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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: Remember All our Ministries

It was wonderful to celebrate Katie Osweiler's new ministry as an ordained Lutheran Pastor! It brought back memories of my own ordination 30 (gasp) years ago. But whenever we have such celebrations for those of us who are ordained, I feel sorry that we don't make as much fuss about the ministries of everyone who is not ordained. As the Convocation prepares to elect a new bishop who will be ordained next April, and because we've been thinking about priestly ordinations, it's a good time to review the orders in the church, as described in our Book of Common Prayer (*Catechism*, page 855).

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

Q. What is the ministry of a bishop?

A. The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

Q. What is the ministry of a priest or presbyter?

A. The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.

Q. What is the ministry of a deacon?

A. The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

Each of these are important for the Church, the living body of Jesus in the world. Each has a special calling! Baptism and Confirmation are our celebrations of ministry of the laity. As we read these descriptions we are reminded that most of your ministry is not inside our church building, but where ever you live your daily life, taking Christ's reconciling love to the world. Laity have a huge calling, worth making a fuss over!

(The Rev) Sunny Hallanan+

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Having fun raising money for training nurses in Malawi

One of the charities All Saints' Church supports through Outreach, Fun(d)raisers for Malawi, organized a Curry Evening last month. Thirty people attended and enjoyed home-made curries and desserts, preceded by a very acceptable alcohol-free Mohita! Over the years, Fun(d)raisers for Malawi has supported around 20 students through their training, and many of these have gone on to qualify as midwives and paediatric nurses.



Many babies are born mal-nourished and premature and need special care. Fun(d)raisers has also sent out baby hats knitted by many ladies in Belgium to help keep the newborns that little bit warmer.

As a result of the wonderful evening on 21 April, €1,100 was raised, which will go a long way to supporting a nurse through their training.

Fellowship's Friendly Freezer

Every now and then a member of the parish runs into a situation where they could use some help getting together a tasty hot meal. We'd like to set up a way to help each other out in those times, by having some ready meals available to give. The plan is this: next time you make a casserole, make a second one, put it in a microwavable give-away dish, label it, freeze it, and bring it to church. Then when there's a need, Fellowship Committee can have the meal delivered.



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Are you a “Grown-Up”?

In our society, the line between childhood and adulthood is often a fuzzy one. Unlike other cultures, we don't have formalized rites of passage that define the points along the path to adulthood. We need ways to tell our young people they are making progress; they are growing and learning; they are becoming adults. The *Journey to Adulthood* program that we use attempts to do just that.

During the regular 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, 10 June**, we will celebrate an important Rite of Passage with some of our teens. This liturgy is formally called **“The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood”** – but is more well-known as “Rite-13” since it takes place near the candidate's 13th birthday – much like a bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah.

During the ceremony, we recognize the gift of womanhood or manhood that God bestows on each one of us. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. As we grow and mature in the journey to adulthood, our knowledge and skills increase, but the magical core of who we are remains the same.

In preparation for the Ceremony, we would like to put together a little **“BOOK OF WISDOM”** from the parish members for our young people. Think about the little things you wish you had known when you were 13 – such as:

“You can't trust dogs to watch your food.” or
 “Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.” or
 “Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.” or
 “Enjoy every moment you can. Learn from every moment you can't.” or
 “Sometimes your parents really are right!”

There will be a box in the Cafe to put your thoughts in, OR email them to the church office (info@allsaints.be) before 1 June and we will put them together as a gift to the celebrities.

(Photo shows a few of our Rite 13ers getting ready to help lead the Great Litany.)



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The Bishop Search Process, April 2018 update

The Bishop Search and Nomination Committee is now entering the final stages of the eight-month process for identifying three to four candidates who could be called to serve as our next Bishop in Charge. The final selection will be presented to the Council of Advice in June and, after a “walk around” to meet as many of our congregants as possible (Paris, Munich and Rome), one will be elected by the delegates at the Convocation Convention in Waterloo, Belgium, next October.

From an encouragingly large pool of candidates and after many hours of reading the submitted materials, listening to sermons, researching church and other websites, conducting video conferences, contacting references, and importantly much prayer, the committee is continuing in discussion with a small group of candidates. The committee will be meeting these people at a three-day discernment retreat in May and after this time of deep mutual discernment, the final selection will be made of those to be presented to the Council of Advice in June.

The committee thanks you for your inputs, notably into the survey which formed an important part of the profile of the Convocation. This encouraged many dedicated and inspiring candidates to explore joining us in our mission. We are also grateful for all your prayers during this discernment and ask you to continue to pray for all those connected with the process: the Search and Nomination Committee, the Transition Committee, the Council of Advice and all those clergy who have stepped forward for this discernment, including the person who will eventually accept the Call to be our next Bishop in Charge.

The Bishop Search & Nomination Committee

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.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Easter 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Holy Eucharist & Celebration of Ministry 	<p>30</p> <p>Catherine of Siena (t)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers 	<p>1</p> <p>St Philip & St James</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>2</p> <p>Athanasius</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14:00 Wednesday Club 16:00 Rainbows 18:00 Guides 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>4</p> <p>Monnica</p> <p>rector's day off</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18:00 St Servais Eucharist
<p>6</p> <p>Easter 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Blue Jean Sunday 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers 	<p>8</p> <p>Julian of Norwich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19:15 Scouts – Executive committee meeting (library/ cafe) 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>9</p> <p>Gregory of Nazianzus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16:00 Brownies only. No Rainbows 18:00 Guides 	<p>10</p> <p>Youth Across Europe</p> <p>Ascension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>11</p> <p>rector's day off</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Youth Across Europe</p> <p>Easter 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Holy Eucharist 15:45 Charleroi Eucharist 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 Quilting Workshop 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14:00 Wednesday Club 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows 18:00 Guides 	<p>17</p> <p>Norwegian national day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>18</p> <p>rector's day off</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Dunstan</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>Alcuin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Holy Eucharist 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows 18:00 Guides 	<p>24</p> <p>Jackson Kemper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>25</p> <p>rector's day off</p> <p>Bede, the Venerable</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Augustine of Canterbury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15:30 Norwegian wedding at 16.00
<p>27</p> <p>Trinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Holy Eucharist 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16:00 Brownies and Rainbows 18:00 Guides 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20:00 AA (French) 	<p>1</p> <p>Justin</p> <p>rector's day off</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Martyrs of Lyons</p>

LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR MAY 2018

Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
6 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter	Psalm 98 Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	M. Maxwell	M. Breton	Old Testament Ph. Marchandise New Testament N. Fern	J. Leigh
13 May: Seventh Sunday of Easter	Psalm 1 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	M. Smets	N. Fern	Old Testament D.-H. Lemaire New Testament M. Maxwell	C. Ducastel
20 May: Pentecost	Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	B. Nahimana	A. White	Old Testament B. Nahimana New Testament F. White	A. White
27 May: Trinity Sunday	Canticle 13 Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	M. Tolley	B. DeWitt	Old Testament N. Molenstra New Testament H. Pandian	B. DeWitt

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 – Have you signed up yet?



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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The BBCA invites you to 'Practical Brexit III' 8 May 2018 at ING HQ Brussels

The BBCA in conjunction with the British Chamber of Commerce and generously supported by ING Bank will hold a third meeting on Tuesday 8 May 2018 focusing on issues of concern for British citizens.

The meeting will enable individuals rather than companies or organizations to obtain some guidance on aspects arising out of **BREXIT** that may be causing them some concern. You can register for the event here: <https://goo.gl/forms/0ZUJQDcDIUaZ0AYA3>

As previously, HM Ambassador Alison Rose has kindly agreed to give us a further update on the state of the negotiations.

We will also be holding an information session including Q&A on registration and voting procedures for Belgian local elections with Tom Huddleston of the [VoteBrussels initiative](#). Participating in local democracy is one way of demonstrating integration with the local community when looking to acquire Belgian citizenship. Voting is mandatory for all Belgian citizens over 18.

<https://twitter.com/votebrussels?lang=en>

In addition, we will welcome Fiona Godfrey from the [British in Europe organisation](#) the largest coalition group of British citizens living and working in Europe and defending the rights of UK citizens in the EU now and after Brexit.

<https://britishineurope.org/>

A panel of people with experience in applying for citizenship will also be present to answer questions you may have about Brexit issues, Belgian citizenship etc.

<http://www.commissioner.brussels/>

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 from 18.00 at the ING Auditorium, Avenue Marnixlaan 24, 1000 Brussels. Nearest metro station is Trone (line 2, 6)

To register for this important event please use this link, which includes the possibility of reserving limited parking at ING: <https://goo.gl/forms/0ZUJQDcDIUaZ0AYA3>

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Abbreviated highlights of the Vestry meeting of 12 March 2018

1. The Rector opened the meeting with a **prayer**.
2. **Vestry check-in:** At the mini-retreat prior to the Vestry meeting a discussion had taken place on what the members felt were the three most important things to be done at All Saints' this year. These are:
 1. Make a success of Convention 2018.
 2. Move faster at paying off our debt and find a method for long-term refinancing.
 3. Grow the number of people in church, and add to the number of younger families.
 Other points discussed were:
 - Fix the roof and walls
 - Keep our teens
 - Work with other Anglicans and be more ecumenical
 - Re-evaluate how the property committee works to get more volunteers
 Vestry members were then allocated to the various posts:

Convention 2018 – Bill Bythell will continue leading this.

Finance & property – Mike Breton, Nadia Molenstra and Nick Fern will continue. There will be a sub-committee in this section made up of Gabrielle Conforti and Katie Osweiler.

Fellowship – Gabrielle Conforti and Nadia Molenstra

Formation – Michael Smets-Tolley

Outreach – Katie Osweiler
3. **Ministry and committee reports:**
 - 3.1. **Fellowship**
 - a. The next event for fellowship will follow the Easter Vigil service on 31 March, when hot cross buns and champagne will be served.
 - 3.2. **Outreach**
 - a. Katie is looking at different outreach programs, including those that help women and girls to be more educated. She is also looking for local charities covering LGBT issues.
 - b. ASC is signed up to take part in Relay for Life, 2-3 June 2018. Katie will encourage people to join up and start getting support. This year it is being held at the Berlaymont School. Fundraising ideas welcome.
 - c. ASC will continue to support Episcopal Relief & Development through Lent
 - d. The Malawi fundraiser, a curry evening, takes place at ASC on 21 April.
 - 3.3. **Finance & property**
 - a. Mike has received 13 pledges so far, totaling €26,000, which is 50% of what we expect to get. It is possible that there is €12-15,000 of rollover pledges.

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- b. Mike sent €5,000 to our lender this week.
- c. He has a price of the repair to the roof. He will place a claim at our insurance broker to cover most of the cost.
- d. Sunny Hallanan and Fiona White did a test drive on a 2007 Opel Zafira, 88,000 kms, 7 seats, 1-year guarantee, price €7,000, including a set of winter tires. The vestry voted to approved purchasing this vehicle.

3.4. Formation

- a. Michael Smets-Tolley said that the pre-planning calendar that Katie prepared has made it much easier for the teachers, and less stressful.
- b. The population forum led by Nick Fern was very well received. There is one more Caring for Creation forum to be held this coming Sunday.

3.5. Convention 2018

- a. Bill Bythell submitted a very detailed report. The main points are:
 - we have preferential deals from 2 hotels;
 - the Star company's quote for a bus service has been accepted;
 - delegates will dine in local restaurants in groups of 10-12, accompanied by one or two ASC parishioners;
 - the Bishop's dinner will take place on the Friday evening at Bois d'Arpes near Nivelles. Parishioners welcome;
 - Saturday evening events will take place at All Saints' Church, with food provided by a caterer. Chris O'Shaughnessy will be the MC and parishioners are welcome.
- b. Bill is working on the text for the initial email to go out to those attending and the cost per person.

4. Other business:

6.1 Convocation Convention delegates.

A decision must be made on who will be our two delegates for the Convention. These have to be submitted by 16 April.

5. Curate's report

Katie reported that she is getting ready for her ordination in Ohio on 20 April.

6. Rector's report

Sunny said 14 people attended the Christ Church Charleroi AGM and service yesterday.

Mons is going well. There is a good spirit there and they are applying to become an official mission.

Sunny thanked Katie for the recognition on 4 March of her 30 years in the priesthood.

- 7. Sunny read a **closing prayer** and the meeting ended at 21.43.

MEMBERS OF THE ALL SAINTS' VESTRY

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