

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

JULY 12, 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 of both members and neighbors.*



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*The Rev. Sara E. Palmer, Rector*

*11 am Holy Eucharist*

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

### *Today's Readings*

#### **The First Lesson**

Isaiah 55:10-13

*Lisa Watson*

#### **Psalms 65:9-14**

*Lisa Watson*

#### **The Epistle**

Romans 8:1-11

*Jim Solomon*

#### **The Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*The Rev. Sara Palmer*

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Cynthia Evans*

All are invited to Coffee Hour  
& fellowship after the service  
in the downstairs  
Undercroft.



## *Rock Creek Clean-Up*

*Sat., July 18, 10am - Noon*

**What:** Litter cleanup in Rock Creek Park. Help care for our environment and spend a morning enjoying God's beautiful creation!

**When:** Saturday, July 18, 10 am - noon

**Where:** Picnic Grove #2, Rock Creek Park

**What to bring:** Water, sunscreen. We will provide bags, gloves, tools, bug spray. Dress appropriately for the weather.

**Sign-up:** Use the QR code or contact Sebastian Wellford at



[seabasswellford@gmail.com](mailto:seabasswellford@gmail.com)



## *Men's Fellowship Event*

*Tues., July 21, 5:30 pm, Undercroft*

After dinner speaker will be Jonathan

Nicholas, who will give a brief chat on some of the names that appear on the parish's WWII honor roll.

Fellowship hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. RSVP to Ike Brannon

at [chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com](mailto:chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com).



**I believe that love heals.  
And when I forget  
I believe that  
I connect to creation,  
Commit to a daily practice,  
Cultivate compassion,  
Create a grateful heart,  
And come home to myself.  
Then I remember.**

*Love Heals*  
by Becca Stevens

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

Diocesan Ordination Service  
(July 16) Pray for those who are being ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests;

**For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for:**

BJ Bruenderman, the nephew-in-law of Kevin LeGrand, BJ has suffered burns as a result of a work place explosion in Missouri; Edith Bertini, Mark Bertini, Dee Snyder, Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff; Haiti, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, South Sudan; all children everywhere; all those suffering from war and famine;

**We give thanks for:**

the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Email [Andrea@allsoulsdc.org](mailto:Andrea@allsoulsdc.org) to submit a prayer request. Names are kept on for a month unless notified and are prepared to pray indefinitely.*

## DATES TO NOTE

**Sun., July 12, Today**  
**Woodley House Food Pantry Collection**

**Tues., July 14-July 17,**  
**Mother Sara away and**  
The Rev. David Wacaster will be on call for pastoral emergencies.  
His cell # is 202-491-4340.

**Sat, July 18, 10 am— Noon**  
**Rock Creek Clean Up.**

**Tues., July 21, 5:30 pm**  
**Men's Fellowship Event, Undercroft**

**Wed., July 22, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
**New Revelation Bible Study with**  
**Mother Sara begins and ends on Sept. 2.**

**Sat., July 25, 11:00 am**  
**Celebration of Life for Nancy Aherne**  
Service followed by reception.

**Sun., August 9**  
**Woodley House Food Pantry Collection**

**Sat., August 15, 4:00 pm**  
**Capital Hearings Concert, Nave**  
Proceeds to benefit Woodley House

**Sun., August 16, Noon**  
**Coffee hour celebrating Tom Andrew**

**Sat., Sept. 12, 9 am— 4:30 pm at VTS**  
**Godly Play Commuter Core Training.**  
1 of 3. Others two are Oct. 10 and Nov. 7.  
Register at [godlyplayfoundation.org](http://godlyplayfoundation.org).

**Sun., Sept. 13**  
**Woodley House Food Pantry Collection**

**Wed., Sept. 16 - Oct. 28, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
**Episcopal 101 Class, Conference Room**  
In person in the Conference room. Email Mother Sara directly if you are interested at [rector@allsoulsdc.org](mailto:rector@allsoulsdc.org).

## *Celebrating the Ministry of Tom Andrew*

*Come for the festive coffee hour in the undercroft on August 16 following the service in celebration of the two year music ministry of Tom Andrew at All Souls church.*

**O**ur Music Director from 2 years ago, Bobby Stubbs, informed me recently that he will not be returning to All Souls mid-August. He is thankful to have found a permanent teaching position in PA with benefits. He will miss All Souls and wishes us all the best.

We are so thankful to our interim organist and choir director, Tom Andrew for serving with us the last two years. It has been a great blessing to have Tom and his wife Judy in our midst. We are currently in a search for a new Music Director as Tom would like to retire. We pray for God to provide again for All Souls, as God always has in the past.

*- Mother Sara, Rector*



**S**t has both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Director of Music and Organist at All Souls Episcopal Church since September of 2024. The nearly two years have sped by quickly. Judy and I were welcomed in such a warm and loving way, and you accepted us so readily that we quickly felt at home. Making music with the choir has been a joy, as we were able to do some pieces I had not been able to scheduled with some of my previous choirs. The organ has been a wonderful instrument to play, and has challenged me to play some pieces I had not tried in years. You have all been so very kind, and as I head off into retirement, Judy and I will remember our time here fondly. Thank you for all your kindness, and please know you have our best wishes for the future.

*- Tom Andrew, Music Minister 2024-2026*

Of your charity, please pray for those to be ordained  
this summer, among them,



**Michael Justin Drell**

to be ordained priest at the intercession of

**Mariann, Bishop of Washington**

in St. Paul's Parish, K St. DC  
at 6:45pm on Thursday, 16th July, 2026  
Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Please also pray for Michael's loved ones,  
the people of Ascension & St. Agnes, where  
Michael served as Deacon, and the people of St. Paul's  
among whom Michael will serve as Curate.

*Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us*  
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.*  
*St. Jude and the Holy Apostles, pray for us*  
*St. Isadore, the Farmer, pray for us.*  
*Sts. Francis and Clare, pray for us.*  
*All saints of God, pray for us.*

*As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals  
there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.*

Please join us again at St. Paul's Parish as Michael offers  
a Votive Mass for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
on Saturday 18th of July at Noon

**NEW REVELATION  
BIBLE STUDY WITH  
MOTHER SARA  
July 22 to September 2**

Mother Sara will teach a 7  
week class on the final book of  
the Bible, Revelation.  
Important to clear up  
misconceptions. The class will  
start on **Wednesday July 22**  
**and finish September 2nd** so  
as not to interfere with the  
Episcopal 101 class starting  
Wednesday September 16. You  
can attend both classes if you  
wish. Classes start promptly at  
6:30 p.m. and last one  
hour. Please arrive promptly  
at 6:20 p.m. therefore.

Mother Sara will choose repre-  
sentative chapters to give the  
basic message of the book in 7  
weeks. The overarching mes-  
sage is encouragement: God  
and good win! Hang in there  
and Keep the Faith!

Please email Mother Sara or  
text her to sign up  
ASAP: [rector@allsoulsdc.org](mailto:rector@allsoulsdc.org).  
There is only room for 7 more  
people in the class.

**EPISCOPAL 101 CLASS BEGINS WED., SEPT. 16 AND ENDS NOV. 4.  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM— 7 weeks, in person in the Conference room**

This class is for newcomers and longtime parishioners to deepen your Christian faith  
and understanding of our Episcopal Church. **Please email Mother Sara by August 1 at  
the latest.** Some have already signed up. Room now for 8 more people.