

NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

AUGUST 23, 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 THIRTEENTH 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 51:1-6

John Wiecking

Psalms 138

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The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

Heidi Rasciner

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Rev. Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People

Daryl Winters

TODAY WE WELCOME

*Ms. Linda Sparks, Music Minister
&*

Jennifer Mindek Beckham, Seminarian

Ms. Linda Sparks plays her first Sunday service at



All Souls today. 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 also joins us today and is first on the Faith Formation agenda to share her faith journey with Mother Sara on September 13.



She attends Virginia Theological Seminary and is scheduled to preach on September 20. We look forward to getting to know her and have her journey along our congregation this year!

*Please welcome them both
at the special coffee hour today
following the service
that is being hosted
by the Inreach committee.*



SHARE YOUR VIEWS!

On August 31, be sure to check your email for your copy of our All Souls Parish Survey. It's been many years since we last surveyed our membership, and we want to hear from you!



Your feedback will help support our church in living into our mission statement, and it will help us identify ways to strengthen our growth as a Christ-centered community. Your email will include a link that will take you to our Google survey.

The on-line survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete, and responses will be anonymous. If you are unable to take the survey through your phone or computer, we will work with you to provide a paper copy.

We'll continue to remind you that the *survey* is

coming between now and August 31. We'll ask that all responses be *submitted no later than September 18*. Thank you in advance for making your voices heard!



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



PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Augustine's Church, DC
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Laytonsville

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Al Muller, Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff, Davis Ival, Megan M., Ted L., 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 all children everywhere.

For those who have died: especially for Holly Anne Crane Smith, the sister-in-law of Jeff Wells and for Ted Hartz, husband of Mary. May they and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Dates to Note

Sun., August 23

13th Sunday after Pentecost

- Ms. Linda Sparks joins us today as Music Minister playing her first All Souls service.
- Thank you Inreach for hosting coffee hour!

Sat., August 29

Ted Hartz Funeral & Celebration of Life

11:00 am followed by reception

Sun., August 30

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sun., Sept. 6

15th Sunday after 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!

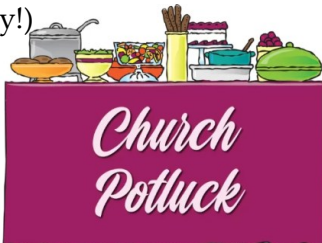


**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Sun., Sept. 13—Ingathering

16th Sunday after 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!)



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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.



Sun., Sept. 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sun., Sept. 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sat., Oct. 3

CAPITAL AREA

FOOD BANK

SIGN UP Today!

See QR code.

Our parish's next volunteer event at the Capital Area Food Bank is on Sat., Oct. 3, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Please mark that on your calendars now and sign up using the sign up sheet on the welcome table in the Undercroft, [the electronic sign-up](#), or

by texting Kurt Jacobs at (202) 445-5527. Please consider inviting friends and relatives, especially persons you'd like to introduce to, and join, our parish. We are to provide around twenty (20) volunteers, and it is always a lot of fun!



Sun., Oct. 4

19th Sunday after Pentecost

ST. FRANCIS

BLESSING OF THE

ANIMALS at 3:00 pm in front of the church.



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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