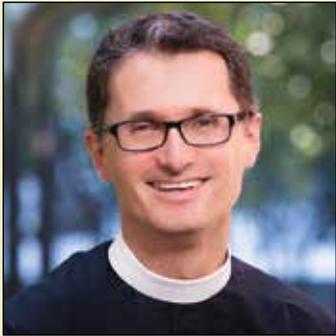


# the All Saints' Monthly

News and Announcements from All Saints' Episcopal Church  Atlanta, Georgia



Dear Saints,

I cannot remember a time when faith and culture have had such fun with one another as they seem to be this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday falling on April Fools'. I suppose we might say that love does make fools of us. Paul argued as much with the Corinthians who were sure that their knowledge had secured them a foot up on the ladder of heavenly wisdom. For such surety, the cross does indeed look like foolishness, yet as Paul goes on, 'the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom'. Much as those who have perpetuated the tradition of the holy fool in the history of the Christian faith, let us ask ourselves this Lent how our heart might love more like Jesus, unconstrained by the conventions of our world, set free to offer ourselves to others with the foolishness of grace.

Blessings for a holy Lent,

## HOLY WEEK LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

# God in the City



One of the traditions of this season of Lent, as it leads us through the wilderness places of our lives and hearts, is the idea that to follow Jesus is to be on the move. We seek and we search, looking for the divine life not merely in the words of scripture, or in the life of worship, but out in the world. Furthermore, to be on such a journey of looking for the life of God around us as a wilderness journey, means that we will have to be inclined to look for light and hope in the shadows. Lent is that season when we face ourselves and our life and actions among others, and in being so, it is a gift extended to us, offering us the opportunity to live more truly into the way of life that Jesus calls us to. The wilderness teaches us grace.

This sense of journeying and the seeking of God amidst our daily lives is only heightened when we get to Holy Week. Palm Sunday's triumphal procession tells the story of the movement of God in Jesus into the city of Israel's hope, and the narrative arc of the days that pass from Palm Sunday to the Passion lead us in and then out again of the city, all the way to the foot of the cross on Golgotha, beyond the city walls.

All of this movement reiterates that our search for God is placed, it is located within the life we share with others within the context of our lives. All Christian theology, in the end, is contextual theology because it all seeks to speak of an incarnational reality.

God is with us, here, on the streets and in the relationships of our here and now. God is in the city. Yet, as Christians, we are not alone in seeking the divine life within this shared city space of Atlanta.

This Holy Week, we will host a three-part Lunch and Learn series called *Voices of Faith*, where representatives from the three Abrahamic traditions—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—will explore with us what it means to find God in the city, from their particular faith perspectives. I warmly encourage you to join in conversation with them and be enriched by the journeying we hold in common in the great religious pluralism of our city. God is on the move around and about us. I invite you to join the journey, with faith and thanksgiving.

**Voices of Faith: God in the City**  
**Monday through Wednesday, March 26–28**  
**12:05–1:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall**

This Holy Week we will explore together the perspectives of faith communities within the Abrahamic tradition of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Our intention is that, by listening for the insights of those beyond our framework of faith, we might find our own enriched, as we reflect together on the meaning of faith and of being a holy people, set apart to be God's hands and feet in the world. We hope you will join us for lunch and these reflections. Buffet lunch will be available in Ellis Hall at noon; the discussion with our invited faith leader will begin by 12:15 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

Cost is \$7. RSVP for each lunch on our website at [allsaintsatlanta.org/voices-of-faith](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/voices-of-faith), at the Parish Life table on Sunday mornings, or contact Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or [lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org).

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February was a busy month!  
We celebrated Mardi Gras with a Jazz  
Mass in the church followed by a New  
Orleans style lunch (top row).

That same day our Junior and Primary  
Choirs presented the musical ISRAELITES  
IN OTHER LANDS (below).

The celebration continued on Shrove  
Tuesday when we ate pancakes with our  
friends at Covenant Community (right).



## Grace Notes

Our Mardi Gras fun was made possible  
by a great team: Carolyn Clark,  
Elizabeth Greene, and Pat Pendleton.  
Merci beaucoup!

Many thanks to Pete Todd  
for his woodworking craftsmanship  
in the Children's Chapel.

A big Pancake Palooza thanks to the  
men of Covenant Community, along with  
Elizabeth Klump, Leila Konas, Vic, Sarah  
and Sally Hansen, Joann Dalton, Bob Tick  
and Ed O'Halloran, and Pat Pendleton.



Thanks to all the children and teens  
who helped with the Burning  
of the Palms worship service.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time  
and presence in Little Saints Church,  
Children's Church, and Children's  
Formation (Spark K-3rd grade,  
and Connect, 4-5th grade).  
We couldn't do it without you!

Week One

Sunday, March 4  
3 Lent

Jesus on the Front Page  
10:20 a.m. in P307

Forced Migration: Christian  
and Muslim Partnership  
10:20–11:00 a.m., Ellis Hall

Teach Us How to Pray  
10:20–11:00 a.m., P307

Monday, March 5

Kerygma: Monday  
Afternoon Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307

Yoga with Bill Evans  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Wednesday, March 7

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

Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Creative Kids Theater  
6:00–7:00 p.m., The Attic

Jezebels: Women's Book Study  
5:30–6:30 p.m. in P201

Adult Enquirers' Class  
6:30–8:00 p.m., Ross Room

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

**Adult Baptism  
at the Easter Vigil**

Sunday, April 1, 6:00 a.m.

Adults who wish to be  
baptized at the Easter Vigil  
should contact Pat Kiley  
at 404-267-4265 or  
[patkiley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:patkiley@allsaintsatlanta.org).



Other upcoming baptism  
dates are April 8, June 3,  
September 16, October 21  
and November 25.

Week Two

Sunday, March 11  
4 Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Jesus on the Front Page  
10:20 a.m. in P307

Rector's Forum:  
Parish Conversation  
on our Plan for Mission  
10:20–11:00 a.m., Ellis Hall

Teach Us How to Pray  
10:20–11:00 a.m., P307

Concert Series: John Tibbetts  
3:00 p.m. in the church;  
reception immediately  
following, Eggleston Library

Monday, March 12

Kerygma: Monday  
Afternoon Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307

Yoga with Bill Evans  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Wednesday, March 14

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

Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Creative Kids  
6:00–7:00 p.m., The Attic

Jezebels: Women's Book Study  
5:30–6:30 p.m. in P201

Samaritan Readers  
6:30–7:30 p.m., P307

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

Thursday through Sunday,  
March 15–18

Women's Lenten Retreat  
Pawleys Island, South Carolina



Week Three

Sunday, March 18  
5 Lent

Jesus on the Front Page  
10:20 a.m. in P307

Teach Us How to Pray  
10:20–11:00 a.m., P307

Monday, March 19

Kerygma: Monday  
Afternoon Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307

Yoga with Bill Evans  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Vestry meeting  
4:30–6:00 p.m., P305/P306

Tuesday, March 20

Egg-Onomics Breakfast Series  
7:30 a.m. in Ellis Hall

Wednesday, March 21

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

Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Creative Kids  
6:00–7:00 p.m., The Attic

Jezebels: Women's Book Study  
5:30–6:30 p.m. in P201

Adult Enquirers' Class  
6:30–8:00 p.m., Ross Room

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

Novel Theology  
7:00–8:30 p.m., P307

Thursday, March 22

Saints On Tap  
7:00 p.m., Pijiu Belly  
678 10th St. NW, Atlanta  
30318

Meet Toto, the  
donkey that will  
lead the procession  
on Palm Sunday.

8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday,  
March 25, in the  
Kennedy Courtyard.

Week Four

Sunday, March 25  
Palm Sunday

See page 8 for  
the Palm Sunday  
Worship Schedule

Jesus on the Front Page  
10:20 a.m. in P307

Monday through Wednesday,  
March 26–28

Holy Week Series  
Voices of Faith: God in the City  
12:05–1:00 p.m., in the church

Monday, March 26

Kerygma: Monday  
Afternoon Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307

Yoga with Bill Evans  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Wednesday, March 28

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

Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Creative Kids  
6:00–7:00 p.m., The Attic

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Agape Meal and Foot Washing  
6:00–7:30 p.m., Ellis Hall

The Stripping of the Altar  
7:30–8:30 p.m., in the church

Good Friday, March 30

Good Friday Worship Service  
12:00–1:00 p.m., in the church

Midtown Stations of the Cross  
1:00–2:00 p.m., Midtown

Saturday, March 31

Holy Saturday Worship Service  
8:30–9:00 p.m., in the church

Sunday, April 1  
Easter Day

See page 8 for the Easter  
Worship Schedule

# Coming Up

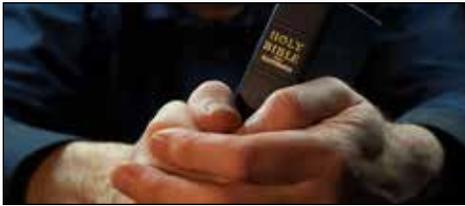
## Lenten Meditations

Continue to walk with us on your Lenten journey. Receive daily meditations created by parishioners and clergy in your email box each morning during Lent, or read the meditations online.

### Continues through Friday, March 23

Join the Lenten Meditations Email List, accessible from our homepage at [allsaintsatlanta.org](http://allsaintsatlanta.org), or view the meditations at [allsaintsatlanta.org/lent2018](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/lent2018).

For more information, contact The Rev. Kim Jackson at 404-267-4276 or [kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org).



## Teach Us How to Pray

Have you ever felt like you don't know what to do or say when you want to pray? Or are you interested in kindling, deepening and exploring the Christian tradition of prayer? This formation opportunity is open to all desiring to learn about prayer. Each week will focus on different types of prayer.

**Sundays, through March 18**  
10:20–11:05 a.m., P305/P306

For more information, contact The Rev. Kim Jackson at 404-267-4276 or [kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org).



## Forced Migration: Christian and Muslim Partnership

Please welcome Dr. Abbas Barzegar, Assistant Professor of Religious

Studies at Georgia State University, who will discuss the current refugee crisis and the Muslim societies who struggle with the long-term health and dignity of communities facing trauma due to forced displacement. He will also examine partnerships between Muslim, Christian and secular organizations which work with these communities. This lecture was organized by Contextual Education students from Candler School of Theology.

**Sunday, March 4**  
10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall

For more information, contact Louisa Merchant at [louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org).

## Kerygma: The Monday Afternoon Study Group

What do you do when you have eleven brothers who are jealous of you? Our study of Genesis moves on to Joseph. Through Joseph's adventures the people of the Hebrews move far from the Promised land. Join us as we explore the riches of the story of the Book of Genesis.

**Mondays, 2:00 p.m. in P307**

For more information, contact The Rev. Karen Evans at [karenpatriciaevans@gmail.com](mailto:karenpatriciaevans@gmail.com).

## Wednesday Morning Discussion Group

During this introspective Lenten season, join us as we discuss the spiritual/

theological contemporary work by one of our recent lecturers, John Philip Newell, former Warden of the Iona Community: *The Rebirthing of God*. Newell describes this as "a radical reemergence of the Divine from deep within us. We do not have to create it. We cannot create it. But we can let it spring forth and be reborn in our lives. We can be part of midwifing new holy births in the world."

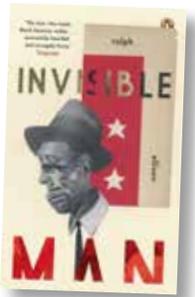


**Wednesdays, 10:00–11:30 a.m., P307**  
Facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Jim Donald

For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Jim Donald at [jasdonald@aol.com](mailto:jasdonald@aol.com)

## Jezebels: Women's Book Study

Explore Ralph Ellison's 1952 novel *Invisible Man* with us, the story of the black experience from a life begun in slavery in the Deep South through a life experienced in one of America's premier Northern cities in the 1940s and 50s.



Our reading scheduled is: February 28, chapters 10–13; March 7, chapters 14–17; March 14, chapters 18–22; and March 21, chapter 23 through the conclusion. Following a break on March 28, we will begin a new book on April 4.

**Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. in P201**

For more information, contact Mimi Spang at [mimisping@comcast.net](mailto:mimisping@comcast.net).

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# m a r c h c h i l d r e n ' s f o r m a t i o n s c h e d u l e

Date	Children's Church (K-3rd, 9:00 a.m.)	Formation Classes (K-3, 10:20 a.m.)	Connect (4/5 grade, 10:20 a.m.)
Sunday, March 4	to the church at the Peace	House on a Rock	Judges
Sunday, March 11	to the church at the Peace	Last Supper	David
Sunday, March 18	to the church at the Peace	Last Supper	Soloman's Temple
Palm Sunday, March 25	Worship in Ellis Hall	Last Supper	Kingdoms
Easter Sunday, April 1	<b>Happy Easter! See you in church!</b>		

# ALL SAINTS' (inside)

A Quarterly look at ourselves, from the inside out.

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*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. (BCP p. 264–265)*

On February 14th, you received an invitation. How have you RSVP'd?

## Words and Silence

By Gretchen Chateau

Words and silence: both have always been integral to my chosen Lenten discipline over the years. In the basic package is silence in the car – no radio, no audio books or music CDs, but plenty of glorious silence, the vital matrix

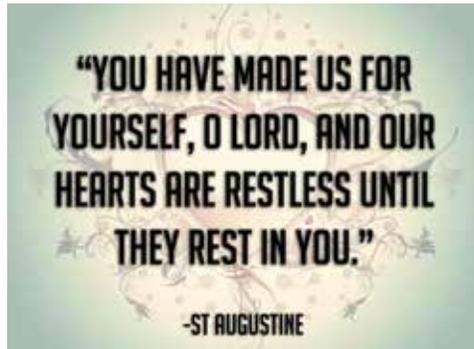
for contemplative prayer. Fr. Thomas Keating, author of *Open Mind, Open Heart* – the go-to handbook for centering prayer – asserts that God's native language is silence. Scripture abounds with bases for this assertion (1, 2, 3). Yet, one of our most prominent names for Jesus Christ is The Word.

This Lent, as with last Lent, one of my Lenten disciplines has been to help others with their Lenten disciplines, through the medium of co-curating All Saints' Lenten Meditations. To quote Grateful Dead, "Lately it occurs to me what a long strange trip it's been." As co-curator of the All Saints' Lenten Meditations, I invite your words. Then, I wait in silence – sometimes prolonged silence, AHEM – for you to send your words to me for editing and uploading. Despite the technical challenges of helping to gather and coordinate these meditations, the end result for me is pure gift. Every single one of these offerings prompts me to think, "Huh, I'd never thought of it that way."

Still, the anxiety of hard deadlines, circumstances beyond my control or that of contributors' control can and do sometimes have the opposite effect of inviting me to the "observance of a holy Lent." The words I think or mutter at times of stress are not the holy ones.

When those mutterings have threatened to get the better of me, I remember that some of my best words are born in silence. I know better than to spend my psychic energy without refilling my tank with therapeutic, God-rich silence,

but I do. I let that tank deplete nearly down to the "E" mark, while presuming to teach others on Wednesday evenings how to rest in God's holy silence. I sit fuming in maddening and sometimes dangerous traffic on the way to that ministry, an incongruity that both amuses and frustrates me.



Still, I cling to a phrase I learned long ago, "poustinia in the marketplace." Poustinia, a Russian word, means 'desert', a place to meet Christ in silence, solitude and prayer. In Catherine Doherty's book of the same title, she says, "You are there in silence with God so that he can speak to your heart. The word poustinia is Russian, meaning desert. It means, geographically, a place like Sahara, but it also means more. It means the lonely place that

souls sometimes have to enter, to find the God who dwells within them." Sometimes that poustinia has been found in the craziness of the marketplace, in the crowded streets of Midtown en route to P202 and Contemplative Prayer, in the desert of the blank page daring me to produce a useful meditation or two, and in any place my soul waits in silence for God.

Psalm 19

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 *There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;*
- 4 *yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. (my emphasis) †*

# Why Ashes to Go?

By Sydney Cleland

“What may I pray for you?” Kim asks, and the woman’s eyes fill with tears. Kim, the woman, Simon, and Tim are standing at the North Avenue MARTA station entrance. Lisa Bell-Davis, camera in hand, and I keep a respectful distance on the plaza. It’s early morning on Ash Wednesday, and the priests in their cassocks and purple stoles have crossed the street to invite passersby to receive ashes. We have a sign and some handout cards reading, “Ashes to Go” and “You are loved from beginning to end.”



If this seems strange, it’s because it is. It’s a departure from our usual Lenten observances, or rather, an addition, since the services inside All Saints’ will continue throughout the day. It’s also strange because “God’s frozen people” are not known for proclaiming the good news in the public square.

When Simon mentioned our Ashes to Go plan, I was skeptical. How would we be perceived? With whom would we be associated? Tract-pushing street preachers? Mall perfume-hawkers? Salvation Army bell-ringers? Conservative evangelicals? And was not this the epitome of church “lite”? After all, the liturgy is not really condensable, is it? How could the clergy offer ashes without a full explanation of the ritual’s purpose? Without that explanation, what’s the point? What’s next, drive-through Eucharist? Won’t all this trivialize our traditions? And aren’t we to make prayers in private, rather than flaunting our piety in public? (Matthew 6:1–18) Hanging out on the street corner with our foreheads dusted with the sign of the cross feels inappropriate.

I had one prior experience taking church to the streets: singing carols at the MARTA station. But caroling occurs many public spaces during the holiday season. Like the ubiquitous seasonal music in department stores, most accept caroling as part of the holiday landscape. When All Saints’ caroled last Christmas, everyone smiled, some stopped to sing or watch. There was a warmth of feeling as singing parishioners and a few others trooped back to All Saints’ library for goodies and hot chocolate. On Ash Wednesday, we wouldn’t be providing back-ground music or goodies for our MARTA neighbors; we’d be offering one-on-one religious encounters.

Still, when Tim asked me to help out, I agreed. Do you wonder why? So do I. But read on.

As soon as the “Ashes to Go” sign rolls into place, and the clergy position them-selves, commuters appear from

the cavernous station mouth, rushing toward Ubers and shuttles, child care, classes or offices. Most avoid eye contact and wear ear buds and a cultivated mask of indifference. Nearly all exit the MARTA station alone, though some are in pairs. The ratio of smiles to masks is about 1 to 25, I estimate. Here are our neighbors: mentally ill, students, unhoused, elderly, disabled, young, addicts, hipsters, children, construction workers, drug dealers, professionals, well-dressed and barely dressed. People of every circumstance, story, sexuality, nationality, income, race, ethnicity, belief, ability, color, age, gender, and occupation. Our city. Our community on this block on a given day.

The three clergy, in separate places, issue smiling invitations: “Good morning. Would you like to receive ashes?” Responses vary: no acknowledgement, head shake “no,” maybe a nod, hesitation before a “yes.” Of those who agree, a few are forthright, excited even. “Oh, Ash Wednesday! Yes!” sing out a couple of twenty-something women. Others approach whispering, “Please,” bowing heads, lowering eyes. Kim finds two timid women who have little English; one receives. Not all are strangers: Tim applies ashes to a young man whose wedding he officiated; folks run open-armed to Kim and hug her before receiving; and one or two All Saints’ parishioners stop by on their way to work. There are humorous encounters, like when Simon reassures, “We are legit, real priests from the church across the street.” Or a fast-walking older man wisecracks, “I’m waiting to get the Catholic ashes.” The young work social media: after receiving ashes on his hand rather than his forehead, here’s a guy taking a photo



of his hand holding our card for posting on Instagram. Lisa overhears a woman say she saw Ashes to Go advertised on our website and rode MARTA to our stop just to receive before returning to her commute.

Throughout our hour and a half, there are poignant moments of penance, forgiveness, and healing. Even from a distance, I observe pain, need, and contrition in people’s eyes and body language. Several have never been in church or it’s been

a while. Confesses one man sheepishly, “I’m kinda behind on all that,” before coming forward to receive. A harried woman with a fearful expression declines ashes but wants directions to Emory Hospital Midtown and sighs with gratitude for our answer, as if she has received a blessing. A couple of people pass by, then have second thoughts and retrace their steps for ashes or a card. When asked what prayer they need, I overhear a few request healing for them-selves or family members, but only the clergy know the needs of the majority.

Before Ashes to Go, I worried about appearances and adherence to our tradition, and I wrestled with intellectual questions about the meaning of evangelism. But standing in the cold morning air at the corner of North and West Peachtree, I watch our neighbors with heavy hearts receive unbidden, unconditional love through blessing, prayer, and the sign of the cross. There is no brick and mortar church; there are no prerequisite statements of faith. But there is grace in abundance; a grace that dispenses with my questions. And I understand



what we are about: the clergy (Lisa and I bearing witness) are living the charge to go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. This time by being present with our MARTA neighbors, offering them a visible sign of God’s unending love. And that is enough. Thanks be to God. ✝

## Simon Says, or The Power of (Imperfect) Prayer

By Paige Martin

During the service the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, Simon challenged us to ask one person over the course of Lent if we could pray for them and what they would like us to pray for. I struggled with this assignment as much as I struggled with that sentence and how to capture his request in a grammatically correct manner. I’m a rule follower, and if the rector asks me to do something, I’m going to do it. During the rest of the service that day I thought about checking that box quickly, maybe even calling my Aunt Ginny on the way home from church. Aunt Ginny fell in the “low hanging fruit” category, as each year, she sends us ornaments or Christmas decorations that feature the theme “Keep the Christ in Christmas.” I knew this would be a low-risk request that would delight her, she would not find it or me odd. (She lives in Oklahoma amidst “prayer warriors”). This request would only improve her image of me. And my charge could be completed easily. My life may be a lot like yours: some days success is showing up on time at all the places my children and I are supposed to be that day. Asking Aunt Ginny might not fit the spirit of the request but it would allow me to check it off the list and move on to the next thing. I liked it.

That afternoon I had a brief in-person exchange with my friend Nancy, my sons’ godmother and a woman who often inspires me by living out her faith daily. She had printed

and handed to me a list of 25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent. I thanked her and shared with her what Simon had encouraged us to do. I thought she’d appreciate the idea but didn’t think of it as a call to action.

I reviewed the 25 Great Things list and found a few that resonated with me and seemed manageable: one was around finding new ways to practice the discipline of prayer, one was taking something on for 40 days (acts of kindness or calls to important people in your life), and one was about trying a new spiritual practice. If I made good on Simon’s challenge I could knock out all of these!

While I was contemplating the most efficient approach to Lent, I got an email from Nancy. Simon’s challenge had stuck with her; she took it to heart because it had haunted her and felt like a good challenge to get her out of her comfort zone and to be more open about her faith. She shared that she had dinner with someone she knew through a professional network whom she was mostly connected with on Facebook. “Kate” is our age and has been caring for her mom as her mom battles cancer. Their conversation over dinner covered the gamut of topics, and afterwards, Nancy thought Kate might be just the person for her ask.

“It was a little intimidating to ask her if I could pray for something for her, and I guess I chickened out a bit by

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emailing her my ask and covering it amongst how tasty the wine was and how I wanted to know more about a conference she was attending, but I did it. I want to share her response because I think it is eloquent and inspiring from someone currently going through a really rough patch.”

The gist of Kate’s reply was that she appreciated Nancy’s offer and didn’t think it was crazy. She confessed that she believed in the power of prayer and that having someone ask her what they could pray for was even better. Her prayer was for a cure, something she always prays for. She invited Nancy to join her in that prayer or to pray for Kate and her mom to live life only one day at a time and appreciate every minute they could enjoy together. She told Nancy that “It’s really pretty simple, but sometimes it’s so hard to stay in the moment and not get stressed with the medical stuff that comes up.”

Nancy thanked me for sharing the challenge, for inspiring her. Only she inspired me. I could no longer go the Aunt Ginny route – what a cop-out – if Nancy was doing this for real.

So, while my youngest son was at choir practice Ash Wednesday, I made a list of 14 people (it was February 14), each of whom I would text to ask if I could pray for them – it was a random list, from friends I see regularly to people I wish I knew better and saw more often. It even included a woman with whom I have a fractured relationship. And I didn’t get it right. I had a typo in my initial text.

Our rector challenged us to ask/say to one person during Lent, Is there a prayer I can say for you? (What can I pray for, for you?) I am asking 14 people in hope some will respond and I can, as a Lenten discipline, pray for each. If you do not have a specific prayer, know I will be saying your name in prayer for the next 40 days. I am better than drinks than prayer, but/and this will be a Lenten discipline for me. Please let me know if I may say a specific prayer for you. Thanks for considering.

\* at drinks not than drinks.  
(yes, I’m sending this correction to 14 people.... Lent is off to a fine start.)

I sent the following:  
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After sending to 14 people, I noticed my typo and then had to send another round of texts clarifying I meant that I was likely better at drinks than prayer and made a joke about how I’d already botched this assignment.

If one person responded, I’d view this exercise as a success

and have myself a Lenten discipline. I imagined a handful at best would make time to reply. I was mistaken. Six people replied that evening (pretty much upon receipt of my text), seven the next day, and four the next. (Math has never been a strength – I’d texted 17 people instead of 14). Seventeen out of 17 people I’d asked responded with a specific prayer. Some replies made me cry, others made me laugh. People wanted prayers for guidance, for burdens to be lifted, for strength to make healthy choices – some with food, some in life. People were flattered, delighted and touched by my outreach, and some reciprocated by asking me if they could pray for me. I got to be on the receiving end of the ask, which helped me understand why others were so appreciative.

What made you ask me if you could pray for me? I am blown away and extremely grateful! It literally made my day / week / year!

I wrote down each person’s name – including Kate’s – followed by each prayer, notes to guide me. And I ended my day each night of Lent, praying the prayer

each asked me to pray. And found myself praying for them (and for me) outside of my designated Lenten discipline time.

As is often the case in my life, my motivation was to follow the rules and to try to get something right, but it led to something bigger, more important and not at all what I’d expected. I was imperfect in following the rules, but my flawed attempt unearthed so much beauty.

To use Simon’s words: “It is amazing what happens when we simply ask a nonthreatening and loving question.”

What happened, based on my layperson research, is that responding to Simon’s invitation to take on a Lenten discipline allowed me to place myself before God in a humbling way. Praying allowed me to confess my shortcomings and to own my imperfection while opening myself in a way I haven’t been able to do so before. I made room for God, and in this space, I could place the needs, wants, fears and hopes of others. And by doing so experience God’s grace in a moving and renewing way – it put me in a place for learning, connecting, and healing.

What a great wonderful thing to do for lent! I gave up Facebook. I love this idea! I feel especially blessed that you thought of me....  
  
I would love for you to pray that God would allow us to expand our family, if that is His will. If it is not His will, I would love for you to pray that I accept this and can move forward with confidence and acceptance. Thanks, Paige! What a gift this is. I appreciate your thoughtfulness more than you know. Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy Ash Wednesday. Xo

I took a small step, and it was all that was needed to open my head, my heart and my calendar to God and a connection with others. I didn’t do it well – I didn’t even get the initial outreach right – but I did it. And it allowed me to free up some space and time with the hope God would use it in a productive way. It led to a practice I hope to continue post Lent, because it has had a profound effect on my faith. ✚



**Rector's Forum: Parish Conversation on our Plan for Mission**

Join our Rector, The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring, for a parish conversation about what our priorities might be for the coming three years, as we listen to one another for what is most important in our shared life and mission on and off this block.

**Sunday, March 11**  
10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall

**Concert Series:**

**John Tibbetts, baritone**

John Tibbetts has been praised for his “mature voice and sensitivity” in the arena of concert and opera alike. John received his M.M. in music from Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. In Atlanta he sang with our All Saints’ Choir and earned his B.M. from Georgia State University.



**Sunday, March 11**  
**Sunday, March 11, 3:00 p.m.,**  
in the church, reception immediately following in Egleston Library

**Samaritan Readers: Between Heaven and Mirth, by James Martin, SJ**

According to James Martin, “It is one person’s encouragement to consider faith as something that leads to joy.” Joy, humor and laughter should not be foreign to our faith. How often has laughter gotten us through some of the most difficult times in our lives? Martin recalls that his mother’s stories almost always ended with “And we laughed!” Come laugh with us in a joyful discussion of this book.



**Wednesday, March 14**  
**6:30 p.m., in P307**

For more information, email Bruce Garner at [bruce.garner@att.net](mailto:bruce.garner@att.net).

**Annual Lenten Women’s Retreat: Live into Resurrection**

A group of 34 women will travel to Pawleys Island for inspiration and reflection, led by The Rev. Monica Mainwaring.

**Thursday through Sunday,**  
**March 15–18**

**Pawleys Island, South Carolina**

Single rooms have sold out; you may put your name on a wait list, should an opening come available.

For more information, contact Lauri Begley at [lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org)

**Egg-Onomic Breakfast Series:**

**Adam Rosenfelt and Maureen Meulen of Atomic Entertainment at Pullman Yard**



Atlanta. Atomic executives include Adam Rosenfelt and Maureen Meulen. Mr. Rosenfelt has been a driving force in the film industry and expert in film finance for over two decades. He specializes in public/private film finance and development having spearheaded the very successful Louisiana Film Tax Credit in 2002 and having recently entered into an exclusive film financing arrangement with the State of Mississippi. Maureen Meulen started her career in NYC, working on documentaries and directing music videos for Spinart Records. Since moving to Los Angeles, she primarily works on feature films, working in Visual Effects on many technologically cutting edge movies. In 2017, Atomic was awarded an RFP by the State of Georgia to purchase and develop The Pullman Yard in the City of Atlanta. The Pullman Yard, an iconic site due to it’s significant history, historic architecture and having served as the site of many of the movie industry’s most successful franchises including *The Hunger Games* and *Fast and The Furious*. Atomic will be developing the Pullman Yard into a state of the art, self-inclusive entertainment district, consisting of movie stages, boutique

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**m a r c h**  
**Youth & Children’s**  
**Choir Schedules**

**Cherub & Primary Choirs**

**Sunday, March 4**

Sing for Church at Prelude  
Arrive 8:15 a.m.,  
Sing, 8:55 a.m.

**Primary & Junior Choirs**

**Palm Sunday, March 25**

Sing & Ring  
for Palm Sunday worship  
Arrive 8:15 a.m.;  
9:00 a.m. in Ellis Hall

**Youth Choir**

**Sundays, March 4, 18, 25**

Rehearsals: Bells 4:15 p.m.,  
Choir 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 11**

No afternoon rehearsals

**Primary, Junior and Youth Choirs**

**Sunday, April 1**  
**Easter Day**

Combined Choirs Sing  
for 9:00 a.m. worship service,  
in Ellis Hall; arrive 8:15 a.m.

**Questions?**

Contact Karol Kimmell, director  
[karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org)

Choir schedules are available  
at [www.allsaintsatlanta.org/  
music/childrens-and-youth-choirs](http://www.allsaintsatlanta.org/music/childrens-and-youth-choirs).



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hotel, restaurants, bars, live performance stages, offices and retail.

**Tuesday, March 20**

**7:30 a.m. breakfast in Ellis Hall**

**7:45–8:30 a.m. presentation**

Cost is \$5. The hot breakfast buffet is prepared by the Men of Hope at Covenant Community, with all proceeds going to the Men of Hope.

Sign up at the parish life table or contact Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or [lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org)



### Novel Theology

*The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead

*The Underground Railroad* is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operated a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora, a young slave from Georgia, embarks on a harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering, like Gulliver, strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop. Be part of the discussion of this kinetic adventure tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share.

**Wednesday, March 21**

**7:00–8:00 p.m. in P307**

For more information, visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/novel-theology](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/novel-theology) or contact Amelia Tuttle at [amelia.tuttle9@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.tuttle9@gmail.com).

### Saints On Tap

There has been a growing chorus among some Atlantans that like to claim that, "West Side Best Side." Come join the All Saints' Young Adults for Saints on Tap at Pijju Belly this month and get a taste of what the West side has to offer.

**Thursday, March 22**

**7:00 p.m. Pijju Belly**

**678 10th St. NW, Atlanta 30318**

For more information, email Michael Asmussen at [michael.asmussen@gmail.com](mailto:michael.asmussen@gmail.com).

### GOSH: Youth Service Day

See details on page 7.

**Saturday, March 24**

**8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

### Refugee Ministries Picnic in the Park

Join All Saints' Refugee Ministries and Candler School of Theology students for a day of fun with a picnic lunch, kite flying, and games. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

**Saturday, March 24**

**11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Piedmont Park**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Louisa Merchant at 404-403-5908 or [louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org).

## Holy Week

### Holy Week Lunch and Learn Series Voices of Faith: God in the City

See *God in the City*, page 1.

**Monday through Wednesday,**

**March 26–28**

**12:05–1:00 a.m. in the church**

### Stations of the Cross for All Ages

Walk the Stations of the Cross with your children and create a Lenten tradition for your family. The symbols at each station are meant to be picked up and touched. This multi-sensory event adds a new dimension to imagining Jesus' walk towards his death and resurrection.

**Wednesday, March 28**

**6:00–6:30 p.m., in the church**

For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at 404-267-4272 or [kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org).

### Agape Meal with Foot Washing; Stripping of the Altar

As the Last Supper (and First Eucharist) happened 2000 years ago, you are invited to a simple Mediterranean-style agape supper with the Saints, culminating in the Eucharist. Soup will be provided. Bring your favorite breads, cheeses or olives to share\*. If you choose, you may take part in the profoundly strange and holy ministry of foot-washing, which is

how Jesus chose not to just tell us but to show us the new Commandment to Love One Another.

The Stripping of the Altar follows in the church, a stark reminder of the reality of darkness and sin and loss in our lives.



**Maundy Thursday, March 29**

**6:00 p.m., in Ellis Hall**

\*Foods to share: last names beginning with A–H please bring crusty bread, I–O please bring olives, and P–Z please bring cheeses.

For more information, contact Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or [lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org).

**Stripping of the Altar**

**7:30 p.m., in the church**

Music sung by the All Saints' Adult Choir featuring music by Duruflé and Crowe

### Midtown Stations of the Cross

Following the Good Friday midday worship service, please join us as we take the tradition of the Stations of the Cross to the streets of Midtown, pausing at various locations symbolic of the themes of Jesus' journey to his Passion.

**Friday, March 30, 1:00 p.m.,  
assemble in front of the church**

For more information, contact The Rev. Tim Black at 404-267-4277 or [tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org).

### Children's Chapel Altar Guild

Help our children prepare their chapel for the Easter season, just as the Altar Guild prepares the church. Candles need to be replaced, wax removed from torches, brass shined, the altar washed, cloths changed, and the space tidied up. This is a great opportunity for children to own their space and experience the ritual cleaning before Easter.

**Saturday, March 31**

**9:30–10:30 a.m., in the chapel, 2nd floor, The Pritchett Children's Center**

For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at 404-267-4272 or [kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org).

## Vestry Notes

*From the meeting on January 24, 2018*

Simon opened the January meeting with a prayer. David Aldridge presented the 2018 final budget which was approved by the vestry. Simon discussed the next steps of our strategic planning initiative. The vestry approved a change of meeting time to Wednesday once per quarter. Nixon Lowe explained The All Saints' Round Table to the vestry. Leighton Stradtman reported that our billboard lease has been renewed for six years with a content restriction clause. Charlie Ogburn reported that the Parish is financially sound. David Aldridge reported that we have had a good year and we will be creating a task force to assess how the income from our Endowment can enrich our parish for years to come.

Lauri Begley reminded us of Invite, Welcome, Connect activities (February 2-4), the Jazz Mass and Mardi Gras Lunch Celebration, and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The Women's Lenten Retreat will be held in mid-March with The Rev. Monica Mainwaring leading. Ellen Hayes reported that the canvass was a great success. Woody Vaughn talked about Planned Giving and The Cornerstone Society, adding that new events will be scheduled this year.

The meeting was adjourned.

*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.*

## Transitions

### Births

*Charlotte Elizabeth Feltman,*  
daughter of Lawson and Michelle Feltman  
*Jaxon Daniel Wheeler,*  
son of Jeff Wheeler and Courtney DeLaney

### Baptisms

*James Clark Kilpatrick,*  
son of Trey and Sally Kilpatrick  
*William Frank Carpenter,*  
son of David and Kate Carpenter

### Transfers In

*Eric Herndon* from Christ Episcopal Church in Valdosta, Georgia  
*Cal and Madeline Liphrott*  
*Charles Weldon* from Clarkston United Methodist Church in Clarkston, Georgia  
*Ben Dyer* from St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas

*Charles and Vicky Cork* from Christ Episcopal Church in Macon, Georgia  
*Zac, Emily and James Tuggle*

### Transfers Out

*Jen Waters* to  
The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta  
*Bo Kersey and James Gladney* to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newnan, Georgia  
*Marianne Rhea* to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas

### Marriages

*Clarence William Moody, Jr. and Harold John Brown, III*

### Deaths

*Lydia L. Smith*  
*Evelyn Kay Wheless Woodward*  
*Anne P. Berg*  
*James Reed Clay*

## m a r c h youth calendar

*Friday, March 2*

Middle School Attic Invasion  
7:00-9:30 p.m. in The Attic

*Sunday, March 4*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

*Wednesday, March 7*

High School BS  
7:00-8:00 p.m., offsite

*Sunday, March 11*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

*Wednesday, March 14*

High School BS  
7:00-8:00 p.m., offsite

*Sunday, March 18*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

Youth Pilgrimage Meeting  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

YLC Meeting  
12:30-2:00 p.m. in The Attic

*Wednesday, March 21*

High School BS  
7:00-8:00 p.m., offsite

*Saturday, March 24*

GOSH: Youth Service Day  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.,  
All Saints' Campus

*Palm Sunday, March 25*

Help carry the Great Cross  
into the church, 9:00 and  
11:15 a.m. worship services

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

*Wednesday, March 28*

High School BS  
7:00-8:00 p.m., offsite

Visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/youth-formation](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/youth-formation)  
or contact The Rev. Tim Black  
at 404-267-4277 or  
[tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org).



Our Youth will serve alongside fellow parishioners of all generations, planting, cleaning and beautifying All Saints' campus in preparation for Easter.

**Saturday, March 24 † 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
on All Saints' campus**

For more information, contact The Rev. Tim Black  
at 404-267-4277 or [tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org).

## All Are Welcome to Worship With Us!

### Palm Sunday, March 25

Begin Palm Sunday with us in the Kennedy Courtyard as all gather to proclaim "Hosanna." As children and their families make their way to Ellis Hall, and others enter the church, the tone will transition from jubilation to the Passion.

**8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I, in the chapel.**

**9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II with the reading of the Passion, in Ellis Hall. With the Primary and Junior choirs. Come at 8:30 a.m. and visit Toto the donkey in the Kennedy Courtyard.**

**9:00 and 11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II with the reading of the Passion and raising of the Great Cross, in the church. Tenor Jamie Clements will sing "Were You There" with music for choir, harp and cello by Karl Jenkins, and "Pie Jesu" by Rhett Barnwell sung by soprano, Vivian Jago.**

**5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the chapel.**

Other worship opportunities during Holy Week  
can be found on pages 1, 3, and 6.

### Easter Day, Sunday, April 1

All are welcome to join us on Easter Day as we celebrate the great mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**6:00–7:30 a.m., The Great Vigil of Easter and Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the church. Sung by The All Saints' Adult Choir, with Jamie Clements, cantor.**

**8:00–8:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I, in the chapel.**

**9:00 a.m., Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II, in Ellis Hall. With the Youth Choir and Children's Choirs.**

**9:00 and 11:15 a.m., Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the church. Music for brass, organ, timpani and choir, including music by Stanford, Whitacre, and Hurford.**

**5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the chapel.**

Doors for the 9:00 a.m. Easter service will open at 8:45 a.m.; doors for the 11:15 a.m. service will open at 10:45 a.m. Childcare will be available during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services only. The church office will be closed Monday, April 2.