



**ALL SAINTS**  
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COMMUNITY IN RICHMOND VA  
*Equipping the saints*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 1, 2023

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for visiting today! All are welcome at All Saints, and we would be honored to help you find a home and sacred place here. Let any of us know if you have any questions or needs. Please share a little about you and your family on the visitors card in the pew. You may give this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate as it is passed. To learn more about All Saints, visit our website, [allsaintsrichmond.org](http://allsaintsrichmond.org) or connect with us on social media (Facebook/Instagram/YouTube - [allsaintsra](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsra)). But, most importantly, welcome!

## 5 WEEK BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM

Join the Rev. Ben Robertson and the Ven. David Curtis for a study of 1st Thessalonians. 1st Thessalonians is thought to be the oldest work in the New Testament, written before any of the gospels. We will meet on Sundays, from 9:15 to 10am through October 8 in Thornton Hall. Feel free to bring your Bible, and we welcome whatever translation you prefer to use. No registration is required and you did not need to attend the previous meetings to join us for the next!

## EVENSONG + COMMUNITY DINNER: TONIGHT AT 5PM

Tonight at 5pm, we'll resume our schedule of 1st Sunday Evensong & Community Dinners. All are welcome to attend and join us for dinner! This year, many of the services will be preceded by an extended prelude. On October 1, Scott Hayes will offer an extended prelude of French organ music on our Austin pipe organ. The Parish Choir & Choral Scholars will sing Stanford's Evening Service in C Major, and Balfour-Gardiner's "Evening Hymn" as the anthem.

## FESTIVAL CHOIR TO BEGIN REHEARSALS ON OCTOBER 5

The Festival Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 5, 7:30 PM. This new singing opportunity welcomes all who love to sing, but can't make a long-term commitment, sing in a smaller choir in another church, or just want to give singing a try! Rehearsals continue on Thursdays through October, plus a 12:30 - 2:00 PM rehearsal on Saturday, November 4. We'll learn Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem", to be sung at Evensong at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 5 (All Saints Sunday). All are welcome!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: OCTOBER 8 AT 5PM

Save the date for our annual blessing of the animals service on Sunday, October 8 at 5:00pm. This service will be on the patio (weather permitting). Bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal for a special blessing. We will also be collecting wet and dry cat and dog food for Welborne's food pantry starting today through October 8. You can leave these items in the marked baskets in the Cloister Hallway.

## BUNCO GAME NIGHT: OCTOBER 10 AT 7PM

Join us in the library on **Tuesday, October 10 at 7pm** for an evening of bunco! Bring a friend, a snack to share, and \$5 for the prize pot. RSVP to Gretchen Jones, [gretchenjones50@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenjones50@gmail.com)

## OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP SOCIALS

October is stewardship month and you are invited to join Reverend Ben at a stewardship social to learn more about the ministerial and financial goals of the church. Our first event will be with Ben and Dan & Charlene Vallandingham on **October 11 at Angelo's Restaurant on Midlothian Turnpike at 6:00pm**. RSVP is required for this particular gathering in order to reserve the room. To RSVP for a stewardship gathering, visit [tinyurl.com/octoberstewardshipasc](https://tinyurl.com/octoberstewardshipasc) To view the complete list of gatherings, visit: [tinyurl.com/octoberstewardshiprspv](https://tinyurl.com/octoberstewardshiprspv)

## A JAZZ HAPPY HOUR WITH JIM BENNETT: OCTOBER 13 AT 5:30PM

Join us for an evening of jazz with Jim Bennett on All Saints Patio. Pianist Jim Bennett's interest in music is wide-ranging. From swing to rock, Broadway to Bach, Motown to Gospel and more. This performance will be a mix of some of his favorites. Joining him this evening are two friends and wonderful musicians, Deborah Saidel (flute, saxophone) and Kevin Davis (percussion). Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available. A suggested donation of \$15 will defray the cost of the program and food.

## YOUNG ADULT GATHERING: OCTOBER 14 AT 4PM

Join us for a young adult gathering at the home of Mary Catherine and Josh Copes on **October 14 at 4pm**. Address is 402 Whitmore Court, Henrico, 23229. Children are welcome, and we will have a few of our youth supervising outdoors! RSVP to Mary Catherine, [marycatherinecopes@gmail.com](mailto:marycatherinecopes@gmail.com) or 804-405-9626. Dinner will be provided, please bring your own beverages.

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Diane and Joan are looking for Children's Chapel assistants to help guide children down the aisle of the church and up the stairs to the Children's Chapel. There they will have an abbreviated time of Christian formation including a Bible story, craft, and snack. This will be completed by the Peace during church when we all will return to the nave. We also are looking for people to lead the already-prepared lesson and craft with an assistant to help. Please note if you can help with this, we'll find you an assistant. (Assistants and lead teachers cannot be family members). Thanks for your consideration to help with Christian formation and getting to know ASC's young saints! To help or to ask questions, please email Diane Hayes, [christianed@allsaintsrichmond.org](mailto:christianed@allsaintsrichmond.org)

## STEWARDSHIP MAILING

On Thursday, we mailed a letter and pledge card for our 2024 stewardship campaign. If you don't receive this in the next few days, please let Winston in the church office know to ensure we have your correct contact information on file, [whazlegrove@allsaintsrichmond.org](mailto:whazlegrove@allsaintsrichmond.org) or 804-288-7811. We hope you will prayerfully consider making a pledge to All Saints for 2024. Please contact our stewardship chair, James Forsythe, if you have any questions, [jmforsythe@verizon.net](mailto:jmforsythe@verizon.net)

## KINDNESS ROCKS!

Have you seen our rock garden? We encourage you to check it out! Located by the All Saints playground, it is a colorful and happy display of kindness in the form of rocks! Please take one if it inspires you or makes you happy. Take some for your children or grandchildren to paint. You can also paint rocks that you may already have. Maybe put some words of inspiration on them, then bring them back and leave them in the garden. Be sure to use paint that will stand up to the weather. Outdoor acrylic paint is great.

## WELBORNE UNITED METHODIST FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you for supporting Welborne's Food Pantry. **They need: cereal, shelf stable milk, mashed potatoes, ramen noodles, diapers (size 5 & 6) and paper grocery bags.** Donations can be left in the green shed by the playground at All Saints. To volunteer at the food pantry, or to help with delivering donations to Welborne, please email Mark Wilcox, [mbwmsi@gmail.com](mailto:mbwmsi@gmail.com)

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