News From The Pews

November 1, 2026

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 neighbor

---

All Saints & All Souls Day



The Rev. Sara E. Palmer,
Rector & Celebrant

11 am Holy Eucharist

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her sister Cathy Watson, by Lisa Watson

The First Lesson
Wisdom 3:1-9
Peter Laugesen

Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Sung by Choir

The Epistle
Revelations 7:9-17
Will Stewart

The Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12
Mother Sara

Prayers of the People
Lisa Watson



OUR TRADITIONAL POTLUCK IS TODAY
Join us downstairs following the service

Thank you for participating in our Namesake potluck.. Please plate your foods in advance, which will save time by eliminating the need to transfer them to platters.
– vEnessa Acham, Hospitality

WE WISH GOD SPEED TO SHEILA ARBURY
at the Coffee / Fellowship / Potluck hour!

Come and wish Sheila a cheerful, so long, on Nov. 1st during the potluck. Sheila has been a faithful member for years. Here is a list of the ways she has served the All Souls community in her own words, and we thank her!

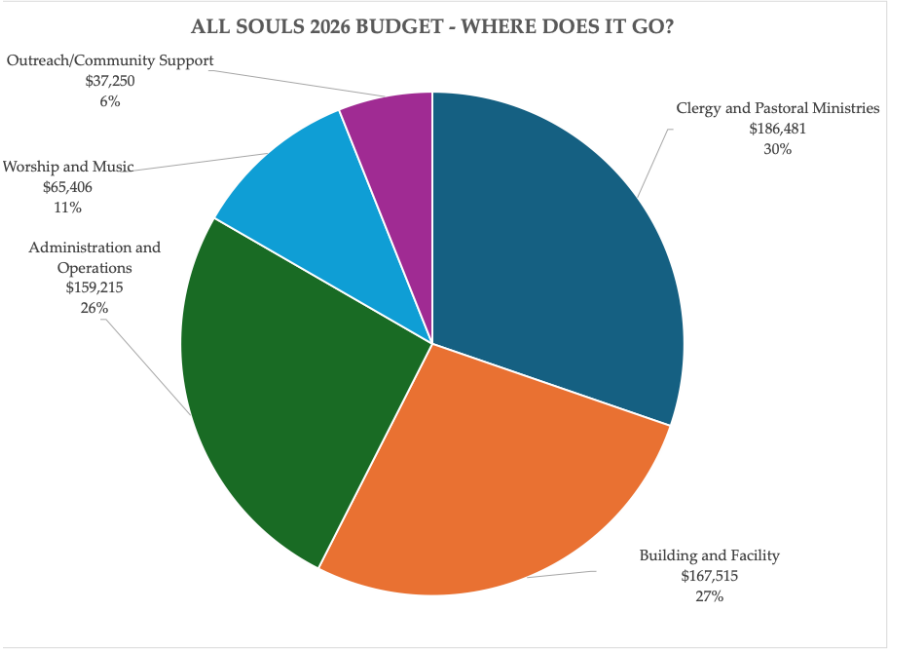
- I joined All Souls in 2009 which means I have been here 17 years.
- I immediately joined the choir, because my son was singing here, and I stayed in the choir for 14 years.
- I have served as a lector.
- I was on the vestry for three years.
- I have volunteered at Christ House for about eight years.
- I was on the Stewardship Committee and served as co-chair for several years.
- I have been on the Counting Committee for about 7 years and prepare the counting schedule.
- I have served on the Outreach Committee and have been co-chair for the past three years.
- I was a Foyer Dinner captain the last time All Souls had this activity".

"Upholding One Another in Love" Stewardship Campaign Update

Thanks to everyone who has already pledged to the "Upholding One Another in Love" Annual Stewardship Campaign! **Our participation goal is 90 people/families pledging and our financial goal is $450,000 by November 15th.**

What is a Pledge?

A pledge means telling the parish how much money you are going to give in total to All Souls in the coming calendar year (2027). You can give that gift weekly, monthly or as you are able.



All Souls will spend approximately $615,000 in 2026 to run the parish. About 2/3rds of that money comes from your pledges.

Last week we listed the charities that All Souls supported financially in 2024 and 2025 to show how your pledge makes a difference in the world.

This week we offer a fuller picture of our 2026 spending to show where else your pledge dollars go.

A few specific spending examples:

- $5,500 Elevator Maintenance
- $16,900 Electricity
- $1,500 Liturgical Supplies
- $3,500 Telephone/Internet

Make a Pledge

You can pledge online at alsoulsdc.org or by filling out a pledge card and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it in to Andrea Meier, our Parish Administrator. Or you can contact Andrea directly at office@allsoulsdc.org and she can record your pledge for you.

Thank you! - Jeff Wells, 2027 Stewardship Chair

DIAPER DRIVE | Runs through today!
Donate cash or checks today through All Souls, indicate Diaper Drive in the memo section on your check. Please see Daniel Callis for any questions.

MOTHER SARA AWAY, NOV 3-6.
The Rev. David Wacaster will be on call for pastoral needs at phone # 202-491-4340.

CAPITAL HEARINGS FALL CONCERT, SAT., NOV. 7th at 4:00 pm at All Souls to benefit Cleveland Woodley Park Village with a light reception to follow

WOODLEY HOUSE FUNDRAISER, 6 FREE TICKETS, SUNDAY, NOV. 8th. MOVIE BENEFIT AT THE SILVER SPRING THEATER
An anonymous parishioner has graciously bought and donated 6 tickets to the upcoming Woodley House benefit. There is a **VIP Reception at 5 pm** and **movie fundraiser night on Sunday November 8th at 7 pm at the Silver Theater in Silver Spring MD.** The movie is TONY. Please let Mother Sara know if you would like a free ticket to this fun and worthwhile event: rector@allsoulsdc.org

DC EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS
TUES, NOV. 10, 7:00 pm
The DC Episcopal Fellowship is launching a series of young adult symposiums. The first, focusing on Mental Health & God, will be held at St. Monica & St. James on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM (optional Mass at 6:00 PM). For details, please contact Joe Neal. We invite you to keep our young adults in your prayers as they grow together in faith and community. - *Peace & Blessings, Joe Neal, Co-Coordinator, DC Episcopal Fellowship (DCEF)*

CONFIRMATION & REAFFIRMATION at THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, SAT., NOV. 14
If you have not been confirmed in The Episcopal Church yet, now is your opportunity! **Saturday November 14th at 10 am**., **Bishop Budde will confirm you along with members of other congregations in the Diocese**. This is a most beautiful venue to commit yourself to God. I will attend the service with you and you can bring friends and family. If you have already been confirmed in another church, you can be received into the Episcopal Church at that service. If you have been away from God for a while, you can reaffirm your commitment to Christ. Please let Mother Sara know ASAP if you want to do any of these rites on November 14th by emailing her at rector@allsoulsdc.org

THANKSGIVING DAY, THURS., NOV. 26th
Our traditional potluck follows in the Undercroft at Noon. Sign up using the QR Code.



ADVENT QUIET MORNING RETREAT, SAT., DEC. 5th, 10am-1pm
"Come apart and rest awhile", Jesus says.
Do come and join others in our All Souls family on Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 1 pm. for an Advent Retreat. Bring a brown bag lunch for yourself.

As our schedules quickly fill with preparations for Christmas, it will be a source of blessing for us to take a morning just to be quiet, slow down, and have time to meditate on the true meaning of Advent: returning to God and preparing to welcome God's only Son, Jesus. We will be encouraged and uplifted as we share God's love. You will see signs around the church and Administrative Building declaring after Nov. 29th: SHHH! SLOW DOWN. IT'S ADVENT.

We will reflect together in our Advent Morning Retreat, both on our own and in groups, on the importance of going deeper in our spiritual lives and seeking God's wisdom. To that end, please be reading the book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, the letter of James, Jesus' brother in the New Testament, and the books in the Apocrypha (between the Old and New Testaments): Ecclesiasticus, Sirach, the Wisdom of Solomon. Please select two passages to share with us and explain why you chose them.

Please email your interest in coming on December 5th to Mother Sara: rector@allsoulsdc.org

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE LECTORS' MINISTRY?

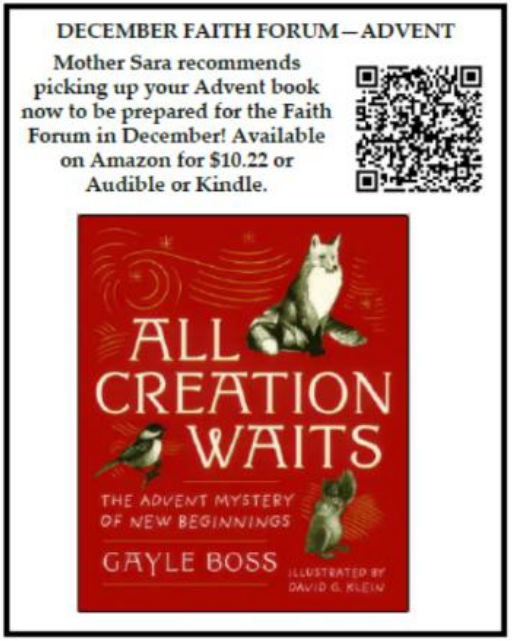
We are now compiling the Lectors' Schedule for Nov-Dec-Jan. If you feel called to join us in this ministry, please contact Will Stewart, Lector Coordinator, at lectors@allsoulsdc.org as soon as possible so we can see if you would be a good fit. [To our current lectors: please inform Will of your away dates for this quarter if you have not already done so.] Thanks! Will

PRAYER FOR USE BY CHILDREN REGARDING STEWARDSHIP

Jesus, we love you and we know you love us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Thank you for play time and for our growing bodies. Thank you for our laughter and our joy. Help us to give some of our time and some of our money back to you. When we think of giving something away to someone who needs it, help us to give two and not just one. *Amen.*

DECEMBER FAITH FORUM—ADVENT

Mother Sara recommends picking up your Advent book now to be prepared for the Faith Forum in December! Available on Amazon for $10.22 or Audible or Kindle.



FAITH FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS | 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

November

8 - Prison Ministries with The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge & Heidi Kugler

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge, Deacon at St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney, MD Bio
After a long career supporting people to develop into their best selves in education, corporate organizations, and non-profit organizations, she is blessed to have answered God's call to the Diaconate as a Vocational Deacon. Her experience ranges from teaching school on a Reservation in northern Minnesota to conducting leadership development internationally as part of an international financial institution to serving our elders as a Regional Vice President with AARP.

She currently serves at St. John's Episcopal Church in Olney, MD. She now lives in Kensington with her sweet dogger Tess. For fun and frolic and expanding her faith, Deacon Nancy enjoys theater, pilgrimage journeys, her local family of choice, and family travel. Because continual learning is such a strong value for her, Deacon Nancy taps into her studies of Elementary Education, Human Resources Development and Pastoral Care, usually with a twinkle in her eye and a pun.

Deacon Nancy is passionate about being God's hands and feet in our world through outreach, joy, and our relationship with God. She experiences St. John's and EDOW to be an inspiring and welcoming community that calls us all to worship and service. Prison ministry, migrant ministries, study, and contemplative practices are important parts of her faith. Her favorite Bible verse is Micah 6:8 that calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

15 - The Universalist Christian Theology of Marcus Borg with Joe Howell
22 - Spiritual Journey Interview
29 - Advent Book Study with Jennifer Mindek Beckham

December

6 - Advent Book Study (Jennifer Mindek Beckham)
13 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)
20 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:
All Saints' Day *(Nov 1);* All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase; All Saints' Pre-School, Chevy Chase
All Saints' Parish, Oakley; All Souls Day *(Nov 2);* All Souls Church, DC

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Elaine Grierson, dear friend of Olivia & Ian Hodgson**,** Jesse Kim (friend of Carri Banholzer), Sandra Duncan (friend of Jody Koepp-Norris), Al Muller, Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff, Davis Ival, Cuba, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan; for all children everywhere.

We are thankful: for all who are prayerfully considering a new or continued pledge to All Souls as we enter our seasonal pledge campaign for 2027.

Parish Necrology—All Souls 2026

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Yvonne James Airall by vEnessa Acham
Veronica Acham by vEnessa Acham
Nancy Maes Aherne by All Souls Church
Edith Bertini by Mark Bertini
Elowyn Calton by Christopher and Laura Calton
Anthony Domenico by All Souls Church
Isabelle Evans by Cynthia Evans
Paul Evans by Cynthia Evans
Pauline Winans Finn by Polly McKim
Bill Fergus by Karen Kucik
Maxwell George by Olivia George
Theodore Hartz by All Souls Church
David Hassler by Dee Snyder
Theo W. Hodge, Sr. by Rick Taylor
Joseph and Carroll Howell by Joe and Embry Howell
Katherine Lindsay Howell by Joe and Embry Howell
Tom Howell by Joe and Embry Howell

Dolores and Thomas Humason by Tracy Self
Peter and Rose Laugesen by Peter Laugesen
Marybeth McCutcheon by Rick Taylor
William McKim by Polly McKim
Mercedes McKim by Polly McKim
D.G. Martin by Joe and Embry Howell
Louise and Grier Martin by Joe and Embry Howell
Mike Martin by Joe and Embry Howell
Mary Ellen McMahon by Tracy Self
Asa Nugert by Cynthia Evans
John Orrett by Maria Elena Frederick
David Pirir by Dylan Winters
Thomas Bruce Power by Dee Snyder
Anne Rawlinson by Polly McKim
Sybil de la Renaudiere by vEnessa Acham
Patricia Snyder Rex by Dee Snyder
Roger Sams by Dee Snyder
Micki W. Simms by Dee Snyder
Bradford Burleson Self by Tracy Self
Richard Burleson Self by Tracy Self
Teague and Ida Self by Tracy Self
Garry Sutton by Dee Snyder
Holly Crane Smith by Jeff Wells
Austin Kenton Snyder by Dee Snyder
Frederick & Katharine Taylor by Rick Taylor
Wydell Townsend by vEnessa Acham
Laura Townsend by vEnessa Acham
Michael Whitlow by Ben Whitlow
Walter Winans by Polly McKim
Ofelia Winters by Dylan Winters
Jane Brock Woodall by Roy Woodall



Staff

Mother Sara Palmer, Rector
rector@allsoulsdc.org

Linda Sparks, Music Director
music@allsoulsdc.org

Andrea Meier, Parish Admin.
office@allsoulsdc.org

Seminarian
Jennifer Mindek Beckham

Acolytes
Mike McGee
Lisa Watson

Lectors
Peter Laugesen
Will Stewart
Lisa Watson

Ushers
Joe Neal
Mahnaz Raeisi

All Souls Vestry,
vestry@allsoulsdc.org
vEnessa Acham (2029)
Kurt Jacobs (2029)
John Longstreth (2027)
Nancy Morgan (2027)
Joe Neal (2028)
Will Stewart (2028)
Rick Taylor (2028)
Arthur Warren (2027)
Sebastian Wellford (2029)

Lisa Watson
Senior.warden@allsoulsdc.org

Tara Mancini
Junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org

Will Stewart
Treasurer@allsoulsdc.org

All Souls Episcopal Church
2300 Cathedral Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008-1505
Allsoulsdc.org | 202-232-4244 | office@allsoulsdc.org