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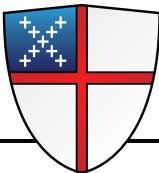
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The Mission of All Saints' Church

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.

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From the Rector: Prayers and reflections

When my children were still living with me, we had a simple time of prayer and blessing at bedtime. Each child ended three statements:

Thank you God for ... (one thing good that happened today)

God, I'm sorry that ... (one thing I regret from today)

God, help tomorrow with ... (one thing I pray God will do).

By praying this way with my children I had the gift of knowing what was most on their minds, and added my prayers to theirs. Our conversation with God was not only a deepening relationship with our maker, but also with each other.

These are the same three questions I suggest people who are just starting at trying the spiritual practice of journaling use. By limiting your self to writing just this brief amount, you have a time of reflection and prayer, but are not overwhelmed by thinking you have to write a lot, or that it needs to be profound. Answer just these three simply, directly, informally and you have a conversation with God in the process, as well as do some self-evaluation of your priorities. Go back and read the journal of these prayers after a few months and you will see a pattern of God's presence in your life, and the progress of your journey in life and faith.

In the church's traditional language about prayer, these three questions are a form of thanksgiving, confession and petition/intercession. For that reason I continue to consider them to be a good guideline for prayer and reflection.

But I recently read a Meg Conway blog which suggested three other questions which, though not traditional for prayer, might be valuable for us to ask not of God, but of ourselves. They are:

How were you brave today?

How were you kind today?

How did you fail today?

While we think most often of the season of Lent as when we are called to a formal time of self-examination, as Christians it is appropriate that we reflect on how we follow Jesus every day in our lives, and at the least before the confession and absolution which are a regular part of our Eucharist. Answering some questions, whether these or others that cause us to pause and consider our conduct may help us get and give more in our journey in faith this fall.

Sunny Hallanan+

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How memories shaped and formed the Gospels

If Mark, our first gospel, was completed about the year 70 in the common era, how accurately were stories about Jesus being remembered before they were written down?

This prewritten period of uncongealed memories about Jesus is the focus of Bart Ehrman's newest book, *Jesus Before the Gospels*. Ehrman teaches at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While much of his work is for scholarly consumption, he has written a number of bestsellers for the general public. They include *Misquoting Jesus*; *Jesus Interrupted*; *Forged*; *How Jesus Became God*; and just published, *Jesus Before the Gospels*.

Hundreds if not thousands of books have been written about the historical Jesus. Why bother with another one? What makes this book unique is the fact that Ehrman applies the insights of modern memory science to the question of how the sharing of memories shaped the gospels before they were written down.

Whether it is something that happened yesterday or decades ago, memory molds our understanding of the past and the present. Besides, as modern researchers in memory readily point out, memories are fluid. Most of the time we remember things fairly well. But then there are times we just don't recall the past accurately. Furthermore, what we are experiencing in the present affects our memory of a past event. That's even the case with eyewitnesses. Jim Hunt, a good friend of mine who is a trial lawyer, informed me that the U.S. Supreme Court has observed that "juries seem most receptive to, and not inclined to discredit" eyewitness testimony. At the same time, the Supreme Court "has recognized the inherently suspect qualities of eyewitness identification evidence, and described the evidence as 'notoriously unreliable'". Why would early Christians be exempt from the same forces that shape and form memories and how stories are told?

Virtually every reader of the New Testament notices inconsistencies. In one gospel, Jesus delivers his great sermon on a mount. Another recalls it being on level ground. Maybe Jesus gave two sermons in two different places. Or maybe there was one sermon remembered two ways. Possibly it was his 'stump speech', which he delivered multiple times. I personally like that theory. What about the feeding of the multitudes? Was it 4,000 or 5,000? Two different events? Or one event remembered two different ways? This news shouldn't shock anybody. The gospels are composed of multiple memories transmitted orally in Aramaic before being written down in

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Greek. That leads to the question, how dependable are these early memories? My conclusion is that they are reasonably good and that there are fewer distortions or inventions than Ehrman suggests.

Ehrman, in my opinion, underestimates the social and cultural compactness of many Jesus memories. Both geographically and time-wise the oral tradition partakes of a small amount of territory and a relatively short period of time. In the first and second generations after the death and resurrection of Jesus, there would have been numerous people who had encountered him, his family, followers, and acquaintances. Their sharing of memories by word of mouth formed the basic message of the gospel. Some of these memories were written down within a generation and used in early Christian worship. We know for certain that Paul was actively writing in the early 50s. James, the brother of Jesus and the Bishop of Jerusalem, was well-known and respected during this period. Some scholars suggest there was a proto-Mark gospel circulating in the early 50s. Additionally there is the 'Q' source (Q is shorthand for the German word *Quelle*, meaning 'source'), which was likely a collection of early Jesus sayings that Matthew and Luke used in writing their gospels. Ehrman is correct, though, when he says that memories of events were shaped by their current circumstances.

Some Ehrman critics think he's out to bash Christian origins. I don't think so. In fact, just about every minister or priest has learned about biblical criticism in seminary. If you aren't threatened by history and realize that even historians have their own filters, insights from memory research can deepen our understanding of Jesus. The net result is that we can better appreciate the origins of the gospels and early Christianity. Whether or not God oversaw this process, of course, is a matter of faith and not history. My hunch is this book may get your Christian dander up. You will probably argue with some of the conclusions. But Ehrman will give you a fresh look at how the gospels coalesced from a kaleidoscope of early Jesus memories.

Stephen Brehe, May 2016

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About the book

Jesus Before the Gospels: How the Earliest Christians Remembered, Changed, and Invented Their Stories of the Savior by Bart D. Ehrman. HarperCollins 2016. 336 pages.

LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2016

Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
2 October: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 37:1-10 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	B. Bythell	A. White	Old Testament B. Nahimana New Testament K. George	J. Leigh
9 October: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 111 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17:11-19	B. Bythell	M. Breton	Old Testament D.-H. Lemaire New Testament F. White	C. Ducastel
16 October: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 121 Genesis 32: 22-31	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	B. Bythell	R. & E. Abbott	Old Testament B. Bythell New Testament C. Ducastel	A. White
23 October: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 84:1-6 Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	B. Bythell	R. DeWitt	Old Testament Ph. Marchandise New Testament M. Breton	S. Downhill
30 October: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 32:1-8 Isaiah 1:10-18	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	M. Tolley	M. Breton	Old Testament M. Smets New Testament R. Abbott	J. Leigh

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Sergius 19 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	26 Lancelot Andrewes ■ 17:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 18:30 Food for friends ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	27 ■ 17:00 DO-RE-MI ■ 20:30 AA (French)	28 ■ 15:00 Rainbows & Brownies ■ 18:15 Girl Guides	29 ■ 20:30 AA (French)	30 Jerome ■ 08:00 Rector's day off	1 Remigius ■ 10:00 DO-RE-MI
2 Animal Blessing 20 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	3 ■ 17:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 18:30 Food for friends ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	4 Francis of Assisi ■ 17:00 DO-RE-MI ■ 20:30 AA (French)	5 ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 15:00 Rainbows & Brownies ■ 18:15 Girl Guides	6 William Tyndale ■ 20:30 AA (French)	7 ■ 08:00 Rector's day off	8 ■ 10:00 DO-RE-MI
9 21 Pentecost Robert Grosseteste ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist ■ 11:00 Harvest Festival	10 Vida Dutton Scudder ■ 18:30 Food for friends	11 Philip ■ 17:00 DO-RE-MI ■ 20:00 Scouts - Executive committee meeting (library/cafe) ■ 20:30 AA (French)	12 ■ 15:00 Rainbows & Brownies ■ 18:15 Girl Guides	13 Godly Play Training ■ 20:30 AA (French)	14 Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky ■ 08:00 Rector's day off ■ 14:00 Curry evening set-up	15 Teresa of Avila ■ 10:00 DO-RE-MI ■ 16:00 Fun(d)raisers for Malawi - Curry evening
16 Latimer, Ridley & Cranmer 21 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	17 Ignatius of Antioch ■ 17:00 Beavers ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 18:30 Food for friends ■ 19:30 Vestry ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	18 ■ 08:00 Rector's day off ■ 17:00 DO-RE-MI ■ 20:30 AA (French)	19 Convocation Convention Henry Martyn ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 15:00 Rainbows & Brownies ■ 18:15 Girl Guides	20 ■ 20:30 AA (French)	21 ■ 10:00 DO-RE-MI	22
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30 clock change 23 Pentecost ■ 11:00 Holy Eucharist	31 ■ 18:00 Cubs ■ 18:30 Food for friends ■ 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	1 All Saints' Day ■ 20:30 AA (French)	2 All Faithful Departed ■ 14:00 Wednesday Club ■ 15:00 Rainbows & Brownies ■ 18:15 Girl Guides	3 Richard Hooker ■ 20:30 AA (French)	4 ■ 08:00 Rector's day off	5 ■ 10:00 DO-RE-MI

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Is anyone out there?

This is my fifth issue of *Saints Alive!* since starting work as the church's administrator. However, in that time, I have only received feedback from three people!

Are you happy to receive it?

Do you find it interesting and useful?

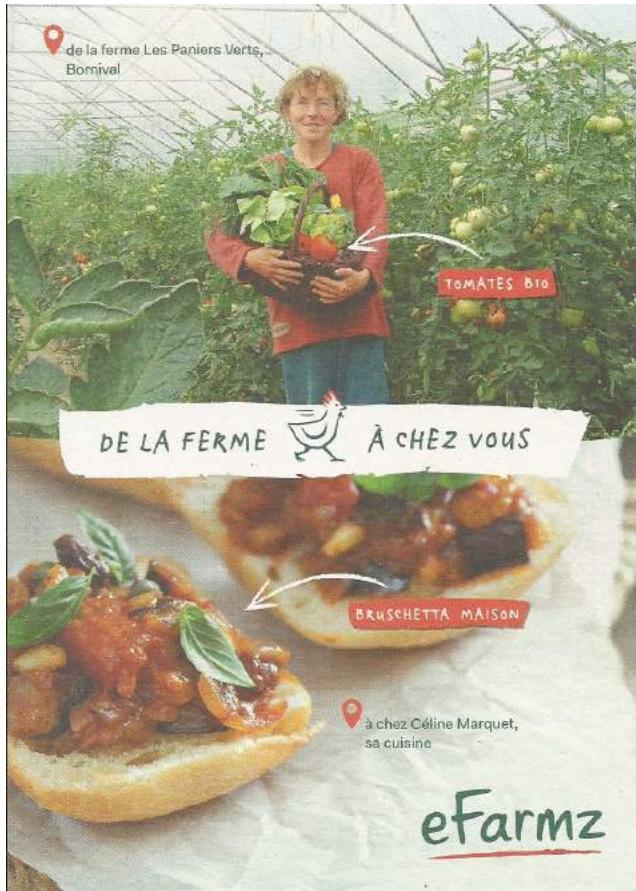
Do you want me to continue putting it together for you?

Would any of you like to write a contribution, either on a one-off basis or regularly?

It would be great to hear from you, whether you want to be positive or negative. Please get in touch via admin@allsaints.be or 02 384 7780, or talk to me after the Sunday service.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Fiona White



Are you interested in obtaining fresh vegetables direct from the grower?

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Come and enjoy a

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Saturday, 15 October 2016 at 19.30

at

**The Café, All Saints' Church
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and wine/beer with the meal

*All profits from this event will go to
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Summary of the Vestry meeting held on 22 August 2016 at All Saints' Church, Waterloo

1. Rev. Sunny opened the meeting in **prayer**.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Laura Atlee, Nadia Molenstra.
3. The **minutes** of the June Vestry meeting were approved.
4. **Vestry check-in** was a discussion about something members have experienced during their holidays that could be brought to All Saints'. One suggested exhibiting paintings in the church. Another reported that we had had an excellent Golden Wedding celebration for which many people came to the church by invitation. It would be nice to bring them back for other occasions. We could also invite the Episcopalians at SHAPE. The solo singing during Communion was very well received. One member had been camping and found it great fun to build a community with fellow holiday makers. Could the church run a retreat again? Could we get a book club going again, maybe joining with Holy Trinity?
5. Ministry and committee reports:
 - 5.1. **Formation:**
 - a. Jennifer Blanco-Marvik reported that we have lost a Sunday School teacher so there is a need to reconfigure the classes. There will be three groups: Rocks, Pebbles and Rite 13. Adult formation has been discussed but topics need to be decided upon that will encourage people to attend. There is a good enrollment for Julia Leigh's listening course on 26 August.
 - 5.2. **Fellowship:**
 - a. Bob DeWitt is away when some upcoming Fellowship events take place next month. There will be a mini-picnic following the Mission Fair on 11 September.
 - b. There will be a movie night with pizza following a service at 17.00 on Saturday, 17 September, because 18 September is no-drive Sunday.
 - 5.3. **Outreach:**
 - a. Mike Breton reported that the money (\$10,000) has arrived from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), which is to be spent on supporting the refugees. All Saints' also received around €2,000 for the

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refugees from the Bishop's fund, and from Clair Ullmann's and the Bretons' celebrations.

- b. Rev. Sunny reported that Matt Davies from the ERD news service will come one Monday to report on us serving the refugees. She said it would be good if more parishioners came along to help. Felicity Handford goes regularly and is taking a new parishioner tonight.
- c. Rev. Sunny and Felicity have been making use of the summer sales to stockpile socks, sleeping bags, etc. for the refugees. They take a few each time they go to Brussels North station, along with food.
- d. Fiona White reported that Fun(d)raisers for Malawi have booked the cafe on 15 October for a Curry Evening. Unfortunately the mainstay of their committee cannot now help but Vestry agreed to support the event: making curries, setting up, clearing away, serving, etc. All Saints' used to help Uganda so we will now support Malawi in the same way, in addition to the €400 sent to them from Outreach each year.
- e. Bishop Pierre sent out a study which shows that churches looking outwards (like All Saints') are growing; those that don't are declining.

5.4. Visibility:

- a. Fiona reported that we have been very visible thanks to the church hosting Clair Ullmann's and the Bretons' celebrations.
- b. With Mike's help, Fiona is endeavoring to get further estimates for the exterior signs. It has been decided to keep the signs only in English and hopefully they will be in place by the next meeting.

5.5. Finance and property:

- a. Mike Breton reported that having received the dollar donation our bank accounts are looking good.
- b. Following a technical control on 22 August, the church's electricity is now certified to be in order. Mike has spoken to the authorities and sent the necessary documents to get conformity for the crèche and the church.
- c. The budget for the Fabrique was sent on 22 August. Mike reported that we have not yet had approval for last year's budget.
- d. He said that more money should be sent to our chief lender.

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- e. The church received a proposal for a maintenance contract for the fire equipment at a cost of €500 p.a. The meeting felt it was not worth the expense.
- f. With other bids to hand already, Vestry would like Nadia to follow up on her proposal for the work required for the building's exterior.

6. Associate's report

Mark Barwick reported that Charleroi is doing well despite sickness and small crises. The old tradition of a church picnic is being revived on 27 August.

Mark is attending the Synod of Francophone Old Catholic Missions. He is the liaison between them and Bishop Pierre.

7. Rector's report

Sunny is President of the Council of Advice. Bishop Pierre is resigning/retiring in the summer of 2019 which means that the Convocation needs to plan a new vision. The Council will send each parish a set of questions, the answers of which will form the basis for the new vision and the process for a new Bishop. Vestry will have received these questions by their next meeting and should prepare for discussion then.

Convention is at All Saints' Church in 2018, which is when the new Bishop will be elected. Vestry needs to start giving thought to where the delegates (80-100 people) will stay, meet, worship, their transport, etc.

The church is busy almost every weekend until Christmas. We mustn't burn out. She said that Fiona and Alasdair White and herself are taken for granted because they live in the building. Clearing up after events must be covered by everyone.

8. Sunny gave the **closing prayer**. The meeting finished at 21.40 with a vote of thanks to Sunny, the chef, for an excellent barbecue.

Team All Saints' – Relay for Life 2016

Our goal was €2,500 and we raised a total of €2,547!

Congratulations to all our walkers and supporters!

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