

NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

JULY 19, 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 EIGHTH 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 44:6-8
Calvin Zon

Psalms 86:11-17

Calvin Zon

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-25
Samuel Willis

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The Rev. Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People

Annie Flews

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



THE ALL SOULS ENDOWMENT BOARD AWARDS 2026 GRANTS

The Vestry of All Souls' Parish established an endowment fund decades ago to enable the Parish to fulfill our mission more completely and beyond what is possible through our regular operating budget. On an annual basis, proposals are accepted by the Endowment Board and considered for potential outreach grants from this Fund. On behalf of the Board, in 2026 John Wiecking and Cindy Shaughnessy reviewed the requests and brought a recommendation to the Vestry for discussion and final allocation decisions.

This year, Jesus Nazareno, our sister church in Cuba will receive \$8000 given their crisis situation: \$3000 will pay for a solar battery to give electricity to their neighborhood, and \$5000 to help finish a room for their priest to live, the Rev. Carmen Nualla. An anonymous donor has donated an additional \$1,500 to pay for 3 months of a feeding program for the indigent elderly also requested by Jesus Nazareno. All Souls is delighted to help the needy both locally and abroad, as Jesus commanded us in Matthew 25:40.

The following is a list of the 2026 grant recipients:

- ◇ Christ House
- ◇ Family and Youth Initiative
- ◇ Anne's Place
- ◇ The Jesus de Nazareno Episcopal Church in Santa Clara, Cuba
- ◇ The Washington School for Girls
- ◇ The Cleveland & Woodley Park Village
- ◇ Sustainable Villages Honduras
- ◇ The Wanda Alston Foundation



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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for Nancy Aherne

Sat., July 25 at 11:00 am

Please RSVP online for reception

at <http://www.allsoulsdc.org/sign-up-here>



PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Mary Magdalene, Wheaton
St. Christopher's Church, New Carrollton
St. James' Church, Indian Head
St. James' Church, Potomac
St. James' Children's School, Potomac;

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;

Email 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

Tues., July 21, 5:30 pm

Men's Fellowship Event, Undercroft

**Wed., July 22, 6:30-7:30 pm
thru Sept. 2**

New Revelation Bible Study with Mother Sara will meet in-person in the conference room. Email Mother Sara to attend.

Sat., July 25, 11:00 am

Celebration of Life for Nancy Aherne with reception following in the Nave.

Sun., August 9

The All Souls Church, Second Sunday of the month, Woodley House Food Pantry Collection. Please be generous to those in need.

Sat., August 15, 4:00 pm

Capital Hearings Concert, Nave
Proceeds to benefit Woodley House

Sun., August 16, Noon

Coffee hour celebrating our interim Music Minister of the past two years, Mr. Tom Andrew.

Sun., Sept. 7

Labor Day Weekend

Sun., Sept. 13

- Woodley House Food Pantry Collection
- Faith Formation Resumes in Conference Room at 10 am

**Wed., Sept. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm
thru Oct. 28, 2026**

EPISCOPAL 101 with Mother Sara begins Sept. 16. Meets in-person in the conference room. Email Mother Sara (rector@allsoulsdc.org) to sign up.

Now Hiring Nursery Care providers.
Read more at "sign up here" on website.

Celebrating the Ministry of Tom Andrew

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

Our 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



It 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



**NEW REVELATION
BIBLE STUDY WITH
MOTHER SARA**

July 22 to September 2

Mother Sara will teach a seven week class on the final book of the Bible, Revelation.

It is 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.

Mother Sara will choose representative chapters to give the basic message of the book in 7 weeks. The overarching message 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. There is room for 7 more people in the class.



SUMMER CONCERT

**Join us for an afternoon of
a cappella & fellowship in
support of Woodley House!**

AUGUST 15, 2026

Concert begins at 4pm in
the All Souls Sanctuary

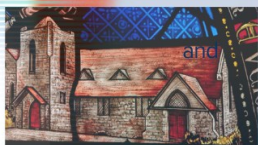
Benefiting the Woodley House Fundraiser.
Free will offering, suggested donation \$20

All Souls Episcopal Church
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Episcopal Church 101

Wednesdays, September 16 - October 28, 2026



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



In person, in the Conference Room with the Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector
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