Join Us in Welcoming Our New Rector at the Parish Picnic

All Saints’ Vestry is Proud to Announce Our Next Rector: The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring

The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring has been called to serve as the next rector of All Saints’ Episcopal Church. Simon is married to Monica, who is also an Episcopal priest (serving Christ Church, Coronado), and with whom he has three children: Elliott, 10; Euan, 8; and Annie, 6. Simon is originally from England and was educated at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, and Birmingham where he earned a PhD in biblical theology. He comes to us from St. Andrew’s By-the-Sea in San Diego, California where he has served as rector for the past seven years. He also serves the Diocese of San Diego as dean of studies of the diocesan School for Ministry and is president of the diocesan standing committee. Simon has ministered in schools, hospitals, and parish churches, and is also the author of two books, a number of journal articles, and his blog God at the Beach. Besides writing, he enjoys time with his family, cycling, painting and cheering on his beloved English soccer team, Tottenham Hotspur.

“I have been struck by the many and varied ways by which All Saints’ makes a commitment to share Christ’s love in Atlanta and in the world beyond. I cannot wait to play my part and roll up my sleeves and minister alongside you for many happy years to come!”

Welcome Simon!

Our annual parish picnic is extra special this year as we welcome our new rector, The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring and his family to All Saints’. Gather with us for a festive summer picnic in the courtyard and in Ellis Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This will be a fun-filled opportunity for all the Saints to meet and greet our new family and to show just how welcoming, celebratory and fun we Saints can be. There will be lots of yummy picnic fare of many summertime favorites. Water park fun will be happening on the playground, so wear or bring clothes that can get wet!

You won’t want to miss this grand welcome to Simon and family at this favorite parish gathering, filled with good food and fabulous fellowship. Be sure to mark your calendars now, and sign up now to be part of this great summer celebration!

Sunday, August 6
11:10 a.m. in the Kennedy Courtyard and Ellis Hall
$10 for adults and $5 for children ages 3–12 years.
RSVP at the parish life table on Sunday mornings or online at allsaintsatlanta.org/parishpicnic.

Volunteers for the picnic are needed and welcome! Opportunities to help include: set up, check in, nametags, décor, serving, and clean up. The more the merrier! Contact picnic chairs Lelia and Bradley Pratt at leliaschwabpratt@gmail.com to help.

For more information contact Lauri Begley at 404–267–4273 or lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org.
Thank you to all Pentecost Party helpers for your festive and joyful presence:

Hats off to our hard-working vestry members who have completed their term with remarkable dedication:
Elizabeth Klump, Erin Miller, Katrina Newton, Charlie Ogbum, Ken Stewart and Robert Waddell.

Gratitude for all the dedicated and tireless VBS volunteers that provided a week of Roman wonder for our kids:

Thank you to all of the chaperones on this year’s pilgrimage: Tim Frilingos, Lynda Herrig, and Patricia Babuka-Black.
Pre-Register for Kanuga Now and Take Advantage of the Summer Payment Plan!

Debbie Wilson and Jowell Thome, 2017 Kanuga chairs, say, “Plan now to join your fellow Saints for a fabulous weekend of connecting with community through food, fellowship, fun and a little bit of prayer.” The Rev. Heidi Haverkamp, Senior Associate Rector of the St. Chrysostom’s Episcopal Church in Chicago, will help us in our quest to reconnect with the Holy Spirit.

Friday through Sunday, September 29–October 1
at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Register online or download the registration form (allsaintsatlanta.org/kanuga).
For more information stop by the Parish Life table on Sunday mornings or contact Debbie Wilson or Jowell Thome at 404–314–4905 or 1962dwilson@gmail.com.

Week One
Sunday, July 2
4 Pentecost
Jesus on the Front Page
9:00–9:50 a.m.*, in P307

Monday and Tuesday,
July 3–4
Church office closed,
enjoy a wonderful and safe holiday weekend!

Wednesday, July 5
Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
10:00 a.m. in P307

*Summer meeting time.

Week Two
Sunday, July 9
5 Pentecost
Jesus on the Front Page
9:00–9:50 a.m.*, in P307
Stories from Our Stained Glass Windows
11:10 a.m., in the Ross Room
Wednesday, July 12
Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
10:00 a.m. in P307
Brown Bags and Poems
12:30–2:00 p.m., in P203

Week Three
Sunday, July 16
6 Pentecost
Jesus on the Front Page
9:00–9:50 a.m.*, in P307
Stories from Our Stained Glass Windows
11:10 a.m., in the Ross Room
Monday, July 17
Vestry meeting
4:30 p.m., P305/P306
Wednesday, July 19
Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
10:00 a.m. in P307
Saturday, July 22
Swimming Buddies
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., location TBD

Week Four
Sunday, July 23
7 Pentecost
Jesus on the Front Page
9:00–9:50 a.m.*, in P307

13th directed by Ava DuVernay: A Film Screening
11:10 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in The Attic

Wednesday, July 26
Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
10:00 a.m. in P307
Sunday, July 30
8 Pentecost
Jesus on the Front Page
9:00–9:50 a.m.*, in P307

Please Note: the church office will close at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays through Labor Day weekend.
If you have a pastoral emergency anytime the office is closed, call 404–881–0835. You will hear a message that will direct you to the clergy on call.

During the summer for our youngsters, the playground will be unlocked to play during coffee hour. Kids are welcome there with adult supervision. Bright Horizons is nice enough to let us play with the trikes, so be a good neighbor and put all trikes and balls back where you got them.

Formation and Children’s Church resumes in August! The Children’s Formation Open House with Brunch is already on the calendar for Sunday, August 28. Watch for detailed information in the August Monthly.

For more information contact Kathy Roberts at 404–267–4272 or kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.
Coming Up

Now Accepting Fall Festival Artists Market Applications
We hope to see as many of our All Saints’ artists participate as possible. Our annual Fall Festival and Artists Market takes place the weekend of Friday through Sunday, November 3–5. Apply now through Wednesday, August 30. Visit allsaintsatlanta.org/fallfestival to apply online or download the PDF form and return it to Lauri Begley at lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Stories from Our Stained Glass Windows
See details on page 6.
Sundays, July 9 and 16
11:10 a.m.–12:15 p.m., the Ross Room

Lunch & Learn: A Talk About Affordable Housing
Learn about several initiatives that join city of Atlanta officials, MARTA, and Atlanta Beltline Inc. in mobilizing resources to address the critical need for affordable housing. Sponsored by the Episcopal Affordable Housing Network, The City for All Campaign, and All Saints’ Christian Social Action Ministries.
Wednesday, July 12
12:00–1:30 p.m. in the Ross Room

You Can Still Be a Swimming Buddy!
Just two dates left to help refugee kids have emotional relief, connection and fun this summer by providing transportation and supervision for Swimming Buddies. We are looking for pool hosts for August 12.
Saturdays, July 22, August 12
10:30 a.m. pick-up–1:30 p.m. drop off, includes transportation time.
Locations TBD
For more info or to volunteer, contact Louisa Merchant at 404–403–5908 or louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org.

13th directed by Ava DuVernay: A Film Screening
See details below.
Sunday, July 23
11:10 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in The Attic

Break Bread With The Men Of Covenant Community
All Saints’ parishioners have provided Monday night dinner for the residents of Covenant Community for over 20 years. A tradition means so much to the men of this residential drug treatment facility. Bring dinner yourself, with your family, or with friends or co-workers.
Mondays, July 24, 31
For more information contact Karol Kimmell at karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Lunch will be provided.
For more information contact The Rev. Kim Jackson at 404-267-4276 or kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Coming in August

Welcome the New Rector and Family at the Parish Picnic
See page 1 for details.
Sunday, August 6
11:20 p.m., All Saints’ campus

First Fall Rehearsals for Youth and Children’s Choirs in August
Children in grades Pre-K–6th begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 23, 2nd floor, Pritchett Children’s Center. (Wednesday Night Suppers begin the same evening, 5:00–7:00 p.m in Ellis Hall.) Rehearsal times based on grade levels are on page 6. 2017/2018 choir schedules are available on our website. Click the Music tab and then Children’s & Youth Choirs in the dropdown menu. Youth in grades 7–12 kick-off the choir year on Sunday, August 27 with a special schedule: choir at 4:00 p.m., sing for worship at 5:30 p.m., and dinner for choir and families at 6:15 p.m. in Ellis Hall. Regular rehearsals begin September 10.
For more information contact Karol Kimmell at karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org.

13th provides a critical look at the 13th Amendment and tells the American history of how we moved from enslaving Black persons to the mass incarceration of Brown and Black people. All Saints’ Adult Formation Committee hosts the showing of this film. Bring a bag lunch (drinks and popcorn will be provided) and join fellow parishioners in a viewing and guided discussion of this film.
Sunday, July 23
11:10 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in The Attic
For more information contact Janet Todd at janet-todd@att.net.
Christ for the World

When I was in my early twenties I fell in love with India and took a job living on top of a foothill of the Himalayas in West Bengal. My college classmates had all gone on to begin London-based careers in journalism, or law, or medicine, and so on. I, on the other hand, signed up to live in a single room in a dorm of a boarding school in north-east India which had such high altitude that in the monsoon season you literally lived in the clouds. I loved it, and as my idealistic, youthful determination to make a difference in the world collided with the complex realities of human community I learned for the first time what ‘living by faith’ really looks like.

Every place has its local legends, and this school, perched next to the roof of the world, was no exception. His name was John Anderson Graham, who had founded the school some 100 years before my arrival there. Graham was a dreamer, to be sure, but he was also a builder. Unsatisfied that his missionary service should be limited to the work of the mission house, and deeply troubled by the plight of abandoned Anglo-Indian children local to the area, Graham stepped forward in faith and built a modest school house on an acre of land. Thirtys years later he had 800 acres and a ‘children’s city’ that gave hope to kids who otherwise might have given up on ever finding it. His belief was that the people of God are given time on this earth to join in God’s transformation of the world in all and any of the ways God might open up for them to do so. His vision always exceeded his grasp, and at 22, I was hooked.

It is that same spirit of seeing the more that could be possible, of extending the life of faith out into the world around, of stretching the sinews of the church’s mission as we currently know it, that has remained central to my own journey of ordained life. It is also what most drew me to All Saints’. There is a line in the parish profile you published in search for the next rector for All Saints’ that struck me as soon as I had read it, and it has remained with me since: that you have even told me “transgressive”, grace-filled communion of all sorts and saints, and it is my privilege and joy to be called as your next rector to help you carry this legacy of fellowship and mission into God’s future.

A commitment to being the church in and for the world is also one of the many reasons why I love my wife, Monica. She is also an Episcopal priest and brings to ministry gifts as a preacher, a pastor, and a thoroughly natural connector of people. Monica will be meeting with Bishop Wright not long after we arrive in August to begin discerning with him how her priestly vocation might find expression in Atlanta. Our three kids, Elliott (10), Euan (8), and Annie (6), already know that mom and dad are prone to leading the family on wild and wonderful adventures in the name of the church. A few years back, for my sabbatical, we all spent two months in Tanzania, having bucket baths and playing in our dirt yard with neighborhood kids whose only sure English word was “play?” We had a blast, and once they get over their luck that Atlanta’s premier fast food restaurant is over the road from their new church home, they will no doubt blend in with the other kids in Karol’s choir and Kathy’s children’s ministries. I imagine that they might give the magnolia tree outside the rector’s office a try once or twice too.

My family and I will arrive in Atlanta in July and we will celebrate my first Sunday as rector on August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration. I cannot think of a better day in the church’s year to start. Following services that morning, I know there will be a parish picnic, when I hope to meet as many of you as I can, and later in the Fall our family will also be up at Kanuga for the parish retreat. There is so much that I am looking forward to learning about you and your unique walk of faith; so many ways that we will grow together in Christ. Please join me in praying for this new chapter in the life of our parish as we come to know in full the grace that draws all of us to the love and communion of God. 

Grace and peace to you all,

Simon

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Simon may be reached at 404-881-0835

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More About

The Rev. Dr. Simon James Mainwaring

A native of England, Simon Mainwaring has earned degrees from Oxford University, St. Anne’s College (MA, Psychology), Cambridge University, Emmanuel College (MA, Theology), Harvard University Divinity School (ThM, Theology) and the University of Birmingham (PhD, Biblical Theology). Simon’s work and ministry history have included serving as missionary and teacher at Dr. Graham’s Homes School, a boarding and day school in Kalimpong, West Bengal, India; curate at both St. Mark’s Church, Pensnett, England and St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Upham’s Corner, Boston, Massachusetts; chaplain at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco; and chaplain at Christchurch School, in Christchurch, Virginia. Most recently, he has served as founding seminary Dean of Studies of The School for Ministry of the Diocese of San Diego and as rector of St. Andrew’s by-the Sea Episcopal Church in San Diego, California.

According to Simon, “I seek to inspire faith through powerful and passionate preaching, to offer a clarity of vision and a heart for shared ministry, and to lead the church into an abundant future grounded in the hope that I find in Christ.”

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Jezebels: Women’s Book Study On Break for the Summer

The Jezebels may be on break but they are reading Anthony Marra’s first novel, Constellation of Vital Phenomena, to discuss at their first meeting on September 6. The New York Times had high praise for this “extraordinary first novel”. Put this book on your summer reading list and join this group in the fall!

For more information about Jezebels contact Mimi Spang at 404–239–9708.
Vestry Notes
From the meeting on May 15, 2017

Tim Black opened the May meeting with prayer followed by an introduction of Joel Smith, our new lay minister for youth. Charlie Ogburn reported that the Parish is financially sound and that we are currently ahead of budget year to date. Elizabeth Klump reported that Jonathan Davis is doing a wonderful job at Covenant Community and Laurie Begley reported that the Threads Gala was a tremendous success. The meeting was adjourned following a short time of prayer.

All vestry meetings are open and meet at 4:30 p.m. in P305/306 of the Parish House with dates announced in The All Saints’ Monthly.

Meet the 2017–2018 Vestry on our website at allsaintsatlanta.org/who-we-are/lay-leaders.

Transitions

Baptisms
Sara Wylie Elzemeyer, daughter of Jeff and Anne Elzemeyer
Taylor Simone Fountain, daughter of Nadia and Vaughn Fountain
Alexander Hudson Walsh, son of Dan and Victoria Walsh
Daniel Gerald Walsh
Nicholas McDowell Goodwin

Marriages
Linda Merrill and Margaret Edson
Ellen Begley and Preston Weaver
Amede Oputa and Rotimi Ayoola
Cheryl Tuttle and Allen Estes
Page Zakas and Brendan Burdette

Transfers In
Grace Barr from Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Dothan, Alabama
Luis Boscan-Hendricks

Transfers Out
William H. Crawley to The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta

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Stories from Our Stained Glass Windows

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A Growing Oasis for a Booming City!

A new garden area is underway at All Saints’. The spot by the Pritchett Children’s Center red door near the playground has been lovingly referred to as the “Desert Garden” (essentially some pavers and a bench in the crushing sunlight and sandy ground.) A desert no longer, this area has been redesigned by premier landscape designer Edward Daugherty. The new garden, as Ed says, “will feature a low canopy of modest sized trees and offer seating in a place somewhat apart from the view of the parking area where most of the year the pavement is hot as the hinges of hell. We hope that when you are seated here you will feel like you are in a particular space. The plants we have chosen will be enduring kinds: wax myrtle, sumac, juniper and liriope. The ground has required conditioning to be made more porous because it sits atop the parking garage and must absorb the water.” Ed has worked alongside the Memorials and Gifts Committee (Richard Hall, Michael Burel, Jo Ann Dalton, Linda Stewart, Bobby Johnston, and Nixon Lowe. Funding was made by gifts in memory of Penny Smith, Ann Walker, Mary Ann Camann and others.  

We have several parishioners who have joined the Garden Committee and are helping with watering garden areas around the campus. If you want to get involved contact Ellen Hayes, ehayes@allsaintsatlanta.org. It is not a demanding time commitment and maintains our essential oasis in this busy city. Gardens add so much to our lives. Thank you, all!

The deadline for the August issue is Saturday, July 8. Please make your submission via our website, at allsaintsatlanta.org/news-and-events/announcements/. Thank you!