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THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WATERLOO, BELGIUM

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The Anglican Communion, of which we are a part, is a worldwide family of 38 churches representing 70 million people in 164 countries. Each national church is independent in its government and liturgical life.

Located near Waterloo, Belgium, All Saints' Church extends an invitation to people of all faiths to join our common life and worship. Established in October 1979, All Saints' is affiliated with the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVING BELGIUM

The Mission of All Saints' Church

We welcome all with joy to our spiritual home.

We seek to share and to deepen our faith and our love of God through Anglican worship, pastoral care, Christian nurture, and vibrant community life.

The Mission of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe is a welcoming community that knows God loves all people – no exceptions. We celebrate our diversity of languages, cultures and nations. Worshipping together, we rejoice in reaching out to the world and becoming One in Christ.

The Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers.

To respond to human need by loving service.

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVOCATION:

O God, we pray for the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe as we discern and elect a Bishop to serve your people, build up your Church and proclaim boldly the Gospel to the world. Send us, we pray, an Apostle who is a wise counsellor, a merciful pastor, filled with your joy and grace. May your servant have the abundant gifts needed to lead your flock and the strength and courage to administer them. And may we renew and rededicate our lives to your will and service. All this we pray in the Name of our Great High Priest and Servant of the servants of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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From the Rector: Get ready for “Katie Day”

There is a prayer in our Book of Common Prayer which appears in four places -- and yet we only pray it one time each year, plus on very rare and special occasions. It is a wonderful prayer which concludes the Solemn Collects on Good Friday. The other times it is prayed are ordinations, for three orders.

If you missed it on this past Good Friday, you don't have to wait a year; you can join in praying it as we celebrate the ordination of our Curate, Katie Osweiler. While her actual ordination will be in Ohio the week before, on Sunday, 29 April we will have our own celebration, both for her to re-affirm her ordination and for us to officially mark her ministry with us as an ordained person.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

When we pray this on Good Friday we are reminded that no matter how dark and hopeless the world is, God is and has always been working it out and transforming our world, even at a moment when God's own son was dying on the cross.

This Good Friday we could look at the world in despair -- with horrible violence and hateful government policies abounding -- just as those at the foot of the cross despaired that all was lost. Of course we found out only three days after the cross that all was not despair. And in time, we will see the same for our world, in spite of the news we see and read of oppression and injustice in so many places.

When we pray this prayer at ordinations, we have in mind that the service of this person is a part of God's plan for the good of the world. The one who is called to the role we celebrate is an instrument of God's great plan.

We will rejoice that after many years Katie is ordained, a visible sign of God's goodness and transformation for our world. From the time she's been with us so far we have already experienced her gifts as a preacher and a pastor. Now she will stand at the altar, the one who invites Jesus' presence in the bread and wine which become his body and blood; and she will now confer forgiveness and blessing in his name.

So we will celebrate God working out another part of new creation in our community -- a fitting day of rejoicing in the middle of the Eastertide!

(The Rev) Sunny Hallanan+

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A Scout camp in a church!



Due to the extreme weather this year, the Leaders of 1st Waterloo (International) Scouts thought it too risky to camp outdoors, so they turned to All Saints' Church for help to conduct their spring camp. And of course we said yes, but we were quite surprised when twenty Scouts and three Scout Leaders arrived as excited as ever and proceeded to put up their tents in the Campbell Hall.

Their 'church camp' consisted of playing games in the church car park until 9pm, a visit to McDonald's restaurant and returning to the church for a movie night. After breakfast, more games in the car park and a tidy-away before being collected by their parents. A great time was had by everyone. "It just goes to show what can be achieved by a little imagination and cooperation," said Scout Leader Andrew Girvan (aka Skip).

1st Waterloo (International) Scouts have been using All Saints' Church for the past two years as their base. They are an extremely active group who meet every Monday, camp quite regularly at weekends and organise many international adventures throughout the year. They consist of five sections: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network, and have over 50 young people aged from 6 to 18yrs in their group.

Due to adult moves later this year they are finding themselves with a positions vacant and are asking if any adult at the church would like join them. They have the following volunteer vacancies:

Position	Tasks	When	Training
Leaders (All sections)	Help plan and run a Scout programme	Monday evenings during school terms Beavers: 6pm - 7pm Cubs: 6pm – 7.30pm Scouts: 7.30pm - 9.15pm Explorers: 7.30pm – 9.15pm	Full Scout association training offered at a pace that suits the individual
Quartermaster	General upkeep of the Scout stores in the church basement. Repairs of equipment.	Time is up to the individual	1-to-1 mentoring and training will be given by the current Quartermaster
General support	Helping at meetings, camps, events, etc.	Time is up to the individual	Training and advice by the Scout Leaders

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact: Group Scout Leader: Chalks Corriette: chalks.corriette@icloud.com You never know, it could be great fun and the start of many Scouting adventures for you!

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Arend van der Toorn is playing the carillon at St. Rumoldus Church, Steenokkerzeel (north of Brussels Airport) on 21 April from 16.30 until 17.30. If you would like to go up into the tower to watch him play, you need to be at the church by 16.00. Please call Arend in advance to let him know: +32 476 88 08 53. Sadly, Arend and his wife are moving back to the Netherlands in August. His final performance at this church is on 16 June at the same time.

The Bishop Search Process, 20 March update

The Search and Nomination Committee is delighted with and encouraged by the number of applications it has received from highly qualified clergy who have put themselves forward as candidates to be our next bishop. The next part of the discernment process is to conduct video interviews with those candidates best fitting our Bishop Profile. To do this effectively, the Committee will work in small groups from the week beginning March 19. The aim will be to determine who to invite to the Candidates' Retreat being planned to take place in Germany in May.

Please continue to hold in prayer all those who have put themselves forward as candidates as well as the Search and Nomination Committee. Your support in this way is greatly appreciated.

The Bishop Search & Nomination Committee

Our prayers are offered for Denise Rootsaert, mother of Sylvette Norré and grandmother of Anne-Sophie. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

RESERVE 18-21 OCTOBER FOR CONVOCATION CONVENTION!

We need **EVERYONE at All Saints'** to join in the fun and help us host this special event (when our next bishop will be elected). A **sign-up sheet** has been put out in the café detailing where help is needed.



FUN(D)RAISERS for MALAWI
with the support of All Saints' Church



Come and enjoy a
Curry
Evening!

Saturday, 21 April 2018 at 19.30
at

The Café, All Saints' Church
Chaussée de Charleroi 2, 1420 Braine-l'Alleud

**Tickets: €35 – includes aperitif, curry, dessert
and wine/beer with the meal**

***All profits from this event will go to
supporting our nursing students in
Malawi***

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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist ■ 12:15 Easter Egg hunt	2 James Lloyd Breck	3 Richard ■ 20:00 AA (French)	4 Martin Luther King, Jr. ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club	5 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	6 rector's day off	7 Tikhon
8 Easter 2 ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	9 The Annunciation... Blessed Virgin Mary Dietrich Bonhoeffer William Augustus Muhlenberg ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers ■ 19:30 Vestry	10 William Law ■ 20:00 AA (French)	11 George Augustus Selwyn	12 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	13 rector's day off	14
15 Easter 3 ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	16 ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	17 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	18 ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	19 Alphege ■ 20:00 AA (French)	20 rector's day off	21 Anselm ■ 19:30 Fundraisers for Malawi - Curry Evening
22 Easter 4 ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist ■ ... Fundraisers for Malawi - Curry Evening ■ 15:30 Mons eucharist	23 St George ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	24 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	25 St Mark the Evangelist ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	26 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	27 rector's day off	28 ■ 09:00 Scouts - Pinewood Derby
29 Easter 5 ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist & Celebration of Ministry	30 ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	1 St Philip & St James ■ 20:00 AA (French)	2 Athanasius ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	3 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	4 Monnica rector's day off	5

LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR APRIL 2018

Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
1 April: Easter Day	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	B. Bythell	A. White	Old Testament B. Nahimana New Testament N. Fern	A. White
8 April: First Sunday after Easter	Psalm 133 Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	M. Smets	M. Breton	Old Testament M. Smets New Testament S. Downhill	K. Osweiler
15 April: Second Sunday after Easter	Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	B. Nahimana	A. White	Old Testament O. Quinet New Testament H. Pandian	C. Ducastel
22 April: Third Sunday after Easter	Psalm 23 Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	B. Bythell	N. Fern	Old Testament D.-H. Lemaire New Testament B. DeWitt	J. Leigh
29 April: Fourth Sunday after Easter	Psalm 22:24-30 Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	M. Tolley	B. DeWitt	Old Testament M. Breton New Testament G. Conforti	C. Ducastel

If you are on the roster and are unable to be in church, please arrange a swap with someone else.

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Relay for Life 2018



This year All Saints' is putting together another team to participate in Relay for Life. If you haven't been on the team in the past, Relay for Life is a 24-hour relay "race" around a track to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Everyone is invited to participate throughout the event, even if you are unable to join in walking the track. We will set up a tent with information about All Saints', along with a book sale to keep raising money, even during the event. If you would like to join our team or get more information, CLICK [HERE](#). (The link is:

<https://www.relayforlife.be/internationalcommunity2018>) Click on the left-hand purple circle, sign in or register, and then find the All Saints' team to sign up.

We need people to cover shifts at the event, cheer on our team and help organize volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet in the café for you to choose the hour (or hours!) that you want to take part. That way we know if we've covered the whole 24 hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie (curate@allsaints.be).



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CHS is looking for volunteers for its Helpline team

The free Community Help Service (CHS) 24/7 Helpline (02 648 40 14) provides a listening ear in English to callers of any nationality.

Whatever their problem, callers can be provided with emotional support and/or general information on an anonymous and confidential basis.

CHS is interested in receiving applications, from men and women, to join its volunteer Helpline team. The people needed should be:

- **Good listeners**
- **Non judgmental**
- **Empathetic**
- **Fluent in English**
- **With day and evening availability**
(approx. 10 hours per week)

No previous experience is necessary as, following the interview process, comprehensive training and regular professional supervision are provided.

For more information, please call the CHS office on 02 647 67 80, or email office@chsbelgium.org mentioning "Helpline Volunteer" in the subject line.

www.chsbelgium.org



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Abbreviated highlights of the Vestry meeting of 19 February 2018

1. Nick Fern opened the meeting with a **prayer**.
2. **Vestry check-in:** Nick led a discussion about concern over the size of the church's debt. Are other nearby churches doing well financially? Have people in general stopped coming to church? It was noted that the original purchase was a bold and frightening commitment. A huge amount has been paid off, not just from the Campbell money but generous gifts of others over the years. Many ways of paying it off or securing further loans have been studied. The current congregation is not as financially flexible as the congregation was when the purchase was initiated. But the congregation should be reminded regularly of the debt, as well as made aware that Vestry does discuss, research, and take it seriously.
3. **Reflections of members whose terms end:** Laura Atlee said that on vestry you realize how everything in church comes together. She and her family will leave Belgium in early July.
Bill described how he volunteers for smaller things and they expand, especially since he lives nearby and is retired. He will continue to lead through the Convention.
Nick will continue to serve. (He had originally only agreed to finish this partial term.)
The rector and Vestry members gave thanks for the particular insights and gifts that were contributed by Laura, Bill and Nick. Sunny reported that Dominique-Hélène Lemaire has an ongoing schedule conflict with Vestry meeting time and will not serve an additional term. Names were suggested for candidates for new Vestry members.
4. **Plans for AGM:** Reports need to be in from the various committees in order to be circulated.
5. **Ministry and committee reports:**
 - Outreach**
 - a. Katie Osweiler will attend a meeting soon for the Relay for Life event and will share the information with the congregation.
 - Finance & property**
 - a. Mike Breton distributed copies of the 2017 accounts. These cover everything except the asbl. (The asbl account has all the building income and all of that money is used to pay back our lender, so it does not impact our operating budget.) A motion was carried to accept the 2017 accounts with thanks.
 - b. Mike presented the proposed budget for 2018. A motion carried to accept the 2018 budget. Mike was thanked for his work on the figures.
 - c. The outstanding debt to our lender now stands at €833,000. All Saints' aims to pay the lender at least €50,000 in 2018. €8,000 has already been sent.

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- d. Mike met with the ING bank regarding whether they could envisage a loan for us. The bank said that it wouldn't be easy, but there is a basis for discussion. "We are exploring all possibilities for loans."
- e. Mike found invoices from the builder who worked on the roof several years ago and asked for their estimate for the necessary work.
- f. ASC has reduced usage enough to have a slight reduction in the electricity bill for 2018. We will pay €298/month instead of €311 at a time when the rate is increasing.

Formation

- a. Michael reported that Katie has done a wonderful job getting the Sunday School organized with material and resources, which have been a great hit with the children.

Convention 2018

- a. Bill has booked the Bois d'Arpes for the Bishop's Banquet on the Friday evening. The Thursday reception is now only for the Episcopal clergy and C of E council. Other participants will dine in groups at local restaurants.
- b. He reported that the sign-up sheets have attracted the first few volunteers.

Fellowship

- a. Turnout had been low at Mardi Gras but those who stayed had a great time.
- b. The new Fellowship committee will help to organize a summer picnic in Hannah and Nadia's garden.

6. Curate's report

This week is the meeting of the Conference of Bishops in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which will determine what they want to do with Katie. Fingers crossed this means she will be able to set a date for her ordination. She thanked everyone for their support and encouragement during this transition time. She said that it's been quite a journey and she's happy to be with All Saints'. She enjoyed the clergy retreat in Catania. Spending time with the other priests in the Convocation was encouraging and educational.

7. Rector's report

Sunny reported that she's very concerned about Charleroi where attendance is down and many members have been sick. The Mons services are going well. She reported that Katie is taking on helpful leadership.

- 8. Nick read a **closing prayer** and the meeting ended at 21.24.

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