

A Reflection From Our Deacon, The Rev. David Curtis: January 17, 2024

I'm so very grateful to be assigned to All Saints Episcopal Church. I began attending All Saints in August 2022, after I finished my last assignment at St. John's Episcopal Church. I picked All Saints because my friend Penny Nash was preaching here. I was happy to be in a parish where I could sit and worship and listen to amazing sermons and beautiful music.

Some of you may have questions about what a deacon is. Deacons are ordained to a ministry of Word and Service. I am called to serve those in need and to interpret to and for the church the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world around us. A good deacon helps all of us to lean into our baptismal vows more and more and helps us to connect the words of the Gospel to our actions in the world around us.

On Sunday mornings, you will find me assisting Ben and our lay ministers in our worship. Deacons normally proclaim the gospel, call the church to pray and to confession, prepare the table for the Eucharistic Feast, and to dismiss us into the world, to carry the reconciling love of Jesus to those we meet. I plan to contribute to faith formation, to help us all grow deeper into relationship with God, Jesus, and the Spirit, as well as get my hands dirty by supporting the outreach efforts here at All Saints.

I look forward to being in community with you all. One ask: I am horrible at remembering names, and it will take me time to remember your name. When I see you, please introduce and reintroduce yourself to me. This will help me learn your name a bit faster.

Grace and peace this day,

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