simmons
- 21 Catharine Burke
- 26 Lou Getz
- 30 Mary Haveron

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT . . .

There are churches everywhere. There are all kinds of churches in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. You would not be caught dead in many of them! So, why are you at All Angels? What drew you to our church in the first place? Why have you stayed and been faithful in supporting this congregation? It would be interesting to hear your comments on this. Some of our responses would be the same, and some would not. I am a retired minister. Susan and I have both been deeply rooted in churches throughout our lives, and we have both served churches as staff members. Moving to this area a year-and-a-half ago, we could have joined any church of our choice. We chose All Angels. Why?

All Angels is genuinely a place of worship. Sadly, many churches today have turned worship into entertainment, which threatens our sense of the transcendent, the "holy." But worship is of primary importance here, and everything that happens when we gather for worship confirms this. Fr. Danner's sermons are not only carefully prepared, they are always inspiring and profoundly spiritual. Lay leaders in worship at All Angels are prepared and are serious about their place in worship. Music plays a significant role (thanks, Dale, for all you do!). Worship here is God-centered and the emphasis is squarely on the primacy of Jesus Christ.

What is the most important thing about All Angels to you? Is it the liturgy? Is it the acceptance you find, and the rich fellowship you enjoy? Is it the emphasis on life as service to others? Is it the hope you have for our church's future? What might we do to make All Angels an even better place to be?

C. David Matthews
June 2016

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Happy July 4th

DON'T FORGET!

JULY 4TH POT-LUCK PICNIC, 5:30 P.M. --At the home of Sylvia Thompson, 801 Longboat Club Road. Fried chicken will be provided, as well as paper goods and ice. Bring a dish to share which serves 6-8: appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert (limit of 5 needed). BYOB. Sign-up in the Gallery or call the church office.

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