

Twenty-five years ago, I was somewhat new to All Saints' Episcopal and elected Junior Warden. At the time of being elected I was unaware of the current state of our church office and parish hall. It was clear that both facilities were in poor shape and daily used spaces were not adequate nor updated to house events, meetings, studies, lunches, dinners or even our Priest and staff. Floors throughout were sagging and the roof was consistently leaking. On top of space being cramped, outdated, and worn the heating and air units would break down regularly and often during inconvenient times such as the height of summer and/or winter. Keeping the buildings in working order became a challenge.

I was graciously elected to serve my second term as Junior Warden, and as I reflected on where we were when I initially walked through the doors of All Saints' Episcopal to now, there was a stark difference. The facility we now have in comparison to where we were is something to be thankful for and proud of. The space now provided for Phillip and our staff gives much more opportunity and growth. The kitchen and Parish Hall can now accommodate large gatherings and has given us ample room for an expanded nursery, Sunday school classes, choir, and so much more.

All this expansion, updating is to glorify God and we will continue to use these spaces to do the work that God has called us to do. A couple of ways we have felt called are to provide food to the hungry who live in our community through Saints' Brew and by opening our doors to local organizations who also seek to serve and support those in need.

None of what we have accomplished could have been done without God's provision and of which is the unwavering support from our congregation. The praying without ceasing and the financial encouragement have been nothing short of an answered prayer and blessing over the past 20 years.

As a church and congregation who believes that we are called by God to serve and love people, we are now calling on the continued prayers and financial support to payoff our loan and "Burn the Note". We are asking that we all join together and make December 31, 2026, another historical date in the history books of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Sincerely,

David Alford Junior Warden