



CALLING ALL SAINTS !

*News & events from
All Saints Episcopal Church
Ministering in Palo Alto since 1892*

OCTOBER 2008

CHORAL EVENSONG, FAREWELLS, AND A NEW BEGINNING

By Mattie Scott

I. Farewells: Choral Evensong

Summer yielded to Fall on the afternoon of September 21, as the people and clergy of All Saints gathered to celebrate Solemn Choral Evensong in the presence of the Right Reverend Mary Gray-Reeves, Third Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real. We were nourished by the music of J.S. Bach, Orlando Gibbons, and Mimi Dye, and by the ancient words familiar to many of us from evening prayer, bursting like fireworks into our hearts as we listened to the choir singing the beloved prayers we have so often murmured to ourselves.

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 19

**Farewell Party for the
Rhoades Family**
After the 10:30 Eucharist
Parish Hall

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Shafts of sunlight striped the fragrant air, and Bishop Mary spoke of grace and forgiveness. She told us how, when she was very young, swinging a heavy object in play, she had accidentally hit a playmate with whom she had had an argument earlier in the day, wounding him seriously enough to send him to the emergency room. It provided an early and long-lasting lesson in forgiveness – forgiveness of self, for she told us that she has wondered many times whether the harm she had dealt her playmate was somehow connected with the argument they had had. God requires that we forgive not only others, but also ourselves, and God supplies the grace for what can at times seem like a radical act, for it is sometimes hard for us to make sense of God's perspective. Returning to the morning's Gospel, the parable of the master in the vineyard, Bishop Mary reminded us that we must continually remember to trust God's perspective and remain always open to God's limitless, unconditional grace and love.

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 18
**A Tribute to
Patsy McAfee**
2 p.m.
Parish Hall

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*Sunday,
October 5
Blessing of the
Animals*



The congregation sang Mimi Dye's *A Song of Peace* as Mimi played the viola; then Father Ian Montgomery knelt before Bishop Mary and told her that after prayer and careful consideration, he had concluded that his work at All Saints was now complete. The Bishop asked the congregation if we recognized and accepted this conclusion of the pastoral relationship; we responded in the affirmative, and prayed together, giving thanks for the patience, forgiveness and never-failing presence of God. Then Bishop Mary, in declaring the pastoral relationship concluded, blessed Ian with the following prayer:

SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 1
SF Renaissance Voices
**All Saints' Day
Concert**
7:30 p.m.
in the Church

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May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in your continuing service to Christ and his kingdom and may the blessing, grace and mercy of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

The next day, September 22, Father Stephen Rhoades shared with the parish the news that beginning November 1, he will be ministering to the people of another All Saints Episcopal Church, in Winter Park, Florida. The website of All Saints Winter Park shows it to be a large, energetic congregation with a wide range of creative programs and a heartfelt, freely expressed spirituality. It seems like the perfect venue for the growth and training of our gifted young curate, who has given of himself so generously during his time with us. We will say farewell to Stephen, Anna, Ian, Nate, Sarah, Caleb, and Edith at a party in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 19.

II: New Beginnings: “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

We gathered for the Eucharist on the Sunday following Bishop Mary’s visit with many questions in our hearts. In the Epistle, Paul encouraged his congregation at Philippi: “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” Fear and trembling may be words that resonate with us as we begin our transition period, but Father Stephen, in his homily, offered an inspired alternate reading to Paul’s message: “Work out your own salvation with awe at what you have been given.”

What we have been given at All Saints is a rich mixture of blessings and talents, love and generosity and sharing, that resembles the very qualities that Paul was urging the Philippians to develop in themselves: “If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” Being of “one mind” does not require agreement on all issues; it simply requires us to love one another, and to love God, as our highest value, our guiding principle.

As Father Stephen advised us, “Weep with those who weep, celebrate with those who are joyful, and always remember the needs of others.” “What does God want for this place?” Father Stephen continued. “Look to your own hearts.” He concluded: “If we search for the answer within ourselves we will never find it, for it is only through Christ, who was broken for you and broken for me, that our broken world can be made whole.”

Through our life in Christ together, we find strength for the tasks that face us; through recognizing Christ in each other, we forgive and are forgiven. We can address all issues productively, bringing our varying points of view to bear, with the “same mind” that Paul refers to, because we have the same love.

The Holy Spirit has begun a good work in all of us; it was begun at All Saints in 1892 and has been renewed and revived, by the grace of God, many times since. We may not always understand God’s perspective, which puts the last first, and the first last, often when we least expect it, but we can stay mindful of how blessed we are to have each other. Together in Christ’s love, we are greater than the sum of our parts. Let us remain aware of God’s abundant, never-failing mercy, inspiration, and forgiveness, as we support each other in our continuing service to Christ – especially Christ as we find him in each other – and to his kingdom.



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we will never find it, for it is only
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**OCTOBER 5
CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF ST.
FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



**Bring Your Pet to Church
for a Blessing**

Come and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by bringing your animals to the 10:30 Eucharist, October 5, to be blessed by Father Stephen right after the service. Perhaps the Hospitality Ministry will rustle up some dog treats for coffee hour!



The Life of St. Francis

Father Stephen has provided us with this entry from Lesser Feasts and Fasts on the life of St. Francis, whose actual feast day is October 4:

Francis, the son of a prosperous merchant of Assisi, was born in 1182. His early youth was spent in harmless revelry and fruitless attempts to win military glory.

Various encounters with beggars and lepers pricked the young man's conscience, and he decided to embrace a life devoted to Lady Poverty. Despite his father's intense opposition, Francis totally renounced all material values, and devoted himself to serve the poor. In 1210 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed the simple Rule for the Order of Friars Minor, a name Francis chose to emphasize his desire to be numbered among the "least" of God's servants.

The order grew rapidly all over Europe. But by 1221 Francis had lost control of it, since his ideal of strict and absolute poverty, both for the individual friars and for the order as a whole, was found to be too difficult to maintain. His last years were spent in much suffering of body and spirit, but his unconquerable joy never failed.

Not long before his death, during a retreat on Mount La Verna, Francis received, on September 14, Holy Cross Day, the marks of the Lord's wounds, the stigmata, in his own hands and feet and side. Pope Gregory the Ninth, a former patron of the Franciscans, canonized Francis in 1228, and began the erection of the great basilica in Assisi where Francis is buried.

Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired, but probably the least imitated; few have attained to his

total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ. Francis left few writings; but, of these, his spirit of joyous faith comes through most truly in the "Canticle of the Sun," which he composed at Clare's convent of St. Damian's. The Hymnal version begins:

*Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To thee be ceaseless praise
outpoured,
And blessing without measure.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee
And serve in great humility.*



**THE
STEWARDSHIP
SPOT**

Joe Baldwin



*"Bread for myself is a
material question;*

*Bread for my neighbor
is a spiritual question."*



The Food Closet opened at
All Saints 32 years ago
this month - October 1976

TO HONOR PATSY MCAFEE

By Mary Burt Blume

As Jim McLeod said in his homily at Patsy's memorial service last February, "Patsy was a wonderful gift to all of us, and this parish has been richly blessed." I was richly blessed to have her as a friend from the time my family moved here in 1973, the same year the McAfees arrived in Palo Alto. Her children were older than my three daughters and Marian and Margaret were both among our most favorite baby sitters for so many years that we all became family.

Where Patsy saw a need, she found a way to fill it. Patsy took off in opening the first city-sponsored daycare center here at All Saints'. Then came the need to feed the hungry. As she said on the 20th anniversary of the Downtown Food Closet at All Saints', "Out of a desperate appeal for help has grown one of the responses in this community to Jesus' command, 'Feed my people'." In 1976, Patsy led the effort to bring substance to that command. The newly created Ecumenical Hunger Program could only supply food to their outlets in East Palo Alto and everyday it was evident the need was here as well, at All Saints' doorstep.

Patsy gathered representatives from six downtown churches: St. Thomas, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Ann's Chapel, First Lutheran and All Saints', as well as the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. The latter two organizations felt they were answering the most urgent needs, but the churches agreed that more could be done. Together with Joe Haletky of First Lutheran, Patsy held weekly meetings to create an organization to feed the needy. The first representatives came from St. Thomas', First Methodist, First Presbyterian, First Lutheran and All Saints'. And, All Saints' Church donated space. The doors opened November 1, 1976.

Throughout the organizing process, Patsy was resolved that whoever came for food should be served, no questions asked, no forms to fill out. No one should be denied access. The spirit of the original command was kept.

During these years, Patsy was a tower of strength, working constantly to bring people together around her causes with a gentle voice that belied its force. I remain in her debt as a friend who was always there for me despite the many curves in fortune life brought to her. Together with her husband Dick, the McAfees blessed All Saints' with their talents and devotion throughout their lives.

There is no more fitting tribute than our service and installation of a plaque honoring Patsy, which will take place October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow. Anyone wishing to contribute to the plaque for Patsy may send a check to All Saints' Church with a note designating it for the Patsy McAfee plaque.

Please join us on October 18 at 2:00 p.m. to pay tribute to the life and ministry of Patsy McAfee, who spent her life in the service of others and taught us to do the same.

**TURNOUT EXCELLENT
BUT VOLUNTEERS
STILL NEEDED FOR
HOTEL DE ZINK**

By Christian Pease

The Hotel de Zink at All Saints' 2008 committee would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help provide meals during October when we will be hosting the program. The response has been excellent! But as of press time there are also still open slots we need to fill in order to complete the sign-up process. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

A) Dates that still need volunteers - either individuals or teams - to prepare a complete dinner meal

inclusive of main dish, side dish, salad and dessert: Tuesday October 21.

B) Dates that still need additional items in order to provide a complete dinner meal: Tuesday October 7 - need salad and dessert. Friday October 10 - Need salad. Monday October 12 - Need salad and dessert. Monday October 19 - Need main dish and salad. Monday October 23 - Need salad and dessert. Wednesday October 29 - Need salad and dessert.

Please contact one of us on the Hotel de Zink at All Saints' 2008 committee if you would like to sign-up for one or more of the above activities.

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On Preaching Without Words

But as for me, I desire this privilege from the Lord, that never may I have any privilege from man, except to do reverence to all, and to convert the world by obedience to the Holy Rule rather by example than by word.

St Francis of Assisi



*"Feast for All Saints"
SF Renaissance Voices Concert
with guest artist Dominic Schaner
on lute, theorbo & mandora
Saturday, November 1, 2008
7:30 PM
in the Church*

San Francisco Renaissance Voices' annual Halloween weekend concert this year features the hauntingly beautiful Requiem by Antoine Brumel, one of the earliest extant requiem masses, along with Josquin's Mille regretz & La deploration sur la morte de Johannes Ockeghem, and sacred music by Guillaume Dufay and Loyset Compere.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 student/senior. Tickets can be purchased at the door or via the SF Renaissance Voices' website: <http://www.sfrv.org>



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'Twas Twas; 'Twill Be ... ?

By Mattie Scott

The Communications Committee is launching a parish-wide contest to rename our weekly e-mail letter TWAS, which stands for This Week At All Saints, to better reflect the fact that the events listed therein take place in the future, and not the past. A number of suggestions have already been received; those which can be reproduced in this family newspaper include:

- ❖ All Saints Marching On
- ❖ Saints Want to Know
- ❖ All Saints All Week
- ❖ Weekly Happenings At All Saints' Unique Parish (WHAASUP)
- ❖ The Moving Cursor (formerly the Moving Finger, which, having writ, moves on)
- ❖ All Week At All Saints
- ❖ The All Week at All Saints Herald (AWASH)
- ❖ Verba Sanctorum (Words of the Saints)
- ❖ Aude Sapere (Dare to Know)

Surely someone out there can top these. Send your suggestions, or your vote for one of the above, to Diane Frankle Diane.Frankle@dlapiper.com. The winner will be offered a seat on the Communications Committee, as will runners-up and any other interested parties.

To maximize communication, this month's issue of Calling All Saints is being mailed to all parishioners, but the budget will not support continued mailing; we urge you to send at least \$12 to cover the cost of mailing to Susan Reaves at the church office. Please read your TWAS, or whatever it may come to be called, for the latest parish news. We also urge you to beta-test the new All Saints website; see your TWAS for the link. Try out the parish WIKI as well.

Stay Connected!

MUSICAL REFLECTIONS AND A FASCINATING QUESTION

By Rodney Gehrke, Director of Music

We have just celebrated the rectorate of Father Montgomery in a musically rich way with Solemn Choral Evensong. The choir made glorious music together and it was an honor to be a part of it. I am also in intense preparations for the High Holy Days in my other primary job as Organist and Choir Director at Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco. I hope at some point to write more about the glorious liturgies and music of the High Holy Days, but for now allow me to tease you with one interesting theory I have read: Was Jesus born at Rosh Hashanah, often called the Birthday of the World? The Luke Christmas story of shepherds spending the night in the fields may better relate to the fall harvest: they probably wouldn't have been outside late at night at the time of the Winter Solstice!



NEW BOOKS IN THE ALL SAINTS LIBRARY

By Dorothy Dewing

Visions: The Life and Music of Hildegard von Bingen – N. Bobko
Praying Shapes Believing – Leonel Mitchell
The Shape of Liturgy -- Edward Yarnold

FICTION

Embers – Marai Sandor
Rich in Love – Josephine Humphreys
On Chesil Beach – Ian McEwan
The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros
Divisadero – Michael Ondaatje
A Death in Belmont – Sebastian Unger
A Free Life --Hajin

**DO YOUR PART !
 Help Rename TWAS !**



A VISIT TO THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL IN PARIS

By Margaret Weil

Curt and I visited France for two weeks very recently and one of my joys was attending services at the American Cathedral in Paris. It happened to be raining that morning so, dashing from the Metro, I was only peripherally aware of the very elegant neighborhood it shares with the likes of the Hotel George V, seriously serious fashion houses, and the famous Crazy Horse Saloon – ooh, la la!

I was struck during my visit by how close I felt to all of you. We had been in Paris for almost a week so our eyes and ears were becoming accustomed to all-things-French. Entering the Cathedral felt like coming home. Flags representing many states hung high above (I looked for, but did not find, one for California) and many kneelers were needle-pointed with the names and some representation of states (ditto about California). English was spoken all around and, in the case of the Dean of the Cathedral, with a soft Virginia accent. It was very comforting to know you would be hearing the same

lessons, and saying the same prayers, in approximately eight hours.

Following the service, I waited in a friendly slow-moving line to greet the Dean and Canon Pastor of the Cathedral who provided much more than a hello and handshake to all comers. There were visitors from all over the world so there was much to learn about one another! I stayed for coffee hour which, in the summer, was typically held in the garden but was indoors because of the rain. Many I spoke with were in Paris for finite periods for work or study. It was very clear that this was an important community for whatever period their stays allowed and I was warmly welcomed on my singular Sunday.

I learned that George and Laura Bush worshipped at the Cathedral the week before. As the saying goes: timing is everything!



The great triple lancet window over the high altar
For the history of the Cathedral and a marvelous tour, visit
<http://www.americancathedral.org/>

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS – A GREAT WAY TO FORM COMMUNITY!

By Diane Holt Frankle

In the mid-to-late 80s Father Jim McLeod led an effort to encourage all All Saints parishioners to join a “neighborhood group.” Some of the original groups have continued to meet, while a few new groups have been formed. I interviewed Ken & Gloria Van Bree (Just Us), Sheila Baraze (Alma Group), Mary Cloutier (Midtown) and Joan Raiter (Northern Stars) to see what these groups were up to and what these groups offered to their members. These interviews took place at different times, and are summarized and consolidated below.

Diane: How did your group get started and how long have you been meeting?

Ken & Gloria (Just Us): Our group, Just Us was one of the first groups to be formed when the idea started – probably in the late 1980’s. We were the south of Palo Alto Group – including Mountain View, Sunnyvale and even down to San Jose! We’ve been meeting ever since! We wanted to have a multigenerational group and we enjoyed watching the kids in the group (like the Laws’ kids) grow up and go to college.

Sheila (Alma): Originally we were part of a group in a geographic area south of Page Mill Road and north of Charleston. After 1-2 years we reformed several of the groups as some groups wanted kids and some groups didn’t. We stayed together – in our group we have Betty and Hilbert Morales, Ann and Grace

Lane, Nicci Prentice, Wendy and Duane Padgett and me.

Joan (Northern Stars): We are a new group – we just formed 2 years ago. When the original groups were formed Dick and I didn’t get involved because we were so busy with school and work, but this time we wanted to see what we were missing. Our group has been meeting ever since.

Mary Cloutier (Midtown): We were one of the original groups – we were

This month’s interview zeroes in on a long-standing tradition that has enriched our spiritual life and kept us together as a Parish family for many years. If you’re not now in a neighborhood group, you may be inspired to form one after reading this!

all in the Midtown area. Our group was the “no kids” group in the area and we also wound up being the “social” group – some other parishioners formed a group to do a more religious program with Bible Study but we stuck together and kept our program purely social – we’ve been together ever since.

Diane: Where and how frequently do you meet as a group?

Ken & Gloria: We meet monthly. We have a point person – right now it is Susan Barkan – and she makes sure that the group sets a date. The host for the monthly meeting is responsible for sending out an email reminding the group and asking for signups for dinner. We meet in our hosts’ home or sometimes we organize a picnic in a park, if the hosts don’t have room to host at their home. We either meet on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month, depending on the host’s preference, and we often take off the holiday months – December and sometimes November too, since everyone has so many other commitments then. We meet

from 5:00-8:00 p.m. as a pretty regular matter.

Sheila: We meet monthly on the third Saturday; we used to meet on Sunday evenings but we’ve switched now to Saturday. At one point one of our organizers left the group and sent out a notice that the Group was no longer meeting – I fired off a note to the church letting them know that even though that parishioner was gone, the Alma Group was alive and well! I was the organizer for awhile and now it is Betty Morales. She does a list every year, and we just assign dates for each month in the year. The place rotates automatically to members of the group. Sometimes the host needs to move the date to work it into schedules and we do that. We meet starting at about 5:00 p.m. and often we are still talking at 9:30 or 10:00 p.m.!

Joan: We meet monthly, on either a Friday or a Sunday evening; we switch to make sure that some of our group who can’t meet on Sundays still can come sometimes, but we probably have more Sundays. We shoot for the third Sunday or Friday in the month, depending on the host’s preference and we are pretty flexible. We usually start at 6 or 6:30 p.m. and finish by 9:00 p.m. Diane, you are the organizer, and either you or someone else always asks before we leave each meeting who can host the next meeting, and we often get volunteers for the next 2-3 months out based on family calendars and who is in town. We communicate by email to make sure everyone knows about the next meeting and ask for pot luck contributions for the dinner.

Mary Cloutier: We meet most months and always on a Sunday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We accommodate

schedules, so that although we are typically meeting on the first Sunday of the month it depends on the host's schedule. We meet in our members' homes, but some of us can't fit everyone in the house, and those members host in the warm weather so we can sit outside. We probably meet about 8 times a year. I am the organizer now for our Group, and I contact everyone for each meeting to get signups.

Diane: How many people are in the group? How has your group changed over time? Can you take new members?

Ken & Gloria: we have about 22 people in the group at the biggest, but occasionally we'll have a dinner for 3-4 people if a lot of people are otherwise committed. When lots of people are coming, we'll have folks bring extra chairs over to the hosts' home. But we are at about the maximum size to fit into one house now. A few years ago a new group was starting down in the South again and there was a possibility that those parishioners would join our group, but it was tough because we really can't have a meeting in a home if we get much bigger. Unfortunately we can't really expand.

Sheila: Our group is about 6-8 and that is about the size we can fit into each others' homes. We really couldn't fit many more into most of our houses.

Joan: We probably have about 12 couples and some singles who come regularly. We range from about 10-20 people at any dinner and last month I had 22 at our house! We

don't have too many homes that can fit 20+ people, so we need to be careful to have the people with those homes host during the winter when we need to be indoors. Others enjoy hosting when we can eat outdoors.

Mary Cloutier: We have about 18 people in our group. That is about the limit for our houses and we are maxed out now because of that.

What kinds of things do you do with your neighborhood group?

Ken & Gloria: We do dinner together – we break bread together. We eat, drink and be merry together. It's a potluck – our host often just provides the place and then fills in what others don't bring. We have main dish, salad, side dishes, appetizer and dessert. Nicci loves to bring wine. We think we lasted as a

Mabel's Corner

KINDNESS

Kindness is tenderness,
kindness is love,
kindness is goodwill,
kindness says...

I want you to be happy.

Be kinder than necessary, for
everyone you meet is fighting
some sort of battle!!

group because we don't have a "program" – we don't do a Bible study or any other organized activity. That gets to be a burden. Instead we just share a meal and we talk about everything under the sun – John Tinsley's latest caving adventure, Susan Barkan's latest hike, what's

going on at All Saints', anything and everything that is important to us.

Sheila: We have dinner together and we talk – we talk about everything – what's going on in our lives right then. We talk and socialize – it is a chance to have community and really know each other and what is going on in our lives. We have a lot in common and it allows us to branch out with people from church and get to know them outside church. At church we don't talk during service and we have some time during hospitality or other events. This just gives us more time to get to know each other on a personal level. (I really like community and social events at church like the dinners where we bring an assigned dish and sometimes we are seated with people we don't know – those are also wonderful chances to get to know other parishioners.)

Joan: We have dinner and we talk. It's a potluck, and usually the host supplies the main dish. Over dinner we share what is going on in our lives. Carol and Mahlon just got back from China, and are heading to India. The Weils just got back from Paris. We talk about our children and grandchildren and even politics and religion! We get some great ideas for travel (like the Frankles just went to Healdsburg and that inspired our trip). Also we eat really well – we all

bring dishes to share and the food is always incredible! But what I love the most is getting to know each other better!

Mary: We just have dinner and we spend time together. We enjoy talking and sharing a meal. It used to

be that the host supplied the main dish, but now often we might have a host just supply the place and we bring all the food. I make sure we have the dishes for a great meal. And we just talk over what is going on in our lives.

Our group has also brought casseroles to members of the group when illness lays someone low, and we take care of each other. Over the years our group has also been called on to be a support for events at the church – for example, sometimes we have brought dishes for church receptions, and we are very involved!

Why do you stay together – what is the attraction of the group?

Ken and Gloria: We credit the neighborhood group for bringing Ken into All Saints. It used to be that on Sundays Gloria would come to All Saints and Ken would go to the Tech Museum to be a guide for an exhibit. Through the neighborhood group Ken got to know some parishioners well and that gave him a connection. This is a community within a community and it is a constant over many years. In Silicon Valley you can work somewhere for 24 hours a day for 4 years and then one day you don't work there, but the neighborhood group is a constant over many years. Also you can really talk about what's on your heart. Every group is organized around some priority, and this group is organized around being a community for each other. When we come to a big church event we know some parishioners really well and we have a base of friends to chat with and that helps make events fun!

Sheila: We really enjoy the socializing and we have become close friends. Wendy and Duane have stayed in the group, even though they moved to south San Jose

and don't come to All Saints any more. We all see each other beyond the neighborhood group and our friendship goes beyond church. We go to movies, and to sports events and we have learned other hobbies together. This is a special community and it is great to have some close friends.

Joan: The neighborhood group has been a lovely unveiling of the friendships and interactions that began in the church setting. For us the small group has been the cohesiveness that keeps us going on some level when the spirit lags. It is the vehicle that helps us carry forth the conversation of faith and friendship from the church to a smaller setting and beyond. It is the



fun and laughter and thoughtfulness that are shared with singles and couples. We have enjoyed a true connection, while experiencing the hospitality of the hosts in the warmth of their home environment. How very nice it has been to get to know our group members at this level and become a deeper part of each other's lives! The timing for the start of our group must have been just right because most of the original members are still attending with enthusiasm. Our group sort of runs on "auto pilot" now!

Mary: Our group is social and we just want to spend time with church friends with common interests. For example, sometimes one of us starts singing and we all join in and we enjoy that! We know each other really well after all these years and we are like an extended family.

Diane: I really enjoy the chance to get to know the others in the group on a personal level. It is really nice to visit others' homes and get to know husbands or wives that might not come to church regularly but who are important parts of the All Saints' community. I also think that the group sustains us when we might have sagged a bit on church attendance – the personal relationships are important. They certainly make it fun to come to church events and know some people really well!

I also heard some good advice for those starting new Groups - to summarize: 1) Keep the group to a size where you can meet in members' homes. 2) Break bread together [center on a meal]. 3) Don't worry too much about program other than getting to know each other on a personal level. 4) Group members need to be motivated to get to know some new people and also to get together regularly. 5) It also helps to have an organizer to keep the group going. 6) The group doesn't have to be geographically based – any organizing theme will work! Some of us like multigenerational groups, while others like having couples and singles who are closer in age. 7) Folks who like this sort of thing keep at it, so don't worry if some group members don't stick it out!

We have 4 functioning neighborhood groups right now – are there more out there that we didn't find? If so, let me know! Also, if you want to be in a new neighborhood group, let me know and if we get a critical mass we'll form a new group – it might be from a neighborhood or a particular age or stage of life. Contact me at diane.frankle@dlapiper.com and we can see if there are enough interested folks to make up a new group! Or put a blurb in CAS or TWAS!

FATHER STEPHEN AND THE SUBLIMES

Tom Wooten, Jodi Scherer, Mary Cloutier, Anna and Stephen Rhoades, and Joan Scherer



Grace and Ann Lane:
"EARL HAD TO DIE..."

ALL SAINTS' ALL-SINGING KARAOKE NIGHT

There was a tasty potluck and good rockin' fun enjoyed by the group that attended the recent Karaoke Night at All Saints. Who knew such talent was hanging in the weeds just waiting for a chance to sing about Ahab, Country Roads, Low Places, California Girls and the famous Sherri? As the night wore on the back-up singers were getting plentiful. Special thanks to the Scherer family and Susan Reaves for bringing us this wild night with Karaoke Services provided by RCC Productions. Many folks who missed this night will want to watch for another such evening, perhaps sometime in the New Year.

Joan Raiter, back-up dancer



BA-BA-BA-BA-BARBARA ANN



SERIOUS (?) TALENT:
Father Jim McLeod,
Susan Reaves



THOSE HEAVENLY CHOIR VOICES:
Margaret Wooten, Joanne Westendorf, and Ann Lane

CHURCH CHAT

By Barbara Foster

John, Barbara, and Lizzie Sawka capped off the summer with a long weekend in Carmel. Lizzie is a sophomore at Paly this year, and John starts his 21st year of teaching mathematics at Foothill College.

Peter and Sally Keep have just returned from a “roots” search to the historic settlement of Keepville, Pennsylvania, 30 miles south of Erie. Peter’s ancestor emigrated from England in 1736 and set up business as a draper. The well-maintained graveyard served up an interesting history of those early colonists.

Last month, the **Keeps** moved from Palo Alto to Menlo Park.

Helen Williams and her sister **Nina Darling** report that they are “safe and sound” in downtown Palo Alto and they hope to return to All Saints’ soon.

At any given time or day, you are likely to see some of the following parishioners working out at the Ross Road YMCA:

Nancy and Bill Cohen, Joanne Westendorf, Sandy Wilbourn, Flavio Bonomi, Barbara Foster, Ray Meek, Sally and Peter Keep, Dorothy Dewing, Anneke Dempsey, Dick and Joan Raiter, Jim McLeod, Jim Jarrett, and Phyllis Kallman.

Mary Alice and Dick Ripley, John Sack, Jeff Rensch, and Ron Kallman patronize the Page Mill “Y,” and **Charlie Weigle and Mattie Scott** train sporadically with the El Camino YMCA Triathlon Training Club in Mountain View. Mattie recently took third place in her age group in the Mermaid all-women’s triathlon, a feat made possible because there were

only three entrants in the 65-70 group. Says Mattie: “My specialty is not speed but longevity.”

Mary Burt and **Henry Blume** played hosts to visits from Mary Burt’s daughters and grandchildren—**Pam Baldwin** with twins **Genevieve** and **Louisa**, and **Kate Baldwin** with daughter **Olympia**, whom they call **Pia**. Pia is named for Mary Burt’s great-great aunt, **Olympia Brown**, the first woman in the United States to achieve full ministerial standing by a recognized religious institution. She was a Unitarian Universalist minister and a suffragette colleague of **Susan B. Anthony** and **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**.

Carol Nast and **Debbie Miller** report that their long vacations on Nantucket were delightful this past summer, with lots of swimming and with lots of guests. Carol took a quick business trip to the UK last month.

Vivian Plank reports with enthusiasm about the many offerings at Avenidas, the senior center in downtown Palo Alto. She especially enjoys the mid-day luncheons, lectures, and Trivial Pursuit games. A native of Shanghai, she was understandably very interested in the Beijing Olympics.

Phyllis and **Ron Kallman** spent two weeks in Alaska last month visiting their doctor-son **Jim**, his wife **Sarah**, and their three daughters in Anchorage. Although it rained a good deal of the time, **Phyllis** described one absolutely stunning outing to Valdez when the skies cleared.

Watch for an announcement of a future Discovery channel report on one of son **Jim’s** dramatic surgeries on a severely mutilated grizzly bear victim.

Joe and Barbara Baldwin made a quick trip to Los Angeles last month to see the Giants play the Dodgers at Chavez Ravine, a venue that baseball fan Joe had not yet seen. They were the guests of a former high school track team friend from Winnetka, Illinois.

Herb and Margaret Rogers, who have deep All Saints’ connections, sold their Palo Alto home a year ago and are now living in San Jose near their children and grandchildren. **Herb**, who has been active in the Men’s Breakfast Group, was a member of the Vestry during **Oscar Green’s** tenure.

Marilyn Campbell reports that former choir members **Kathryn** and **Dan Smith-Derksen** and their two sons have arrived safely back in Moundou, Chad, where they are missionaries. They had been on sabbatical in the United States over the summer.

Diane Frankle and her husband **Bob** went to Baltimore over Labor Day weekend to move her oldest son, **Paul**, into an apartment off campus from Johns Hopkins University, where he is starting his senior year. Paul is just back from a year in Paris. Younger son **Mark** is in his senior year of high school at Canada College, and he is looking for a small 4-year liberal arts college on the West Coast.

David Fairbank is growing a mustache for his singing roles in the upcoming West Bay Opera production of “Carmen.” It will be performed Oct. 17, 19, 25 and 26 at the Lucie Stern Community Theatre in Palo Alto.

Bryan and Ellen Ford are happy to report that Bryan has been blessed with a new full time job as an EEO Specialist with the Palo Alto VA,

focusing on sexual harassment prevention, identifying and remedying hostile work environments and the basic rules of polite behavior, as well as investigating discrimination complaints. He is based in Palo Alto but his territory goes as far east as the edge of the central valley and as far south as Monterey. Bryan says that most of his time is spent counseling employees and managers when something has gone wrong and seeing how the relationship might be restored.

Bonnie Johnson and **Daniel Shurman** are back at All Saints for the next several months, and are thankful for all the prayers that have brought about Bonnie's recovery from lymphoma. More details to come!



CHILDREN

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30
A.M.**

YOUTH

YOUTH TO SERVE HOTEL DE ZINK

On Saturday, October 25, the youth of All Saints will prepare and serve the evening meal for our Hotel de Zink guests. Please contact Joanne Westendorf for more information: jwesten7@earthlink.net

FOCUS ON THE SUDAN AT NOVEMBER 9 EUCHARIST

Father Jerry William Drino, executive director of Hope With Sudan, will celebrate the Eucharist with us on Sunday, November 9. Father Drino is Priest-in-charge of the Sudanese Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in San Jose.

Hope With Sudan brings education and medical relief to Sudanese children, youths and young adults living in exile in Kenya and Uganda, develops projects in the Sudan, provides scholarships and mentors Sudanese Lost Boys and Girls relocated to the United States.

Father Drino will conduct a forum the crucial work being done by Hope With Sudan. He will also bring African crafts for sale, the proceeds of which supplement the direct donations that support Sudanese orphans. For more information on Hope With Sudan go to <http://www.hopewithsudan.org/>

Diocesan Convention: Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8 at Sherwood Hall in Salinas; Mariachi Eucharist and Fiesta Dinner with entertainment on Friday afternoon/evening. The Rev. Anthony Guillén from the National Church Center will be the guest preacher. For complete convention information, go to <http://www.edecr.org/dc2008/>

From Other Traditions

FORGIVENESS — a daylong retreat with Arinna Weisman, Saturday October 11, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Edwards Hall of St Timothy's Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View, 94040.

FORGIVENESS is not about condoning or ignoring unskillful actions or speech but re-awakening our capacity as communities and individuals to reside in understanding and love. We will explore the obstacles to unburdening our hearts of defensiveness, blame and judgment and the path of return to metta (friendship). The day will include guided meditations, movement, and dharma talk and dialogue.

Arinna Weisman has studied insight meditation since 1979 and has been teaching since 1989. She has studied with Thich Nhat Hanh, among others, and is co-author of the book *A Beginner's Guide to Insight Meditation*. See www.arinnaweisman.org for more information.

Bring a bag lunch. Chairs are provided and the floor is carpeted.

THE LONG DRIVE A Modern Pilgrim's Progress

By Phyllis Kallman

Starting out of my driveway at 9am this morning, I drove around the corner to El Camino Real and turned north.

“Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, have mercy on me a sinner.” I repeated this in my mind several times, actually about three times my usual daily dose of this ancient prayer, which I had first learned from the Rev. Margaret Irwin. I turned right and proceeded north on Arboretum Drive. Red light.

“Jesus Christ, son of God, Savior, have mercy on me a sinner.” At light change, my anxiety quieted. Soon, soon the real test would come. Probably, I thought, not many Palo Alto police were on the lookout for law-breakers at this time, and might, just might, see merely a serene, old woman in a very clean white, 240C Mercedes-Benz. No black-and-whites were in sight and not very many other cars, either.

With a deep breath, I turned north on Route 280 and picked up speed and entered the second lane. I had tuned the car radio to KDFC, and as I made these first scary maneuvers the music was soothing. I kept my eye out looking for “Smokey”. Oh, “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, have mercy on me a sinner.” I waited for

the sound of a siren; I had my story ready. No officer could possibly believe I made it up.

Our car had just come out of the repair shop the day before, where it had been since July 30 with damage to its front end. It was due for a new registration preceded by passing a smog test. But, the smog testers informed us, the machine providing the required smog test would not give

My little sisters, the birds, much bounden are ye unto God, your Creator, and always in every place ought ye to praise Him, for that He hath given you liberty to fly about everywhere, and hath also given you double and triple raiment; moreover He preserved your seed in the ark of Noah, that your race might not perish out of the world; still more are ye beholden to Him for the element of the air which He hath appointed for you; beyond all this, ye sow not, neither do you reap; ad God feedeth you, and giveth you the streams and fountains for your drink; the mountains and valleys for your refuge and the high trees whereon to make your nests; and because ye know not how to spin or sow, God clotheth you, you and your children; wherefore your Creator loveth you much, seeing that He hath bestowed on you so many benefits; and therefore, my little sisters, beware of the sin of ingratitude, and study always to give praises unto God.

St. Francis of Assisi c. 1220

a result until I had driven the newly-minted (actually re-minted) car 75 miles. Ah, the mysteries of the modern life!

At 29.9 miles on the odometer, I exited at Sneath Lane to turn around and go south. There sat a black-and-white; the officer, a large fellow, was

striding impressively toward the unfortunate motorist he had just snagged. He had not noticed my obviously non-renewed vehicle - yet. I had to stop; red left turn arrow. Oh, my! That was a long light. “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, have mercy on me a sinner.” If I had ever been a Roman Catholic, I might have said a few Hail Marys.

Heading south, I continued to El Monte and turned north again. KDFC struck up the Eroica! My spirits began to rise. North to Woodside Road, then back south to Page Mill. I had clocked 69.9 miles by then. I was going to make it! No arrest!

I stopped at the Page Mill Y to use the bathroom and drove the balance of my 75 miles around the parking lot. At 72 miles on the odometer a Page Mill Office Complex Security Guard came out and said, “What ARE you doing?” I told him what I was doing and he laughed and said, “Carry on.” I arrived at Barron Park Shell for my smog test with 75.9 miles on the odometer.

When I was much, much younger, I used to pray, “Keep me at tasks too hard for me, that I may ever be driven to Thee for strength.” Sooner or later, evidently, all our prayers are answered.



OCTOBER 2008 AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The calendar may change during the month. For the latest information, go to asaints.org, proceed to the parish website, and click on "this month's calendar."			1 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL PM 7:00 CBS Rehearsal: CH 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	2 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer CPL 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 5:30 Evening Prayer: CPL 7:00 Men's Book Grp:YR PM 7:30 Choir 8:00 Narc.Anon Rm 28 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	3 Parish Office Closed AM 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 8:00 Tango: Fir Bapt 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	4 AM 8:00 Yoga: PH 9:30 Altar Guild:CH 9:30 Nicotine Anon.: FR PM 7 Young Peops' AA Rm 28 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH
5 AM 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Adult Education:FR 9:15 Library Open: LB 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Animals PM 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	6 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL PM 6:30 Women's AA: Rm 28 7:30 Healing Group:LB 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	7 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL PM 7:00 Debtors Anon: YR 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	8 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL PM 7 CBS: CH 7:30 New Test. Study Grp: LB 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	9 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 5:30 Evening Prayer: CPL 7:00 HIH Wkshop - For Dads: Rm 22 7:30 Choir 8:00 Narc. Anon.: Rm 28 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	10 Parish Office Closed AM 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 8:00 Tango:Fir Bapt 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	11 AM 8:00 Yoga: PH 9:30 Altar Guild:CH 9:30 Nicotine Anon.: FR PM 7Young Peops' AA: R 28 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH
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19 AM 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Adult Education:FR 9:15 Library Open: LB 10:30 Holy Eucharist PM 12:00 Rhoades Farewell Party 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	20 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL PM 6:30 Women's AA: Rm 28 8:30 PM Hotel de Zink:PH	21 AM 8:45 AM Morning Prayer: CPL PM 7:00 Debtors Anon: YR 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	22 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL PM 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	23 AM 8:45 Morning Prayer: CPL 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 5:30 Evening Prayer: CPL 5:30 Outreach: LB 7 HIH Dads Rm 22 7:30 Choir 8:00 Narc. Anon: Rm 28 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	24 Parish Office Closed 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH	25 AM 8:00 Yoga: PH 9:00 "GO" Tournament: PH 9:30 Altar Guild:CH 9:30 Nicotine Anon.: FR PM 7 Young Peops' AA: Rm 28 8:30 Hotel de Zink:PH
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A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

*May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
So that you may live deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
And turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless you with enough foolishness,
To believe that you can make a difference in this world,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done.
Amen.*

A Franciscan blessing from the blog of Father Rob Lord, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church,
Winter Haven, Florida <http://www.allsaintswp.com/>