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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: Loss, laughter and love

November may well be the most under-rated glorious month in the church year.

We begin the month by marking our memories of those we have lost, saints who have gone before us. Yet, as our burial liturgy repeats: “even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia.” (I am putting two tick marks around the quotation: that is the way it is written in the Book of Common Prayer.) So we miss those who have died. We grieve. We cry. But we tell the stories of our times with them and usually we share in laughter, and deepen our love for them, in a new way. And we have some of the greatest hymns in our worship, as our faith reminds us that we will one day be reunited, “where sorrow and pain are no more ... but life everlasting.”

We move on to the day of Remembrance of those who died in war. We wonder what the world lost, because they did not live longer. On this occasion, there is little to laugh about. The world does not seem to learn, as we humans continue to turn to violence to settle our conflicts. We resolve that those who died will not have died in vain. But, especially here at the edge of the battlefield of Waterloo, we know the urge to hatred, revenge, and the lust for power is strong. If we laugh on this occasion, I’m afraid it’s usually cynical. But we do genuinely marvel at the great love that has caused others to lay down their lives, believing in so doing it was for us. And we pray that God will give us the courage and wisdom to work for justice and peace in the non-violent ways that Jesus taught and showed.

Later in the month, we gather for the feast of Thanksgiving. We share with old friends, and meet new ones, as we gather for this traditional meal. Again, there may be poignant moments, as we remember who dined with us last year and is not here any longer. (And we should also look at the abundance before us, and pray for those who do not eat so well, or share such friendship.) But mostly, this is a time of lots of laughs. Who wouldn’t laugh, as you gobble up the last bit of sweet potato with marshmallow baked on top (or share it with someone else, who prefers different treats.) We sing and pray with the knowledge that all that we have and all that we are is given from God, who loves us more than we can ask or imagine.

Finally, we come to the end of the Christian year, with celebration of the reign of Christ the ruler of all the world. We trust that all our losses, laughter and love are in the hands of the one whose kingdom is here now, and also yet to come.

*(The Rev) Sunny Hallanan+*

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## The Bishop search process



Those who attended the 2017 Convention last month in Wiesbaden heard from Canon Michael Hunn of the Presiding Bishop's office about the process of searching and appointing a new Bishop and the transition period.

### Our role

We should learn what a bishop actually promises to do (see the section on 'Promises' below).

We need to help Bishop Pierre say good-bye, with celebration and forgiveness.

We need to pray for the members of the search and transition committees.

We need to pray for the candidates.

We need to pray for the next bishop when she/he has been called.

We need to support the process.

We need to talk to people who we think could be called and suggest they apply for the position.

### Getting organized

As the search process advances, there will be feelings of unfamiliarity, anxiety, confusion, 'that's not how we did it last time', eagerness and excitement.

The profile has been created and published, the committees are in place, then...

### The great silence

What are they doing? It's been so long... Trust the process. If you're feeling anxious, PRAY!

### The result is announced

Feelings of relief, disappointment, excitement. Give thanks for the work of the search committee.

### Walkabouts

It is hoped that there will be three or four candidates who will have come through the interview process and background checks. All the candidates will attend walkabouts in Paris, Rome and Munich at the end of September 2018. Plan to attend one of these so that you too can talk to them, and be open with them. Honesty is important for both sides. For those unable to meet the candidates in person, there will be a video feed to all the parishes.

### Episcopal Election

The election will take place here at All Saints' Church next October during Convention,

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with the clergy and the delegates from each Episcopal church in Europe allowed to vote. Then we will know who Bishop Pierre's successor will be!

## **Transition period**

This period covers the first three years. There will be uncertainty and anxiety as the next Bishop settles in to his/her new role. It's not all going to be plain sailing but that doesn't mean it's wrong; it's all part of the process.

## **Ordination of the new Bishop**

The Ordination Service will take place in the American Cathedral in Paris on Saturday, 6 April 2019.

## **The promises to be made by the new Bishop**

The following questions are addressed to the bishop-elect by one or more of the other bishops at the service in the Cathedral.

Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

*Answer:* I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

*Answer:* I will, for he is my help.

Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

*Answer:* I will, in the power of the Spirit.

As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

*Answer:* I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

*Answer:* I will, for the love of God.

Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

*Answer:* I will, by the grace given me.

Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

*Answer:* I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

Fiona White  
based on a talk given by Canon Michael Hunn  
at the 2017 Convention in Wiesbaden, Germany

## LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture</b>	<b>Apostolic Scripture / Gospel</b>	<b>Lay Assistants</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lesson Readers</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
<b>5 November: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Joshua 3:7-17	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	B. Bythell	N. Fern	Old Testament B. Bythell New Testament C. Ducastel	B. DeWitt
<b>12 November: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 78:1-7 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	M. Smets	M. Breton	Old Testament D.-H. Lemaire New Testament G. Conforti	J. Leigh
<b>19 November: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 123 Judges 4:1-7	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	B. Nahimana	A. White	Old Testament Ph. Marchandise New Testament H. Pandian	A. White
<b>26 November: Feast of Christ the King</b>	Psalm 100 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	M. Tolley	R. & E. Abbott	Old Testament O. Quinet New Testament S. Downhill	C. Ducastel

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

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Heure d'hiver 21 Pentecost clocks change 11:00 Holy Eucharist	30	31 20:00 AA (French)	1 Toussaint All Saints' Day 14:00 Wednesday Club	2 Fête des Morts All Faithful Departed 20:00 AA (French)	3 Richard Hooker rector's day off	4
5 All Saints' Sunday 11:00 Holy Eucharist & Baptism 15:30 Mons eucharist	6 William Temple 18:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	7 Willibrord 20:00 AA (French)	8 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:00 Guides	9 20:00 AA (French)	10 Leo the Great rector's day off	11 Saint-Martin Armistice de 1918 Martin of Tours
12 09:30 Church choir practice 11:00 Holy Eucharist & Remembrance Service	13 19:00 1st Waterloo's AGM	14 Consecration of Samuel Seabury 20:00 AA (French)	15 Fête du Roi Fête de la Communauté germanophone 14:00 Wednesday Club 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:00 Guides	16 Margaret of Scotland 10:00 Quilting Workshop 20:00 AA (French)	17 rector's day off Hugh of Lincoln	18 Hilda of Whitby 09:00 ACB meeting 10:00 Thanksgiving set-up 10:30 Garden clear-up with Scouts/ Explorers
19 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Thanksgiving Feast	20 Edmund of Anglia 18:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers 19:30 Vestry	21 20:00 AA (French)	22 Clive Staples Lewis 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:00 Guides	23 Clement of Rome 20:00 AA (French)	24 rector's day off	25 James Otis Sargent Huntington
26 Christ the King 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 "Dementia from the inside"	27 18:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	28 Kamehameha and Emma 20:00 AA (French)	29 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:00 Guides	30 Saint Andrew 20:00 AA (French)	1 rector's day off Nicholas Ferrar	2 Channing Moore Williams

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## Highlights of the upcoming All Saints' calendar



### REMEMBRANCE DAY, 12 November

Members of the International Chorale are joining us for the service. Poppies will be available in the church shortly. All proceeds from this collection go to the Royal British Legion. We will once again join together with the Norwegian church to share in this time of prayer.

### Christmas at Christ Church, Charleroi

10 December, 15.45: Service of Lessons and Carols

### Christmas at the Mons mission

17 December, 15.30 Pageant & Eucharist (in French)

### Christmas at All Saints', Waterloo

13 December, 19.30: Waterloo Community Carol service at All Saints' Church

17 December, 12.15: Pageant followed by Parish Party and decorating the church

24 December, 17.00: Traditional Christmas service

24 December, 23.00: Christmas by candlelight

25 December, 11.00: Christmas Day service



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# THANKSGIVING FEAST

**All Saints' Church**

Waterloo

at Chaussée de Charleroi 2

1420 Braine-l'Alleud

(across from McDonalds & Carrefour)



**Sunday,**  
**19 November**  
**12:30**

Church provides Turkey and beverages  
You bring either a dish to pass (vegetable or dessert)  
or a donation towards the cost of the turkey  
(and yes, there will be cranberries, stuffing and  
potatoes with & without marshmallows)

**SIGN UP** via [admin@allsaints.be](mailto:admin@allsaints.be)  
or on the sheet in the Café

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## Summary of the Vestry meeting held on 18 September 2017 at 19.30 at All Saints' Church, Waterloo

Present: Rev. Sunny Hallanan (Rector), Michael Smets-Tolley (Senior Warden),  
Mike Breton, Bill Bythell, Bob DeWitt, Nick Fern  
Staff: Fiona White

1. In Nadia Molenstra's absence, Rev. Sunny Hallanan opened with a **prayer**.
2. **Absence:** Dominique-Hélène Lemaire, Nadia Molenstra, Laura Atlee
3. **Approval of minutes:** a quorum was present and Nick Fern was welcomed to Vestry. The minutes of the August Vestry meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Vestry check-in:** The question this month: Mark Barwick has left us and his ministry is now not being carried out in the same way. What would you hope the new associate is gifted in? Everyone introduced themselves to Nick and answered what they want to see from the new Associate: maintain Charleroi and see Mons through to fruition; speak French and maybe Dutch; build numbers; carry out ecumenical relations – getting out to the Belgian community; support the Rector.  
Plans were made for the Bishop's upcoming visit.
5. Ministry and committee reports:
  - 5.1. Outreach:**
    - a. Bob DeWitt reported that Frigo Solidaire had found another place in Braine-l'Alleud to set up a fridge for the needy.
    - b. It was agreed that the food gathered at Harvest Festival on 8 October should go to Charleroi's food cupboard, as it has in the past.
  - 5.2. Finance & Property:**
    - a. Mike Breton verified that Florence (Bio Babies) is paying 75% of her rental from September and will pay 100% (€1,200 p.m.) from 1 January 2018.
    - b. He has paid ASC's contribution to the Convocation.
    - c. Fire-Rope ladders for the four apartments are being investigated.
    - d. At Bob's request, Mike will provide the next meeting with accounts covering the first three quarters of 2017, then once a quarter thereafter.
    - e. Plans were made for a garden clear-up (hopefully with the Scouts/ Explorers) on 18 November at the same time as the Thanksgiving Feast is set up.
    - f. The church van will need to be replaced at some point.

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## 5.3. Formation:

- a. Michael Smets-Tolley reported he had met with the Sunday School children and teachers. Songs have been chosen to sing when the Bishop is here. Those who help with teaching need to do the online safe-guarding course and also coordinate with Bill for scheduling.
- b. Vestry discussed: what topic would bring you to an adult education class? There was a preference to hold it before the service, but that would cut out ushers, lay assistants and clergy, who have to prepare for the service. Perhaps a 'brunch bunch' with food and discussions after church could work.

## 5.4. Convention 2018:

- a. Bill Bythell reported that a Convention bank account has been set up; hotel rooms are blocked; he is working with Robert Angi to find a suitable venue for the Bishop's Banquet; he is confident that parishioners will come forward in the new year to provide help with all the planning.
- b. Church sound system: It was suggested that a professional come and check what we have and advise us on the main microphone, body mikes, etc.

## 5.5. Fellowship:

- a. The Movie & Pizza evening was great fun.
- b. The next fellowship event is when the Bishop is with us. Lists are out for people to sign up for food for pot-luck lunch and volunteers to help.

## 6. Rector's report

Sunny is settling in with Charleroi and Mons.

The Convocation Youth Leaders' event may well be cancelled.

Sunny has gone to newcomer events inviting prospective families. Sunny handed out copies of the new convocation strategic plan which will be used to search for a new bishop, who will be elected at All Saints' next October and consecrated in Paris on 6 April 2019.

Mark Barwick's institution will, unfortunately, take place on the same day that Charleroi has its service of lessons and carols: 10 December at 10.30.

7. There was a **closing prayer** and the meeting finished at 21.20.
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## **A Big Thank You from Christ Church, Charleroi**

Thank you very much for the generous gifts of food sent to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at *Christ Church Charleroi* on 8 October. **Faim et Froid** have collected the boxes and are always grateful for our contributions. We have been giving to this organization for many years now; they do collections twice a year around the shops and houses and help people in difficulties. These people are sent to **Faim et Froid** by the Centre Publique d'Aide Sociale (C.P.A.S.) and, therefore, are recognized by the Gerpinnes Commune. The organization shares provisions with other local communes when the need arises.

Margaret Masui

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## **Is this newsletter format actually the best way for us to communicate?**

Many other churches have switched to a slightly larger weekly e-blast, instead of this longer-format monthly newsletter. (The weekly communication would also be in print form for those who still wish to receive their news in paper.) Let the parish administrator know what you think.

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## **Dementia from the Inside Out**

Almost everyone is affected by dementia, as friends and loved ones have Alzheimer's disease or other forms of significant memory loss. And we know that we ourselves may one day also find we are in that situation.

The Very Rev. Tracey Lind was diagnosed with a very severe form of this, frontal-lobe dementia, when she was dean of an Episcopal Cathedral in Ohio, around this time last year. Known as a gifted preacher and leader in the church, Tracey decided to transform this condition into something which would help others. She resigned as dean, and developed a program to share her experience for the good of others. She is traveling to churches to preach and offer an education forum on just what it is like to be the person who is undergoing this change in their abilities and life.

Other churches in the Convocation have already heard her speak and report that this is an incredible opportunity to learn and understand what people with dementia experience, from their point of view, so we can better relate and help them.

Tracey and her wife, Emily Ingalls, will be with us **preaching at 11, followed by an education forum on Sunday, 26 November. PLAN TO ATTEND**, and invite friends to this important learning event.

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