# NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS AUGUST 3. 2025

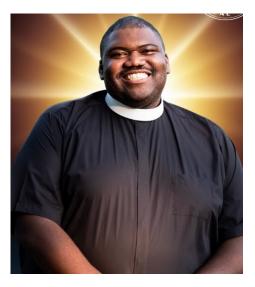
The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse and inclusive community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors.



# Welcome Father Mitchell

We Welcome Father Mitchell Felton this morning as our guest preacher and presider.

He is from Greenwood, South Carolina and canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. He is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and moved to DC in 2023. He is currently supplying around the diocese as he discerns a new call.



Today
11 am Holy Eucharist

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

Healing prayer is available after Holy Communion today at the Mary Chapel.

Please join us in the undercroft for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service.

Thank you to the Inreach Committee for hosting coffee hour this week.

# Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Hosea 11:1-11, John Wiecking
Psalm 107:1-9, 43, John Wiecking
The Epistle, Colossians 3:1-11, Bill McKinley
Gospel, Luke 12:13-21, The Reverend Mitchell Felton
Prayers of the People, Judy Andrew

# Parish Prayer List

# The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

The Feast of the Transfiguration (Aug 6), Church of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring;

# In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines;

## For Those Who are Sick or in Need, we pray especially for:

Sheila, Robert, Christopher, Laura, Nancy, Warren, Fleance, Shinn, Charles, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan;

**For Those Who have died, especially:** Patricia Snyder Rex, cousin to Dee Snyder and Allen Murray Butler; Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them;

We Give Thanks for: all of today's visitors and all newcomers at All Souls and for all who so generously brought food and drink and attended last week's Parish Potluck luncheon.

#### BISHOP MARIANNE BUDDE URGENT HAITI APPEAL

We are grateful and proud to report that All Souls raised \$11,100 last month in our Haiti/Micah appeal. Bishop Budde has come along this month with another appeal for Haiti due to increased gang activity. Earlier this summer, Bishop Mariann sent a donation of \$5000 to Episcopal clergy in Haiti who provide sanctuary for communities threatened by gang violence. Another donation, this time from EDOW members, will be sent in early September. Please read her appeal on the back page and give as you are able.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

It's nearing the time of printing a current church directory. Have you logged into your realm account lately? Andrea in the Parish Office is happy to help you with your log in. Need an account? Andrea can help with that too! Please check your information and submit an updated photo as you are able. Contact Andrea at office@allsoulsdc.org or call the church office at 202-232-4244, ext. 1 if you need assistance.

#### HEALING PRAYER AVAILABLE 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH TODAY

Please come forward to the side chapel for healing prayer after Holy Communion, if you desire healing prayer. Offered regularly on the first Sunday of the month.

#### BAPTISM FOR BABY THULELA SUNDAY, NEXT SUN., AUGUST 10

Come and welcome our newest member to All Souls at the 11 am service on the 10th of August. Afterward at coffee hour we will celebrate the newly baptized Thulela with her parents, Terrance McNeill-Johnson and Morag Neill. We hope you will be present on this day to renew your own baptismal vows and to rejoice in baby Thulela's special day.

#### WOODLEY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT SUN., AUGUST 10

The Woodley House Food Pantry relies on generous community donations to keep their shelves fully stocked. All Souls contributes by asking for donations on the 2nd Sunday of the month. See the suggested list of donations on the welcome table.

# EPISCOPAL 101—FOUNDATIONAL COURSE WITH MOTHER SARA PALMER BEGINS WEDNESDAY EVENING | SEPTEMBER 10, 6:30 PM

This class is designed for the curious, skeptic, seeker, new or experienced church person. It is open to anyone who wants to learn more or needs a refresher course about the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about what it means to be an Episcopalian, join us and find out more!

Day / Time: Class will meet Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm

Dates: Sept. 10—Oct. 22, 2025 in person.

Register using the QR code or email Andrea at office@allsoulsdc.org. See laminated syllabus on the Welcome table to learn more.





# CHURCH CLEAN UP | SEPTEMBER 13, 9 AM-NOON

Come be a part of a special morning cleaning up All Souls inside and out! Jeff Wells, Junior Warden is heading up this work day. We could really use all hands on deck. Contact him for more information at junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org or phone 202-746-0120 or sign up online on the website under the SIGN UP HERE tab.

# **INGATHERING SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 14**

Our annual "back to church" Sunday is September 14. Our wonderful **CHOIR** will be back and singing weekly and the Sunday morning Adult **FAITH FORUMS** will begin again at 10 am in the upstairs Conference room.

#### **COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

If you are new to All Souls in the last six months, please do grab a coffee and snack downstairs and **come up in the Conference room at 12:15 pm** to meet Mother Sara. This is a great way to make new friends and also have your questions answered about the Episcopal Church and about All Souls.

# HONORING OUR NEWCOMERS | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

We will be honoring our newcomers during the 11 am service on this date and giving away a special goodie bag!

# An Urgent Appeal for Haiti from Bishop Budde

by EDOW | Jul 15, 2025 (reprinted from EDOW website)

Dear Lord, we want to stop running from the bandits we are living with; we can't run anymore. Because our morale is low. We want stability for the country, especially for Mibalè. For us to stop running, we want activities to resume again. What is happening is having a significant impact on our minds; we would like this to end, for life to start again. Lord, we pray to you like this with much love!

—Prayer by the girls of the Haiti Micah Project

# Chaos and Unimaginable Danger

Earlier this spring, Bishop Mariann met with the Rev. Joseph Constant, rector of St. John's, Beltsville and founder of the Haiti Micah Project, along with other members of the Diocese of Washington's Haiti Advocacy Ministry. Fr. Constant described his homeland as a nation descending into crisis since the 2021 assassination of its president. In recent months:

- Over 1.5 million people have been displaced
- Thousands have died
- Ninety percent of the island is now controlled by armed gangs
- Government institutions have collapsed entirely

Amid this chaos and unimaginable danger, priests in the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti remain faithful in caring for their communities. As Canon Serena Beeks, U.S. Coordinator of the Haiti School Partnership Program at the National Association of Episcopal Schools, writes: "Of all the dioceses in The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Haiti, absolutely and by any measure, does the most with the least."

Fr. Constant's hometown of Mirebalais—one of the last regions not yet overtaken by gangs—was invaded in March. Through the Haiti Micah Project, he remains in close contact with the priests there. They are feeding, sheltering, and ministering to their people as their communities prepare to defend themselves against further violence. One priest confided, "We don't know how long we can do this or how we can go on."

## How You Can Help

Bishop Mariann has committed \$5,000 from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and invites any who can to do so as well. All donations will go directly to the priests of the Diocese of Haiti through Fr. Constant's trusted network. These funds will support people doing extraordinary ministry under impossible conditions. Please donate at edow.org/give or scan QR code on the right.



Tragically, many in our own communities with Haitian heritage now face the looming threat of deportation when Temporary Protected Status ends in September 2025. At the same time our government warns against travel to Haiti, it has declared that conditions are safe enough for Haitians to return. The stories from Haiti indicate otherwise. As we give, we also pray for peace in Haiti, for safety and endurance for those who serve, and for justice to rise.

Dear Lord, we ask you to please look upon us as we call on you. We ask you to help our leaders cultivate humility and consciousness so that they can save the people from insecurity. We ask you to have mercy on your people, please deliver them. We live in great anxiety, with fear, sorrow, and dread, where any day anything can happen. But this does not prevent us from praying; all our hope is in you. I ask you to help me grow my faith in you; I want to remain faithful, I want to live with the hope that tomorrow will be good for a better future. Even though it is difficult, I believe this and with you, everything is possible.

Amen. —Prayer by the boys of the Haiti Micah Project