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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 Presiding Bishop: A portion of The Wedding Sermon

Someone once said that Jesus began the most revolutionary movement in human history.

A movement grounded in the unconditional love of God for the world – and a movement mandating people to live that love, and in so doing to change not only their lives but the very life of the world itself.

I'm talking about power. Real power. Power to change the world.

If you don't believe me, well, there were some old slaves in America's Antebellum South who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform.

They explained it this way. They sang a spiritual, even in the midst of their captivity. It's one that says 'There is a balm in Gilead...', a healing balm, something that can make things right.

'There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.'

And one of the stanzas actually explains why. They said: 'If you cannot preach like Peter, and you cannot pray like Paul, you just tell the love of Jesus, how he died to save us all.'

Oh, that's the balm in Gilead! This way of love, it is the way of life. They got it. He died to save us all.

He didn't die for anything he could get out of it. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying. He didn't... he wasn't getting anything out of it. He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life, for the good of others, for the good of the other, for the wellbeing of the world... for us.

That's what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change this world.

If you don't believe me, just stop and imagine. Think and imagine a world where love is the way.

Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities where love is the way.

Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way.

Imagine this tired old world where love is the way. When love is the way – unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive. When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.

When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more.

When love is the way, there's plenty good room – plenty good room – for all of God's children.

Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other, well... like we are actually family.

When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters, children of God.

My brothers and sisters, that's a new heaven, a new earth, a new world, a new human family.

The Most Rev Michael B. Curry

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*Sunday,
24 June,
straight
after
church!*

Many thanks to Hannah, Nadia and Stella
for offering to host us!

Please sign up in the café or via info@allsaints.be, and say how many people in your party, plus the dish (either savory or sweet) you'll be bringing with you. Meat, wine, water and fruit juices will be provided. The address will be supplied when you make your reservation.

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.

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Juniors Across Europe, May 2018



Juniors Across Europe is a yearly event for youth from ages 10 to 13 all across the Convocation! This year we brought 6 of our youth to Clermont-Ferrand, France along with three chaperones. It was a fantastic weekend, full of fellowship, fun and friends.



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JAE cont'd



We learned about how God works in our lives with water and fire through Bible study, games, songs and skits.

Our youth met up with friends from previous events and even made new friends along the way.



We can't wait until next year when All Saints' will host JAE for the Convocation and our older youth head to Wiesbaden for Youth Across Europe!

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Saints Alive! is your magazine. If you would like to contribute articles, please do! Many thanks to Nick Fern for sending the article below to us.

To Bethlehem in Judea – Travels in 1965

Well, we were four, not three, neither all that wise nor royal, and not bearing gifts, but we did come from the East.

We'd left Baghdad for the 1100 km drive across the desert about 11.00 pm, with the back of the Land Rover packed to allow two to rest, if not sleep, but not before having to explain what we were doing to a group of police armed to the teeth. Customs was cleared at the airport (a long way from the frontier), we crossed the Euphrates and headed off into the desert.

All went well until about 5 am when, for no apparent reason, the passenger windscreen shattered. We cleared up the broken glass as much as possible and drove on, the passenger/navigator wrapped in blankets as it was very cold in the desert night, though the temperature went up to 40°C. At dawn we arrived at the Iraq frontier and had to wait a couple of hours for it to open. Many kilometres later, at an oil-pipeline pumping station we completed Jordanian frontier formalities. Amman, in our memories, was little more than a series of roundabouts on the road to Jerusalem, and crossing the Jordan didn't even get a diary note. We found a hotel where we were allowed to put up camp beds in the dining room. We were chivvied out before breakfast but mingled with a group of pilgrims who had driven from England; we felt somewhat superior having come the longer way (via Agra).



Jerusalem, in those days, was a divided city; we were still in Jordan and all the old city was open to us. We could look into Israel, but crossing the border would have been for us a one-way street. There was a crossing place, the Mandelbaum Gate, so near there we looked into Israel across a wide and desolate no-man's land. Then we walked the crowded narrow streets, full of Jordanians and Palestinians and a few Christian pilgrims, Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant. There were no cars, but

Left: Today it's harder to get into Jerusalem.

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loaded donkeys, just as dangerous, effectively blocking some of the narrower lanes. It was, after all, their place; we were the interloper. It felt very mediaeval, despite the plethora of stalls selling tourist and religious kitsch.

We had little time and weren't on a pilgrimage, but we still walked the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It had little spiritual feel about it. A jumble of chapels, it is "administered" by the Armenians, the Orthodox (Greek) and the Catholics, who seemed to spend their time and resources on disputes as to rights. There was no sense of reverence. We ended the day cooking supper on the Mount of Olives, watching the sun set over the city, and drove back to our hotel.

We did go to Church on Sunday; the Anglicans to St George's Cathedral, little different from any similar cathedral in England. Malcolm went to the catholic Cathedral, where he said he felt completely at home with a Latin mass. We then packed up the Land Rover and drove the winding road towards Bethlehem. As one does, we discussed our impressions of Jerusalem; one of us, remarking on the souvenirs, etc. said that the Church of the Nativity would, no doubt, be topped with a neon cross. "Don't be so cynical" was the general reply.

We rounded the last major bend up the hill and there, there was the flashing neon cross! We parked, where else, in Manger Square. There was a Greek Orthodox wedding in progress; obviously between families of note as the crowd was huge. Dignity was there none as photographers pushed priests out of the way to get the best pictures. The Church, when we got inside, was not too crowded and had the splendour of Byzantine space, built originally in 365 AD. Two & a half months before, we had visited Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, built by the same associated cast of emperors and saints. These were the lands of Eastern Orthodoxy, but here, as in Jerusalem, the Greeks, Catholics and Armenians still seemed to be fighting the same battles.

We ended the day camping behind the police station by the Dead Sea. It had been, so we were told, a place of refuge for King David, as well as later a health spa for Herod. History is old in this part of the world. Next day we did the silly things one does in the Dead Sea and then headed up to Jericho, deemed, as had been so many places we had visited or passed by, to be the oldest inhabited city in the world.

After a night camping amidst the ruins of Jerash, in the yard of the archaeological survey, we headed to Damascus but not finding somewhere to camp, went on to Beirut instead. But that, and the return home, is another story.

Nick Fern

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Trinity ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	28 ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	29 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	30 Evocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	31 Rector at Council of Advice - Augsburg ■ 20:00 AA (French)	1 Justin	2 Martyrs of Lyons ■ 11:30 Scout leaders meeting ■ 14:00 Relay for Life
3 2 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist ■ ... Relay for Life	4 Convocation clergy retreat Martyrs of Uganda ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	5 Boniface ■ 20:00 AA (French)	6 ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	7 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	8	9 Columba ■ 16:30 Rite 13 rehearsal & dinner
10 3 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist & Rite 13 ■ 15:45 Charleroi eucharist	11 Ephrem of Edessa ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Vestry ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	12 Enmegahbowh ■ 20:00 AA (French)	13 ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	14 Basil the Great ■ 20:00 AA (French)	15 VESTRY program near Paris Evelyn Underhill	16 Joseph Butler
17 4 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist ■ 12:00 Sunday School Gala ■ 15:30 Mons eucharist	18 Bernard Mizeki ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts - Executive committee meeting (library) ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	19 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	20 ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	21 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	22 rector's day off Alban	23
24 5 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist ■ 13:00 Church picnic	25 ■ 18:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	26 ■ 20:00 AA (French)	27 ■ 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows ■ 18:00 Guides	28 Irenaeus ■ 20:00 AA (French)	29 rector's day off	30

LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR JUNE 2018

Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
3 June: Second Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 81:1-10 Deuteronomy 5:12-15	2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23 - 3:6	M. Smets	N. Fern	Old Testament S. Norré New Testament N. Fern	C. Ducastel
10 June: Third Sunday after Pentecost	Rite 13	Rite 13	Rite 13	M. Breton	Old Testament Rite 13 New Testament Rite 13	Rite 13
17 June: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 20 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	M. Tolley	A. White	Old Testament D.-H. Lemaire New Testament S. Downhill	A. White
24 June: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 9:9-20 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49	2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	B. Bythell	M. Breton	Old Testament O. Quinet New Testament G. Conforti	B. Bythell

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

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Puerto Rico is 'The Diocese of Hope'

by Mike Smith,
a Major Gift Officer for Episcopal Relief & Development



“People in the communities said, ‘Thank you, thank you. We thought we were going to die.’”

—Yadira Torres, executive assistant to the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico.

When Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico last fall, the US government response seemed slow and inadequate. Floodwaters rose. Phones didn't work. Power was out all over the island and people were overwhelmed. Those in remote areas didn't have a way to say they were okay.

The Rt. Rev. Rafael Morales and the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico needed to make sure that their own priests and churches were safe so they decided to “go to the people,” in Bishop Morales' words.

They didn't know it at the time, but the diocese would play an enormous role in the emergency response on the island, serving close to 100,000 families and 300,000 people with food packets, hygiene kits and medical care from teams of doctors reaching out from the diocesan-owned Hospital Episcopal San Lucas in Ponce, on the southern coast.

Episcopal Relief & Development played a variety of roles, providing:

- Technical support and initial funds for food and water
- A massive generator to keep the diocesan offices up and running

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- Food distribution alongside medical teams from the Hospital Episcopal San Lucas who volunteered in rural areas in the months following the storm

The teams provided health care for more than 10,000 people by the end of 2017. Without that support, diocesan officials said over and over again, people might have died.



Across the island, people said the diocese had given them hope. The bishop began calling his diocese, The Diocese of Hope. Bishop Morales was consecrated last July 22. Hurricane Maria hit on September 20.

“Immediately after the storm, it was impossible to go anywhere,” he said.

“I was home for two days.” On the third day, he made his way to the diocesan center.

“I was filled with hurt,” he said about the widespread destruction. “But when I saw that cross still there, I understood that Jesus would be with me in this special moment as bishop of my people.”

The diocesan staff immediately took on new duties. Seminarian Bryan Velez, 25, coordinated volunteers, representing the diocese in communication with the American Red Cross and other relief agencies. Yaitza Salinas, the diocesan administrator and chief operating officer, managed the diocesan center warehouse and kept records of what was coming in and going out.

The diocese set up distribution hubs at the diocesan center just outside San Juan and in Ponce, at the hospital. The hospital provided trucks to transport goods shipped from numerous organizations on the mainland to the distribution hubs on the island.

Once relief items came in, volunteers would unpack, sort and take inventory. Local priests and lay leaders came to the distribution hubs with lists of needs. Staff members matched the needs to goods on hand.

Diocesan staffers, clergy and volunteers drove hospital trucks filled with water, food and supplies up winding and narrow mountain roads, weakened by torrential rains, to reach remote communities. When roads were impassable, they carried supplies on foot.

“That’s the real church,” Yadira Torres said. “Not the one cooped up in a building.”

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There will be another storm—there always is. Puerto Rico’s “Diocese of Hope” has already begun preparing for it. Episcopal Relief & Development is underwriting three new staff positions in the diocese to handle disaster preparedness, relief and recovery, including a Long-Term Recovery Director.

The diocese has already learned a lot—much of it the hard way. They are ready to take the next step. With the support from Episcopal Relief & Development, the diocese will establish central hubs for the churches in rural areas, places where coordination, communication and self-sufficient energy and water systems can be accessed and used to support all in the next storm. This work moves forward even as the program will also support people to rebuild houses and livelihoods impacted by Hurricane Maria.

Puerto Rico is recovering, no question. But electrical lines are still being repaired. Vegetation lies in debris piles just off many roads. Building materials are in short supply, and they are expensive. When I visited in April, a single utility pole fell down and cut power for a huge portion of the island. Recovery is precarious. And hurricane season begins again on June 1.

Images: 1. Kids from the community of Lares gather around Father Carlos Velez’s church; 2. Bishop Raphael Morales is pictured at the altar during service at cathedral church in San Juan. The banner expresses the diocesan theme for this year, ‘The Year of Discipleship’.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO HELP IN OCTOBER?

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

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Sunday, 17 June
after church,
time for the
End of Sunday
School
Gala!

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Abbreviated highlights of the Vestry meeting of 9 April 2018

1. Katie Osweiler opened the meeting with a **prayer**. She followed this with a three-minute video of a Bible study on Luke 24:13-35, about the resurrected Jesus on the road to Emmaus. There was discussion about how Jesus is (or is not) recognized. How is Jesus with us? How will we recognize him? Jesus is sometimes seen in the face we don't recognize.
2. **Vestry check-in:** Katie referred to a book – *Click2Save: Reboot on digitally integrated ministry* by Keith Anderson and Elizabeth Drescher – and showed a short video from her previous church entitled *Eat Together*. She posed five questions from the book:
 - i. Why do you think digital ministry is important for you and your church or other religious organization?
 - ii. What are your personal and/or organizational goals for digital ministry?
 - iii. How much time do you have for digital ministry?
 - iv. Who will support you and/or join you in digital ministry?
 - v. What other resources are available for your digital ministry?

It was felt to be more important these days to use digital media but it must be used responsibly and not be allowed to replace attending church. The recent Facebook scandal makes people rethink what they do online. Short interviews, etc. could appeal to all ages and might help to introduce newcomers to All Saints'.

The meeting was asked how to encourage people to open up the eBlast, which is now produced in the program MailChimp. According to the statistics available to us, fewer than 40% of people are opening the email.

3. Ministry and committee reports:

3.1. Convention 2018

- a. Bill Bythell had sent in his report. Parishioners are coming forward to help with lunchtime catering and other activities. Marc Smets-Tolley has agreed to serve as the conference technician and Felicity Handford will act as official photographer. Bill has prepared the information necessary for delegates, which will be sent out during May.

3.2. Fellowship

- a. Gabrielle reported that the hot cross buns had gone down well following the Easter Vigil service. Brenda Barleycorn was thanked for purchasing them.
- b. The next event will be Katie's Celebration of Ordained Ministry on 29 April.
- c. Plans will be made for a parish picnic, Sunday School finale, and farewell to Arend van der Toorn (moving back to the Netherlands), Laura Atlee and family (moving to Boston) and the Angi family (departure information unclear).

3.3. Outreach

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- a. Katie reported that we need people to sign up for Relay for Life. Katie attends the leaders' meetings. ASC will again sell books at the Relay.
- b. Regarding money for Outreach, Katie said that she didn't currently have 12 charities, one for each month, so she is spreading those that we support across the year.

3.4. Finance & property

- a. Mike Breton has received 25 pledges totaling €45,000 and hopes for more.
- b. The church has received money from the insurance to cover the roof repair. The contractor is waiting for better weather before starting the work.
- c. The church bell was been fixed. Water had got into the switching system.

3.5. Formation

- a. Michael Smets-Tolley reported that Sunday School is going well.

4. Other business:

4.1 Convocation Convention delegates

A motion was carried for Michael Smets-Tolley and Hannah Pandian to be the delegates for this year's Convention.

5. Curate's report

Katie reported that she is going to the USA for her ordination on 20 April. She has signed the paperwork for her *traitement*. The Anglican Council now reports Wallonian staffing issues, resulting in a delay to her payments.

6. Rector's report

Sunny said that it was a good service yesterday at Charleroi.

On 22 April, Mons will decide if it is ready to apply to become an official mission. The All Saints' *traitements* make it possible for Sunny and/or Katie to be there. ASC would be the sponsors but Mons has to come up with signatories and a plan. The church would be called L'Église de Saint-Esprit.

At the Convocation level, the Search Committee is working well. Bishop Whalon is remarrying on 30 June to Hélène Teneur, the director of a music and dance conservatoire.

7. Other business

Gabriele asked if there was anyone else who wanted to do Education for Ministry.

Parish Retreats have taken place in the past, but since so few people attended we haven't had one recently. A women's retreat, organized by Holy Trinity, is held each year at the end of Epiphany/beginning of Lent.

We await a response from Susan Downhill about being on Vestry.

- 8. Those present joined hands and recited the **Lord's Prayer**. The meeting ended at 21.20.

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