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*News From the Pews*

*This Sunday*

**November 2, 2025**  
**All Souls' Day**  
*The Commemoration of  
All Faithful Departed*

**10 am Faith Forum**

**11 am Holy Eucharist**  
*The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector*

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

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**All Souls' Day**

November 2nd is a commemoration day for the Faithful Departed in the Episcopal Church, and it is a feast day that follows All Saints' Day on November 1st. While All Saints' Day honors known and unknown saints, All Souls' Day is specifically for remembering and praying for all the faithful departed, including family members and friends.



**A Prayer for All Souls' Day**

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for Mary the Mother of our Lord; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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*A pot-luck lunch follows  
the service in the Undercroft.  
All are invited!*





*Come share this special feast day  
with your All Souls church community!*

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### ***Sunday's Readings***

**The First Lesson, Wisdom 3:1-9**  
Sheila Arbury

**Psalm 130**  
Chanted by the Choir

**The Epistle, Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17**  
Jeff Wells

**Gospel, John 5:24-27**  
Mother Sara

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**DAY LIGHTS SAVINGS TIME ENDS at 2 am on SUNDAY, NOV. 2**  
*(Fall back). Set your clocks back an hour.*



### ***News from the Endowment Board***

The Vestry of All Souls' Parish established an endowment fund decades ago through grants and bequests. The fund is



intended to enable the Parish to fulfill its mission more completely by developing ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds. An Endowment Board was established to administer these funds and authorize distributions. Around 2016, the Endowment charter was formalized to develop its ministries beyond what is possible through annual operating funds. Distributions were to be limited to (a) capital needs (b) outreach ministries and grants and (c) seed money for special one-time projects. In the early 2000's, all administration and investment authority was

assumed by the Board from a local bank. At that time UBS was designated as our custodian.

The Endowment Board is composed of five parishioners who serve five year terms. Successive five year terms are permitted. A chair is chosen to head the committee which reports directly to the Vestry. Each year a recommendation is made by the Board as to withdrawals for grants and other requests by the Vestry. There are two subcommittees within the Board; one for grants and outreach, the other for planned giving and legacy.

We have maintained a disciplined approach to investing in accordance with our charter. Investments include both equity and fixed income. Our investment objective is to measure results over a longer time horizon with proven winners and fund managers. We utilize a passive long term investment approach. In the past ten years the Endowment has grown from approximately \$2MM to over \$3.2MM.

The Endowment Board is also responsible for oversight of the Rectory Fund (not a part of the Endowment), which is disbursed as a housing allowance to our rector. These funds are more conservatively invested due to the need for more liquidity. The Vestry is responsible for the administration of the Rectory Fund. These funds are held in a separate UBS account. The Board invests these funds and makes disbursements as directed by the Vestry.

The Endowment has afforded All Souls a strong financial base within the Diocese. These assets have enabled the church to maintain its structural integrity and historical heritage. In the past few years, costs of major capital improvements including a new roof, HVAC replacement, and an elevator, were supplemented by bequests and funds provided by the Endowment.

Future growth of the Endowment cannot be solely dependent upon the growth of security investments. Legacy and planned giving are essential to maintain a healthy Endowment and provide All Souls parishioners a solid financial future. Anyone interested in making a donation or bequest to the All Souls Endowment should reach out either to Jim Solomon or Lisa Watson, Senior Warden.

Jim Solomon  
Chair & Investment Advisor

*Upcoming Events*



**TOMORROW EVENING,**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 31 at 5:00 pm,**

come share the fun with the ghosts and goblins of Woodley Park!

Volunteers in All Souls Church parking lot will be handing out candy

beginning at 5:00 pm and a **parade of trick or treaters** will pursue at 5:30 pm!

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## **FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES**

Meeting at **10 am on Sundays**

before the service,

in the Conference Room.

(In the admin. wing of the building)

*Bring your coffee!*

*Enjoy the fellowship.*

**NOV 2:** All Souls Endowment Fund: An Overview with Jim Solomon

**NOV. 9:** Understanding the Synoptic Gospels with Joe Howell

**NOV. 16:** Art and Spirituality: A Conversation with vEnessa Acham

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## **VIRTUAL GALA**

### **SAMARITAN MINISTRY**

**Saturday, Nov. 8, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington intended to hold its annual fall gala in person this year. But, the chosen location unexpectedly was withdrawn at the last moment for needed renovations. SMGW is therefore holding its Gala virtually. **The Silent Auction will begin on November 5th and the Annual Awards and Live Auction will take place online from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 8th** at a link posted on Samaritan's website prior to the event. Please register ahead for the Silent and Live Auctions, and/or make a donation, on Samaritan's website and join in on Saturday, Nov. 8, 3-4 pm at: <https://samaritanministry.org> and click on the orange box reading Gala 2025! Questions? Contact parishioners Joe Neal and Kurt Jacobs.

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## **WOODLEY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTON**

**Next Sunday, Nov. 9**

A list of needed items is always available [online](#) or on





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**COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA**

**Next Sunday, Nov. 9 after the 11:00 am service**

Please come down to the Undercroft and grab some coffee and treats and come up to the Conference Room to meet with me. Bring your questions about All Souls, what we do and why, and about The Episcopal Church (TEC). It will be fun to make new friends and get to know each other better!

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**VETERANS DAY,  
TUESDAY NOV. 11**

**The church office  
will be closed in observance.**



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**TOM ANDREW  
BENEFIT ORGAN RECITAL  
Sun., NOV. 23, 3:00 pm**

Free and open to all! In the Nave.  
Donations to support the Music program at All Souls.

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**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE**

**Thursday, NOV. 27, 11:00 am followed by a Potluck**

## THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST



### *Fellowship & Memories*

#### **FORMATION OF ART GROUP 2025** **Chaired by Lisa Watson, Sr. Warden**

At its October meeting, the Vestry authorized the formation of a small working group to consider the addition of artwork (e.g., an icon, stained glass, or painting) that represents the diversity and inclusiveness of our All Souls community. The Senior Warden will chair the working group, which will develop a proposal for the Vestry that takes into account all aspects of the project. The bulk of the group's work will be conducted in early 2026. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Watson ([senior.warden@allsoulsdc.org](mailto:senior.warden@allsoulsdc.org)).



#### **WASHINGTON ART GLASS STUDIO TALK | Last Sat., 10/25 with Jed Boertlein**

Thank you to Jeff Wells, Jr. Warden for setting up the enlightening talk about All Souls stained glass windows last weekend.

The photo on left is of the owner of Washington Art Glass Studio, Jed Boertlein talking about the lighting required for Louis Comfort Tiffany windows and about ours that is near the Mary Chapel.

A crowd of about 30 came and learned some interesting facts about the making of stained glass.

Self tours of All Souls windows are always



available and brochures are at the Narthex or ask an usher.

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## MANY THANKS for FLUTE AND PIANO CONCERT THAT RAISED FUNDS FOR WOODLEY HOUSE, INC.

Many thanks to all who attended the beautiful piano and flute concert on Saturday with Dr. David Palmer and Sara Zhu. The classical concert was very well received, and Dr. Palmer's own composition: *Birds of Paradise* was much appreciated. We were delighted to welcome about 30 people, including several of our neighbors and members of other DC Episcopal congregations. Thanks to all for your generosity; All Souls is delighted that **\$371 was raised for Woodley House Inc.** which cares for people suffering from mental illness and homelessness.



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*All Souls are Welcome at All Souls DC*



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