

All Faithful Departed Monday, November 2 6:30 p.m. in the Church

At the service, prayers will be offered for those who have died in 2020. You are invited to submit to the office, names of those to be remembered. After the service we will toll the bells in memory of the lives lost to COVID-19.

Advent Begins

Sunday,

November 29

HOPE

The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage 10th Bishop of Mississippi Will be with us for his annual visitation on

All Saints' Day Sunday, November 1 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

The services will be held outside (weather permitting) just off the Jefferson Street parking lot. Please bring your own chair or blanket. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not have a reception after the 10:45 service this year.



God, who is the giver of every good gift, you are ever present in our lives and in the world. You act through us, your people, to care for and provide for everyone. We pray for the courage to break out of our insecurity and fear around money as we deepen our understanding of our relationship to you and how we use our financial resources to do your work in the world. We pray these things that we might know you better, that you will increase our desire and ability to give and help others through ministry and friendship and to gratefully commit ourselves to the work you have given us to do. Amen. *Borrowed from Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton, Vermont*

OPERATING – SEPTEMBER 2020

Revenue : Pledge All other sources Total	Actual \$43,559 <u>\$4,947</u> \$48,506	Budget \$39,442 <u>\$ 4,731</u> \$44,173
Expenses:		
Clergy	\$ 9,883	\$10,687
Staff	\$12,517	\$13,466
Office	\$10,598	\$ 1,367
Physical Plant	\$11,109	\$ 8,758
Community Outreach	\$ 8,214	\$ 8,339
Worship/Programs	\$ 288	\$ 3,461
Special Programs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$ 52,609	\$46,079
Net Total	(\$ 4,102)	(\$ 1,906)

Year-to-date operating surplus (\$ 9,745)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – SEPTEMBER 2020

Actual Revenue	\$ 20,805
Actual Expenses	<u>\$ 17,158</u>
Net	\$ 3,647
Cash Balance at month end	

The office will be closed November 25-27. Happy Thanksgiving!

GIVING MATTERSI

Thank you all for continuing to support our parish financially. We continue to see shortfalls to budget in plate collections and non-pledge offerings. For those households that typically give in person, but are not comfortable attending an in-person service right now, please consider these alternative giving options:

Via mail: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 608 W Jefferson St., Tupelo, MS 38804

www.allsaintstupelo.org

Click on "Giving to All Saints" in the blue ribbon just below the logo under "Quick Links" click on "Giving to All Saints Online". Halfway down this page on the left, select "Click HERE to Give to All Saints' Online!". On this page type in a dollar amount and your email address and click "Continue" If you have already setup an ACS access, then login or click to the right "Continue as Guest." This will take you to a screen where you can enter your card information or bank account for an eCheck. Then click "Give" at the bottom

Or text ALLSAINTSTUPELO TO 73256. You will receive a text with a link that will take you directly to the online giving screens just described above.

FROM THE RECTOR



This month we are faced with an important event in our lives and the life of our nation. That event is the election. So, I feel that I must address this event. However, in talking about the election, I want to remember the stance that the Episcopal Church takes in endorsing any election candidates. We do not. As a Church, we do not endorse or oppose any particular candidate. I do believe this is the correct practice for the Church and for those with leadership in the Church. I would believe this would be the same policy within the ELCA.

Why do I believe this is the correct practice? Because we hold firm in the understanding that the Episcopal Church should be welcoming to all. It should be welcoming to anyone and everyone, no matter who you support or oppose in an election. Just thinking about our Church here in Tupelo, I know that we have members who consider themselves liberal, conservative, Republican, Democrat, Progressive, or Independent. I know that we have people here who are deeply involved in politics and some who just don't care one bit about it. This is who we are. But we are also one community who love each other and who share in God's feast together at the Altar.

This leads to the second and most important reason why I believe that the Church should not endorse or oppose any particular candidate. What the Church focuses on is really more important than politics. We should be focused on God's Kingdom. However, there are times when politics do impact the work that God is doing in this world. We, as followers of Christ, need to remember that we should follow Jesus even in politics. It is in politics and in our political system where we can address some of the issues that affect us in this world and in the Kingdom. The Church should stay partisan neutral, but we must not always remain moral neutral. Bishop Curry recently stated, "But it's important to remember that partisan neutrality does not mean moral neutrality. Partisan neutrality, bidden to us by human civil law does not mean moral neutrality, because we are bidden to obey the royal law of almighty God." As followers of Christ, we strive to hold to and follow the words of Christ not just to the platforms of political parties. We should strive to re-present Christ to this world even in politics.

Since we should not remain moral neutral, we should pay attention to what is happening in our political environment. It is not my place to tell you who to vote for. However, I do feel it is my place to tell you to vote. So, vote. I personally have spent time listening, reading, and exploring the candidates and the issues that we will be voting on this November. I do have an opinion on the candidates for President, on the medical marijuana issue, and on the flag. My opinion on these issues may be the same as yours or it may be different. That is okay as long as we all work together to re-present Christ to this world.

I do want to let you know that in my decision on who and what to vote for, I take several factors into consideration. I listen and read various sources of information. I do not rely on just one or two news outlets. I have shared with many of you my dislike for our 24-hour news cycle and those networks that support this cycle. This dislike goes to all 24-hour news networks. So, be informed but please don't get consumed by the news cycle. I am also not a "one issue" voter. I try to consider all that we as a nation and as a world are facing when I vote. Most importantly, I do take my faith into consideration when I vote.

Jesus lived during a particular time with particular political issues. Jesus had to consider the politics of his day and he had to address those issues as he represented the coming of God's Kingdom. We hear about this in Scripture. We hear Jesus discussing political issues as he talked to those that he met. I do believe that we should consider Jesus's teachings as we consider how to address the political issues we are facing today. But know that no one candidate or political party fully represents our Lord Jesus Christ. All we can really do is to try to vote for the candidates who will best represent us and God's Kingdom.

I would ask that before you vote, pray. I would suggest praying our Baptismal Covenant. And then go vote. May Christ's peace be always with you. *Phillip+*





With the arrival of All Saints' Day on November 1, we remember with thankful hearts 150 years of the mission and ministry of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Tupelo and beyond. But the real meaning in recalling the past is found in how it points us toward the future.

Starting on November 1 and continuing into the beginning of Advent, we'll turn our focus toward the next 150 years, and especially toward the first of those next 150, the new year of 2021.

Many challenges await in the coming year, but with those challenges are new opportunities, as we continue to find renewal of our common life together in the church. In the coming days and weeks, be on the lookout for information about what we're all called to do to equip ministry in this place in 2021. This information will require everyone's close attention and generous response as we turn the page to the next 150.



First Presbyterian Church

All Saints' Episcopal Church 1870-1920 The First Half Century

All Saints' Episcopal Church began its journey 150 years ago when 6 Episcopalians began gathering at the local Presbyterian Church. The faithful few were officially recognized as a "mission station" following a visit on October 3, 1870, from Bishop William Mercer Green, the first bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi. They were shepherded by Rev. Henry Canora Harris. The group continued to worship together and their numbers grew. By 1889 it was reported by the Diocese that they were a mission station of "16 souls"

with a "contribution of \$41.85". From such humble beginnings, All Saints' has grown to a congregation of 400 with an operating budget that better fits the needs of the parish.

The next 25 years brought changes to the diocese with Bishop Theodore DuBose Bratton becoming Bishop in 1903 and William Mercer Green II becoming Bishop Coadjutor in 1919. All Saints' had a variety of rectors also- William P. Browne (1903-1905), Edwin D. Weed (1906-1909), George G. Smeade (1909-1919) and Charles E. Clarkson (1919-1920). In 1909 All Saints' was named a "mission church" with 22 communicants. The first building of their own was constructed in 1910. With room to grow and a permanent spot it was time for the parish to establish a presence in Tupelo.

As Tupelo grew and developed, so did All Saints'. The next half century would bring many priests (16, to be exact), a natural disaster and a new "title". All Saints' had a beginning that could easily be compared to the tiny mustard seed we have heard about in Jesus' parables. We will continue to look at the ways All Saints' has grown, and the many ways this congregation has spread the love and message of God's Kingdom.



PARISH MINISTRIES



All 7th – 12th grade youth are invited to join us!

EYC will be meeting every other week outside at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Fr. Phillip along with several volunteers will be leading the activities.

Our next meeting dates are Sunday, November 8 Sunday, November 22



In September 89 faithful volunteers served 1,462 meals

to individuals, families with children, those employed who are food insecure, those unemployed due to COVID-19 and homeless persons.

Our immediate needs are coffee, and any type of individually wrapped breakfast items such as, cereal bars, muffins, Pop-Tarts or applesauce.

VESTRY

Deanna Alford, Sr. Warden Fred Cannon, Jr. Warden Art Chambers, Harry Dieckmann, Anna Fleming, Stan Furr, Mickey Gray, Stephen King, Mark Maharrey, Mary Jane Meadows, Kamme Riddle, Cathy Sparks, Paul White, Manuela Wilson The Vestry meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING

- ✓ Received reports from the Treasurer, the Vestry Commissions, the Mediation Implementation Task Force, and the Stewardship Committee.
- ✓ Considered list of Licensed Lay Ministers to be sent to the Bishop for renewal.
- ✓ Considered Voluntary Proportionate Giving percentage to the Diocese of Mississippi. Approved percentage of 14.5% (remains the same as 2020).
- Approved amendments to Mediation Agreements: Due to the pandemic, postpone small group activities; Wardens to implement Mutual Ministry Review; Wardens to communicate with the Parish, Vestry expectations outlined in Rector's Letter of Agreement.
- ✓ Discussed Annual Meeting details and approved list of potential Sr. Warden and Vestry candidates.
- \checkmark Discussed issues with trash, belongings being left on our campus.
- ✓ Approved funds to repair and paint outside doors of the Nave.



The CARE Team assists the Priest and Deacon with the pastoral care needs of the parish. Service is organized into teams that serve once every 6 weeks. If you are interested in serving with this ministry, contact the office at 842-4386, Vickie Vance or Joellen Murphree.

Last month, the Care Team made 1 visit, delivered 3 flower arrangements and sent 3 notes.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Sunday Worship Services

We will continue to offer our services online for those that are not comfortable joining us in person for worship each week. Both services will be live streamed on our Facebook page Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and will be available live or for on-demand viewing.

You can find the current Sunday bulletin at <u>https://allsaintstupelo.org/?page_id=81</u>

Other online offerings...

For those interested in a weekly adult Christian formation opportunity, the Sunday Lectionary Class continues in the form of podcasts and "Zoom" discussions. Each week selected lectionary texts are presented as we move through the long green Season after Pentecost. The podcasts and "Zoom" discussions offer a great way to stay engaged with locally grown Christian education until we are fully able to

gather again. If you want to receive the weekly invites to the "Zoom" discussion class, subscribe to the lectionary email list by contacting <u>nancy@allsaintstupelo.org</u>. The readings appointed for each Sunday can be found at <u>http://lectionarypage.net/.</u>

An Order of Service for Noonday with Prayers for Healing

Join us on our Facebook page, @AllSaintsTupelo, Wednesdays at noon.



WITH THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

donations is November 1.



Receive a weekly resource to help your household establish simple routines and rituals to ground yourselves amidst the chaos. The email will include a meal liturgy for sharing a sacred story, wondering about its meaning, and giving thanks for one another; a liturgy for night prayers that children and adults alike, can use to reflect on the day; and activities and reflections for all ages to further explore the week's sacred story. To subscribe visit https://diomsyouth.us17.list-

manage.com/subscribe?u=6b0ffb20be4a5d545b1e62042&id=c77dae198a

Watch for our weekly email, *Saints' News*, where you'll find videos from parishioners, former Rectors and friends of All Saints' who share their memories and stories about their time here. In October, we heard from Virginia Mathews, the longest tenured member of All Saints', Cathy Sparks, Deepika Dey and Bishop Seage. Coming up in November, we'll hear from Bishop Shannon Johnston, former Rector of All Saints' and parishioners Maggie Bullock, Deanna Alford and Les Alvis. If you've missed some of these and would like to catch up, they are posted on our You Tube channel, *All Saints' Episcopal Church Tupelo MS*, or on our Facebook page.

Thanks, Virginia Chambers



Our college students will be taking end of semester exams at different times this year, some online and some in person. We'd love to send them some encouragement as they navigate their way through this very different semester. We need your help to identify our college students with name, address, and graduation expected date. Please send this information to <u>nancy@allsaintstupelo.org</u>. Donations to the cause will be gratefully appreciated. Make checks payable to All Saints' and put

"College Student Boxes" on the memo line. Deadline for information and

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



Holy Communion Jsing liturgy from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Family Page



November 1	Tony Alford, Karen Asbury Cori Smith
November 2	Hayden Hershfelt
November 6	Bob Moore
November 7	Mackenzie Parker
November 10	Paul Miller, Audie Murphy
November 11	Margaret Barshaw
November 13	Anna Grace Alexander
November 14	Carter Maharrey
November 15	Pamela Cox
November 17	Manuela Wilson
November 19	Rachelle Cruz
November 20	Mary Tannler Perry

- November 22 Greg Ray
 - Jo Ann Westmoreland
- November 23 Corey Jackson
- November 26 Hank Smith
- November 27 Trevor Hart, Jennifer Pugh
- November 28 Ruth Hardin Bryan



November 1 **Leslie Criss & Cheryl Sproles Robin & Billy Walton** November 8 November 19 Candace & John Browning November 23 Tammy & Randy Wooldridge





HONORARIUMS In honor of Alice Virginia Daniel Given by Margaret Anne & Jimmy Robbins (Saints' Brew)

GIFTS TO SAINTS' BREW

Many thanks to F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry in Nettleton for their on-going contributions to Saints' Brew.

We deeply appreciate all who volunteer and donate to this ministry.

John & Laura Quene

Dear Church Family, Andv and I appreciate all the condolence



prayers, phone calls, cards and text messages. Many thanks to the care team for the beautiful flowers. We are truly blessed and thankful for each of you and our church family.

God's Peace to All! Andy and Mandy Atkins

Love and Sympathy to ...

Heath Hershfelt on the death of his aunt, Chris Hershfelt.



"Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."



The Rev. Phillip Parker, Rector The Rev. Dr. Billy Walton, Deacon

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MISSION STATEMENT

To equip ourselves for Christ's service by gathering for worship, fellowship, prayer, and study; To minister to and support each other, and to welcome all who walk through our doors; To act as responsible stewards of God's gifts to us; And to do God's work in the world by seeking and serving Christ in all persons.



			November 20	020		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <u>ALL SAINTS' DAY</u> 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bishop Seage meets with Vestry 10:45 am Holy Eucharist 	2 ALL SOULS - ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED 6:30 pm Service	3 5:30 pm AA (P.H.)	4 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:05 pm Healing Service (live streamed on facebook) 6:00 pm Choir (Zoom)	5	6	7
 <u>23 PENTECOST</u> 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm EYC (outside) 	9 6:00 pm Finance & Exectuvie Committee (Parish Hall)	10 5:30 pm AA (P.H.)	11 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:05 pm Healing Service (live streamed on facebook) 6:00 pm Choir (Zoom)	12	13	14
 15 <u>24 PENTECOST</u> 8:30 am Holy Communion 10:45 am Holy Communion 6:30 pm AA (Parish Hall) 	16 6:00 pm Vestry (Parish Hall)	17 5:30 pm AA (P.H.)	18 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:05 pm Healing Service (live streamed on facebook) 6:00 pm Choir (Zoom)	19	20	21
22 <u>LAST</u> <u>PENTECOST</u> 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm EYC (outside)	23	24 5:30 pm AA (P.H.)	25 Office Closed (No Healing Service)	26 A Season of GIVING THANKS	27 Office Closed	28
29 <u>1st ADVENT</u> 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Holy Eucharist	30				October 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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		11/1/2020	11/8/2020	11/15/2020	11/22/2020	11/29/2020
ALTAR FLOWERS		GRANT & CINDY SMITH	KEN RISKEDAHL	OPEN	DARCY STRICKLAND	FLOWER GUILD
FLOWER GUILD		DEANNA ALFORD	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
ALTAR GUILD		CATHY SPARKS	PAT BOBO	CAROL ALVIS	JOELLEN MURPHREE	CATHY SPARKS
		BETTY LEE MARSHALL	SUSAN HYATT	KAREN ASBURY	ROBIN BRYAN	BETTY LEE MARSHALL
		CARRIE BARNES	VIRGINIA MATHEWS	AMANDA LAVENDER	DANA MAHARREY	CARRIE BARNES
		LISA GRAY	KAY TRAPP	KAMME RIDDLE	AMANDA MILLER	LISA GRAY
		DESTINI HESTER	VICKY VANCE	JO ANN WESTMORELAND	MARTHA SENTER	DESTINI HESTER
		MONA WARLICK				MONA WARLICK
INTERCESSORS	8:30 AM	FREDDA ROBINSON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON
	10:45 AM	KEVIN PRIDMORE	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON
LECTORS	8:30 AM	FREDDA ROBINSON	MIKE FITZPATRICK	PAUL WHITE	BRITT HESTER	MICHELLE HESTER
	10:45 AM	KEVIN PRIDMORE	ART CHAMBERS	DEEPIKA DEY	WAYNE AVERETT	STAN FURR
USHERS	8:30 AM	TOM ROBINSON	SYD LIMERICK	MIKE FITZPATRICK	TOM ROBINSON	SYD LIMERICK
	10:45 AM	AVERETT, CALDWELL	RICHARD PATE	CINDY RING	OPEN	KEVIN PRIDMORE
VERGERS	8:30 AM	NATHAN DUNCAN	BRITT HESTER	JOSH WESTMORELAND	NATHAN DUNCAN	ALBERT WHITE
	10:45 AM	ALBERT WHITE	BRITT HESTER	RICHARD PATE	JOSH WESTMORELAND	ALBERT WHITE
VESTRY PERSONS		PAUL WHITE	ART CHAMBERS	ANNA FLEMING	STAN FURR	MARK MAHARREY
OF THE DAY		MANUELA WILSON	HARRY DIECKMANN	MICKEY GRAY	STEPHEN KING	MARY J. MEADOWS