

NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

AUGUST 16, 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 TWELFTH 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 56:1, 6-8

Anne Armstrong

Psalms 67

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The Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Will Stewart

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

The Rev. Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People

Sheila Arbury

All are invited to Coffee Hour
& fellowship after the service
in the downstairs ☕
Undercroft hosted by the choir

WE GIVE THANKS FOR TOM ANDREW

ALL SOULS MUSIC MINISTER, 2025-26

*After the service all are invited to a festive coffee hour
hosted by the choir to thank Tom and Judy for their
service to All Souls
and to celebrate their
time with us.*

**Thank
you
TOM ANDREW!**



TODAY'S FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The flowers on the Altar
are given to the glory of God
and in loving thanksgiving for
the 33rd Anniversary
of William Stewart and Peter Laugesen*



*The flowers on the Mary Chapel
are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for
the ministry and presence of
Tom and Judy Andrew.*



FALL CONCERT

Join us for an afternoon of
a cappella & fellowship

NEW DATE!

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Concert begins at 4:00 pm in
the All Souls Sanctuary

Light reception to follow

All Souls Episcopal Church
2300 Cathedral Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH 101

Wednesdays, Sept. 16 - Oct. 28, 2026
6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Conference Room

This class is for newcomers and longtime parishioners to deepen their Christian faith understanding of our Episcopal Church. Please email Mother Sara (rector@allsoulsdc.org) if interested.



Funeral & Celebration of Life Ted Hartz

August 29, 11:00 am

All are invited to attend and join his wife Mary and family and friends for a reception in the Undercroft following the service.

We pray for their peace

and comfort at this time. Ted died peacefully the morning of July 23 and was given last rites of ministration by Mother Sara the day before. He was a longtime faithful member of All Souls and a member of the choir.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD SPEED!

All Souls congratulates **Carys Gray and Dilara Brannon**, the children of parishioner Ike Brannon, as they prepare to head off to college this week. They began attending our Sunday School in 2011 and when they "graduated" in 2018 they then served as acolytes for several years. Carys will be attending the University of Toronto and Dilara is going to Johns Hopkins.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Albans School for Boys, The National Cathedral School for Girls, Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School, Washington Episcopal School, The Bishop John T. Walker School

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

Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan; for all victims of wildfires and for the earth in Washington, Oregon, Canada, France, Spain and South of England; for rain and less wind and cooler temperatures; for Laura S., Megan M., Leah, Rosie, Lucas; for all children everywhere.

For those who have died: especially for Ted Hartz, husband of Mary and for their friends and family who are grieving his loss. May he and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

We give thanks for: all of the blessings of this life.

Dates to Note

Sun., August 16, TODAY

12th Sunday of Pentecost

At noon, we celebrate Tom Andrew's, Music Ministry at the coffee hour.

Sun., August 23

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Mrs. Linda Sparks joins us today as Music Minister playing her first All Souls service.

Sun., August 30

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Sun., Sept. 6

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend (Offices closed 9/7)

Sat., Sept. 12

All Souls Nave and Campus clean up

SIGN UP Today! See QR code.

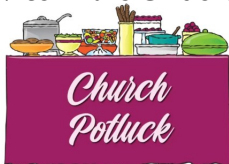
Join us on Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:30 to help clean and beautify the church ahead of Incoming on Sunday, September 13. Breakfast and snacks will be provided!



Sun., Sept. 13 — Ingathering

16th Sunday of Pentecost

- ◇ Woodley House Food Pantry Collection
- ◇ Faith Formation Resumes in Conference Room at 10 am
- ◇ Church Nursery Opens!
- ◇ Potluck after service in the Undercroft (sign up today!)



Wed., Sept. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

Sept. 16 thru Oct. 28, 2026

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

New Staff

WE WELCOME NEW STAFF SOON!

Mrs. Linda Sparks, Music Minister

Patrick J. Summers, Accountant

Jennifer Mindek Beckham, Seminarian

Mrs. Sparks will play her first Sunday service at All Souls on Sunday, August 23. We are delighted to have her share her talents with us. She has played piano and organ all of her “remembered life” beginning music at the age of 3 due to juvenile arthritis. She earned a Doctor of Musical Arts in Oboe / English horn, had a long teaching career and played symphonically for years.

Jennifer Beckham will join All Souls on August 23 and is first on the Faith Formation agenda to share her faith journey with Mother Sara on September 13. She is also scheduled to preach on September 20. We look forward to her presence and her journey with our congregation this year.

Mr. Summers will begin work on September 1st. As a consultant Mr. Summers has had a wide variety of experiences including contract accountant/controller work, individual tax preparation, and nonprofit audit. A member of the Institute of Management Accountants and the National Society of Accountants, Mr. Summers holds a Master of Science degree in Management from Louisiana State University and earned graduate credit from The University of Virginia and Tulane University in New Orleans. Active in many collegiate organizations, he was Local Committee President of the International Association of Students in Economics and Business Management and a member of the campus honorary fraternities of Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board.



**PLEASE MAKE A DONATION
TO THE CAMPAIGN
"HONORING BISHOP
CHRISTOPHER SENYONJO"**

by Kurt Jacobs



It's easy to do. Go to the website of the Rustin Fund (www.rustinfund.org), click on the box in the middle of the screen that says "View our Campaigns" then click on the box with the Bishop's picture and the words "Honoring Bishop Christopher Senyonjo" or use the direct link of: <https://rustinfund.org/2026/07/23/honoring-bishop-christopher-senyonjo/>.

Donations must be made before the close of the campaign on August 20th. The Bishop's family, with All Soul's and the Rustin Fund's help, established this campaign to raise approx. \$20,000 to cover the Bishop's end-of-life expenses, funeral/memorial commemoration costs, and the cost of premiering his documentary "Beyond the Pulpit". The Bishop lived a life that demonstrated the profound difference one person can make when guided by faith and compassion. When LGBTQ+ Ugandans were rejected, criminalized, and vilified, Bishop Christopher chose not silence or safety, but love. He listened, counseled, and reminded those whom society had condemned that they, too, were created in the image of God and worthy of dignity and respect. For that conviction, he lost his pension, his standing within the Church of Uganda, and endured years of criticism and threats. He accepted those sacrifices with remarkable grace, believing that faith without compassion was incomplete. The Bishop was invited by our former Rector, Father John Beddingfield, and our Vestry to speak at All Souls in 2011. The Bishop came and gave an impassioned plea for support for the LGBTQ+ community and for world-wide mutual respect of all people. The Bishop founded St. Paul's Reconciliation and Equality Centre (SPREC) in Kampala, Uganda. The center is a dedicated to human rights advocacy, religious inclusion, and healthcare services for LGBTQ+ individuals. The Centre continues to spread the Bishop's ministry even after his passing, and is run today by the Bishop's son, Andrew Talemwa.

**EDOW REPARATIONS
FORUM**

by Embry Howell



On Saturday, July 18 2026, Embry Howell and Joe Neal attended a Reparations Forum sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, that was held at St Thomas' Parish, Croom, Maryland. At that all day event we heard about the work of the Diocesan Reparations Committee to plan for the disbursement of \$5 million in reparations funds over the coming 10 years, as approved by the Diocesan Convention in 2025. The Committee plans to use the funds to address historical harms experienced by Black parishes and to strengthen Black Episcopal life.



An on-line address from **Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas** was part of the morning proceedings, along with an inventory of Historically Black parishes (of which there are 6 which are still active) and Predominantly

Black Parishes. The latter category has been somewhat difficult to define precisely, but the current inventory (still under review) includes 13 parishes, of which eight are in Maryland and five are in D.C. The committee is considering direct grants to these parishes, along with a competitive grant process that will solicit grants for specific projects (such as capacity building and community impact grants for projects such as food pantries, or after-school and mentoring programs). The committee is also considering grants to retired Black clergy and innovative ways to incentivize the development of more Black clergy to serve in the Diocese. The slides presented at the event provide more information and are available by scanning the QR code