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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 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: Location, location, location

This is my first month writing a *From the Rector* for the newsletters of both All Saints' and Christ Church. When The Rev. Dr Mark Barwick left, the clergy ministry in Charleroi (and soon also Mons) was passed to me, at least for now. In my mind, I've always known what Mark's various ministries entailed. Now I am learning – and appreciating much more – in practice, the many gifts he shared, often unlauded.

My thought on taking on this role was “Oh, I can just use the same newsletter articles and sermons in both places.” But as I began to actually write, I became aware of a challenge. All Saints' and Charleroi have much in common. But the two congregations are also quite different. Charleroi has a long history in a very different setting from All Saints', which is still a relatively young parish. Some specific concerns in the Charleroi community, such as the effects of the departure of Caterpillar, do not have the same impact as the brocante and bizarre construction causing havoc across the street from All Saints'. And though we use the same Book of Common Prayer, worship has a different feeling in the two places. (One thing is quite the same – I eat too many tasty sweets after worship in both places!) Because Charleroi does not have services every week, I also discovered my sermon cannot be identical, as the congregation hasn't heard the same continuous readings.

This gave me a revelation about the Epistles in the Bible which everyone should pay attention to. Again – I've known this intellectually, but actually being in the situation changes our perspective. Each Bible Epistle is written to a specific community, with a particular set of concerns and circumstances in mind. When we read the Epistles today, yes, we do find in many ways they are timeless, and they still speak to us nearly 2,000 years after they were written. But also, we have to look at the specific situations they faced to understand just what the letter is about. Far too often, scripture is taken out of context and misinterpreted, and then misused.

As it happens, this month around the world there are celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In studying what Martin Luther did, we find that what inspired his actions, which ultimately transformed the church catholic, was his careful study of the Bible in its original context. Now is as good a time as any to go back to the Bible, the whole Bible. And we can all do that, no matter which congregation we belong to!

(The Rev) Sunny Hallanan+

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A Word to the Church from the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops

[26 September 2017] The Episcopal Church House of Bishops, meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska (Diocese of Alaska) approved and presented the following Word to the Church.

The bishops of The Episcopal Church came to Alaska to listen to the earth and its peoples as an act of prayer, solidarity and witness. We came because:

- *“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers”* (Psalm 24:1-2). God is the Lord of all the earth and of all people; we are one family, the family of God.
- *“You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are ... members of the household of God”* (Ephesians 2:19). The residents of interior Alaska whom we met are not strangers; they are members of the same household of faith.
- People have *“become hard of hearing, and shut their eyes so that they won’t see with their eyes or hear with their ears or understand with their minds, and change their hearts and lives that I may heal them”* (Matthew 13:14-15). We are blind and deaf to the groaning of the earth and its peoples; we are learning the art of prayerful listening.

What does listening to the earth and its people mean? For us bishops, it meant:

- Getting out and walking the land, standing beside the rivers, sitting beside people whose livelihood depends on that land. We had to slow down and live at the pace of the stories we heard. We had to trust that listening is prayer.
- Recognizing that struggles for justice are connected. Racism, the economy, violence of every kind, and the environment are interrelated. We have seen this reality not only in the Arctic, but also at Standing Rock in the Dakotas, in the recent hurricanes, in Flint, Michigan, Charlottesville, Virginia, and in the violence perpetuated against people of color and vulnerable populations anywhere.
- Understanding that listening is deeply connected to healing. In many healing stories in the gospels, Jesus asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” That is, he listened first and then acted.

What did we hear?

- “The weather is really different today,” one leader told us. “Now spring comes earlier, and fall lasts longer. This is threatening our lives because the permafrost is melting and destabilizing the rivers. We depend on the rivers.”
- The land in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge where the caribou birth their calves is called the “sacred place where life begins,” so sacred the Gwich’in People do not set foot there. “Drilling here,” people said, “is like digging beneath the National Cathedral.”

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· After shopping together, a native Episcopalian told one of us how hard it is to even secure food. “We can’t get good food here. We have to drive to Fairbanks. It is a two-hour trip each way.”

What we bishops saw and heard in Alaska is dramatic, but it is not unique. Stories like these can be heard in each of the nations where The Episcopal Church is present. They can be heard in our own communities. We invite you to join us, your bishops, and those people already engaged in this work, in taking time to listen to people in your dioceses and neighborhoods. Look for the connections among race, violence of every kind, economic disparity, and the environment. Then, after reflecting in prayer and engaging with scripture, partner with people in common commitment to the healing of God’s world.

God calls us to listen to each other with increased attention. It is only with unstopped ears and open eyes that our hearts and lives will be changed. It is through the reconciling love of God in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that we and the earth itself will be healed.

A Prayer for Our Time and for the Earth

Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share;
Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to protect
the wonders of creation.

Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us
and to know them as family.

Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land
and to hear and understand those who extract its resources.

Give us new hearts to recognize the brokenness in our communities
and to heal the wounds we have inflicted.

Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people
and to shape beloved community.

For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our wounds and sets us free,
and it is in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

Resources are here

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/environment>

LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2017

Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
1 October: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32	M. Smets	N. Fern	Old Testament D.-H. Lemaire New Testament H. Pandian	M. Tolley
8 October: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 19 Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46	M. Tolley	M. Breton	Old Testament P. Marchandise New Testament G. Conforti	C. Ducastel
15 October: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Exodus 32:1-14	Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	B. Bythell	R. & E. Abbott	Old Testament O. Quinet New Testament M. Breton	N. Fern
22 October: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 99 Exodus 33:12-23	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22	B. Bythell	M. Breton	Old Testament B. Nahimana New Testament S. Downhill	B. DeWitt
29 October: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deuteronomy 34:1-12	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46	B. Nahimana	A. White	Old Testament M. Smets New Testament F. White	A. White

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
1 17 Pentecost 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Animal Blessing	2 17:00 Beavers 18:00 Cubs 19:30 Scouts & Explorers	3 20:00 AA (French)	4 Francis of Assisi 14:00 Wednesday Club 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:15 Guides	5 Anglican synod - 20:00 AA (French)	6 William Tyndale rector's day off	7 Bishop's visitation 19:00 Vestry dinner with Bishop
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15 19 Pentecost 11:00 Holy Eucharist 17:00 Bible Mons	16 HughLatimerNich...ThomasCranmer 18:00 New Event 19:30 Vestry	17 Ignatius of Antioch 20:00 AA (French)	18 14:00 Wednesday Club 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:15 Guides	19 Convention in Wiesbaden Henry Martyn 20:00 AA (French)	20 rector's day off	21
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29 21 Pentecost clocks change 11:00 Holy Eucharist	30 20:00 AA (French)	31 All Saints' Day 14:00 Wednesday Club 16:00 Rainbows & Brownies 18:15 Guides	1 All Faithful Departed 20:00 AA (French)	2 Richard Hooker rector's day off	3	4

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Bishop Pierre Whalon
will be here at 11 am on 8 October for
Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation.

After the service there will be a pot-luck finger buffet with the Bishop. Do join us for the service and lunch that day.

Please let Fiona know what dish – either sweet or savory – that you'd like to bring. Email: admin@allsaints.be

If you can volunteer for a short while afterwards, your help will be greatly appreciated with the tidying away and washing up.

(Photo: Bishop Whalon with our former Bishop, Jeffery Rowthorn and his wife Anne)

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News from the Council of Advice

Your Council of Advice took a step into the future at its most recent meeting, approving a strategic plan for the convocation and establishing dates for the process of calling a new bishop. The strategic plan, presented to Council in Montpellier, France, is a statement on where we believe God is leading us, what we need to move forward and the bishop we seek to succeed our beloved Pierre Whalon. The plan will be presented at the Convention of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Wiesbaden next month and then distributed far and wide in the Convocation.

Council also approved a schedule for 'walkabouts', the visits of the finalist-candidates (and spouses) chosen by the search committee, which will also be appointed in Wiesbaden. Save these dates to have a chance to meet all the candidates. (If you're not from one of these parishes, housing will be found for you.)

27 September 2018: Paris

29 September 2018: Munich

30 September 2018: Rome

Also, we are going to add a section to the convocation web site <http://www.tec-europe.org/> about all the wonderful mission work that is being done by our parishes and mission congregations. Please send information and photos to the Rev. Walter Baer, the convocation archdeacon, archdeacon@tec-europe.org

If you would like to see the latest Convocation newsletter, please use the following link:

<http://conta.cc/2faNzj4>

Read the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation

The service to begin reading the entire Bible takes place at 17.00 in Mons on 15 October. The reading will continue, day and night, until 21 October at 11.00 and takes place at L'Église Sainte-Elisabeth, Rue de Nimy, Mons. Rev. Sunny is scheduled to read on the 15th from 20.00-20.08. Let's have a few more folks from All Saints' too!

Go to the website, register and pick a time that's good for you! Reach out and help the wider community know we are here by sharing in this event.

Website: www.labibleencontinu.com/mons

More information from 0493 77 78 75

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Summary of the Vestry meeting held on 21 August 2017 at 19.30 at All Saints' Church, Waterloo

Present: Rev. Sunny Hallanan (Rector), Rev. Dr Mark Barwick (Associate Rector), Michael Smets-Tolley (Senior Warden), Jennifer Blanco-Marvik (Junior Warden), Mike Breton, Bill Bythell, Bob DeWitt, Nadia Molenstra, Laura Atlee
Staff: Fiona White

1. Following the annual vestry barbecue, Bill Bythell opened the meeting with **prayer**.
2. **Absence:** Dominique-Hélène Lemaire
3. **Approval of minutes from the last meeting:** The minutes of the June Vestry meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Vestry check-in:** Bill posed the question: It's a time of change. How does everyone feel about what the future might hold here? Those present felt sad to be saying goodbye to the Barwicks and the Marviks but felt confident for the future of All Saints' Church. There is loss but there is also opportunity.
5. Ministry and committee reports:
 - 5.1. **Finance & Property:**
 - a. Mike Breton reported that the inspection by the Fire Department confirmed that our installations and equipment are fit for purpose. with the result that Bio-Babies have increased their operation and will pay higher rental now.
 - b. Fire regulations state that the new doors must be closed when not in use. However, when in use they may be kept open. For example, the Nursery door must be kept securely open for children when the room is in use for childcare.
 - c. The Budget for the Fabrique d'Eglise has been completed and submitted to the seven interested parties.
 - d. The accounts are at a respectable level and there are no important outstanding payments to be made.
 - 5.2. **Formation:**
 - a. With the departure of Jennifer Blanco-Marvik, the Sunday School this autumn will have new teachers and a music program. The Rite 13 group will continue.

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- b. Bob DeWitt is trying to find a leader for Adult education at 10 on Sundays.
- c. New acolyte robes have been ordered. Training will take place soon.
- d. Rev. Sunny will offer preparation for Re-affirmation, Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church when the bishop is here.

5.3. **Convention 2018:**

Bill Bythell had circulated a report on what convention is and how parishioners can help with organization before and during the event. This report will be sent out to all parishioners.

5.4. **Fellowship:**

- a. Laura Atlee reported that she will organize for the backpack blessing and farewell party on 27 August, and for Mission Sunday the following weekend.
- b. Movie Night, 16 September: worship, pizza, and movie are planned
- c. Bishop's weekend: the Vestry should plan on time with the Bishop on Saturday evening (7 October) over a meal. After church there will be a light stand-up lunch. Fiona will put out a sign-up sheet for pot-luck dishes and for clearing up.

5.5. **Outreach:**

- a. Frigo Solidaire: Bob DeWitt said that the organizing group doesn't have enough volunteers so this is not going ahead at present.
- b. Outreach food went to a group who had been in Calais and are now in Brussels: mainly muslims helping muslims. It is a large group and obviously well-connected as they handed out 500 sleeping bags last week.

6. **Other business:**

6.1. **Gardening and painting around the church:**

Vestry toured the whole building to see the new fire doors and what needs care.

6.2. **Vestry vacancies:** Jennifer is leaving next week so we need to look for new Vestry members. The vestry voted to ask Nick Fern to serve on vestry, filling Jennifer's spot until the AGM in March.

7. **Associate Rector's report**

Rev. Dr Mark Barwick is moving to Strasbourg next week to serve as Chaplain of St Alban's Anglican parish. He feels a lot of support coming from ASC. His going will leave a large hole but Sunny must ensure she doesn't take on too much.

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8. Rector's report

Sunny is about to become the Charleroi and Mons priest-in-charge as well. She used to spend a great deal more time with refugees, which will now be spent in this new role. She is also busy as President of Council of Advice, preparing to find our next Bishop.

The loss of Heidi Rohlf's was very sad but we as a parish are to be commended for how we welcomed her in and she took much pleasure from that. Wanda Wolinski, the mother of Nicole Grinnan, died recently. Nicole and David will be back at ASC for her cremation and burial service on 25 August.

We received an invitation to the installation of the new rector in Geneva, Canon Michael Rusk. It was voted to send a formal letter of welcome.

9. Bill read a **closing prayer** and the meeting finished at 21.45.

Highlights of the upcoming All Saints' Calendar

(Also known as things you may be sorry you didn't save the date for if you don't plan ahead!)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12 November. We always have special music of some sort and this year the Norwegian Church will be back with us.

THANKSGIVING FEAST – 19 November. By now a great All Saints' tradition. Invite friends!

DEMENTIA FROM THE INSIDE-OUT – 26 November. We'll have a guest preacher and education forum featuring the former dean of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, who has dementia. She has designed a program to help all of us understand the various forms of dementia, and what it's like to be diagnosed with it, while she is still capable. Invite friends – this should be helpful and inspiring for many of us.

ADVENT CAROL SUPPER – 2 December. Our yearly fancy Saturday dinner and evening of singing all our favorites to begin the Advent season, location to be announced.

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