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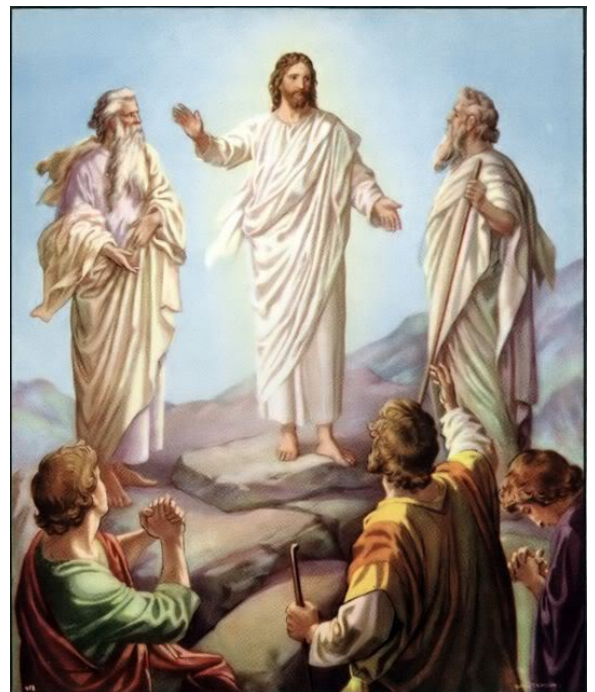
## THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*'There appeared unto them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus'*  
(St Mark ix. 4 - R.V.)

It is probable that the cult of spiritualism has been due to the Church's neglect of practical teaching about the Communion of Saints. In a spiritualistic *séance* three things are necessary: one is faith in the spiritual world on the part of the inquirer; the second is a tangible medium in this world; and third is what is called a control in the spiritual world. Given these three conditions, a fourth thing is said to become possible; the enquirer has communion with a departed soul. But it is clearly a risky thing to trust a medium one does not know and a control of who one is altogether ignorant, and the whole method of inquiry is something that one naturally shrinks from.

But in this episode of the Transfiguration all these three conditions are present, and present in a way which brings with it security. There was indeed faith in the spiritual world, for a night had been spent in prayer; there was present a Control, for that was our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the Lord of all worlds; and the apostles themselves became mediums, for they had direct consciousness of Moses and Elias, the departed saints.

We can be sure that those who are nearer to God are not farther from us, when we also come to Him in prayer. But though the saints love us with that love which nearness to God is always refining and deepening, even their love for us can never be as the love of God for us. So we do not really come to God through them ..... but we have communion with them through God; having come to the King, we find His court around Him.



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*Rev. Fr. Andrew, S.D.C., Meditations for Every Day,  
(London: A. R. Mowbray & Co. Ltd., 1934), p. 341*

## ..... And Now You Know Why

I've been asked several times why I say the following prayer after the Lord's Prayer in Holy Communion:

*“Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with that of thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our time, that by the help of thy availing mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude; Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, Who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, World without end. Amen.”*

People who ask usually point to Article XXII of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion which says, “The Romish doctrine concerning . . . [the] invocation of saints, is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the word of God.” Then the person will ask, “Why are you praying to the saints when Article XXII says that praying to the saints is ‘repugnant to the word of God?’”

The answer to this question is found in E. J. Bicknell's *A Theological Introduction to the Thirty-Nine Articles*. Bicknell concludes, after extensive analysis, that Article XXII does prohibit the invocation of saints in the public worship of the Church of England. But he goes on to write “The direct invocation of saints does at least bring into practical religious life certain great Christian truths, the reality of the communion of saints and the unseen world, the actuality of life after death . . . .” Continuing he writes, “The question is, can these truths have their due practical effect without resorting to [the] invocation [of saints]? An answer may be found in the ancient practice of ‘comprecation.’ Comprecation,’ as opposed to ‘invocation,’ is the practice of asking God Himself for a share in the prayers of the saints. This is a truly primitive and Catholic practice, found in the ancient Liturgies and open to no possible theological objection. It affirms the truth that the saints do pray for us, it meets the human need for active fellowship with the departed and it brings into the sphere of practical religion the communion of saints as including not only those on earth but those beyond the veil.”

As can be seen, the prayer “Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, . . .” known by its Latin name *Libera nos*, is a prayer to God the Father. The prayer has been part a fixed part of the liturgy at least since the sixth century and may have been used as early as the fifth century. In comparison, while the Lord's Prayer came into use as early as the fourth century, it also didn't become a fixed part of the liturgy until the sixth century. In this prayer we ask God to listen to the intercessions of St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, and the intercessions of all the Saints. The prayer asks God to “grant us peace in our time, that by the help of thy availing mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude; . . .” This prayer then meets the practice of “comprecation” and does not conflict with Article XXII of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion.

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# ***Guidelines for Communicants When Receiving Holy Communion at All Saints Anglican Church***

*(As taken from St. Augustine's Prayer Book and adapted for use at St. George's Anglican Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Used with permission of St. George's Anglican Church)*

**T**hree times a year is the least that any Christian should receive Holy Communion. A good rule is to receive once a week on a Sunday or other day. The ideal is daily Communion.

It is a sacrilege to receive Holy Communion when one is in a state of serious sin. In order to avoid this, we are commanded by the Apostle, St. Paul, to examine ourselves before receiving. If there is any serious doubt as to our spiritual condition, we should go to confession before receiving the Holy Sacrament.

## ***On receiving Holy Communion, please follow these simple guidelines:***

1. Women should remove gloves and veils before going to the Altar.
2. Genuflect (or bow) in the aisle on leaving your pew. You do not need to genuflect at the Altar rail or after you receive your Communion. Keep your eyes down and your hands joined in going to and from the Altar.
3. Go to the Altar rail on the same side of the Church (Epistle or Gospel) on which you are sitting. No crossing over, please.
4. Kneel as close to the person on your right (whether on the Epistle or Gospel side of the chancel) so as not to waste room.
5. Kneel upright at the rail without leaning over.
6. Receive the Lord's Body in one of either of two ways:
  - a. Into the palm of your **right** hand, making the left hand a support for the right, the hands lifted up as high as the lips, if possible. Never take the Host into your fingers or snatch it from the Priest. Consume the Host as soon as it is given to you, unless you wish to receive by intinction, then leave the Host in the palm of your **right** hand. (see #9 below).
  - b. Directly on your tongue. Tip your head well back and extend your tongue over your lower teeth. (This is the only time you're allowed to stick your tongue out at the Priest, Deacons, or even the Bishop). Close your eyes. As soon as the Priest has put the Host on your tongue, withdraw your tongue and close your mouth.
7. Do not chew the Sacred Host. It will dissolve quickly.
8. Receive the Chalice by guiding it to your lips by the base with your **right** hand only. Take a sip of the Precious Blood. Do not wipe your mouth after receiving the Chalice.
9. If you wish to receive by intinction, leave the Host in the palm of your **right** hand. The Priest (or Deacon) will come by, take the Host from you, dip it into the Chalice, and then you receive both the Blessed Body and Blood on your tongue, as described in 6b above.
10. Leave the Altar rail as soon as the person on your left has received the Chalice, returning to your pew by way of the side aisles on the side of the Church (Gospel or Epistle) on which you were previously sitting. Again, no crossing over or going back up the main aisle, please.
11. When you return to your place in your pew, kneel quietly, beginning your prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the great Gift you have received from God and find the Communion hymn in the hymnal.

## Senior Warden's Report

Since the last newsletter, the Vestry met on Sunday, August 18, and Sunday, September 15. A summary of these two meetings is below:

Canon Schultz announced that Jennifer Akinyemi has been appointed Church School Administrator for 2013-2014.

We approved an allocation of up to \$1,000 from the special Altar Guild Fund to purchase two new solid brass urns for flowers in the Sanctuary. Suzanne DeVos is taking care of this purchase.

We approved an amendment to the Guidelines for the Outreach Committee that the recommendations made to the Committee by members of the parish will be considered on the basis of merit as all other requests made for individuals and charitable agencies.

Charles and Libby Bolton and Bob and Chris Oschman were appointed to serve as the Co-chairs of the Annual Parish Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 7, at Oak Trace in Downers Grove.

It was noted that 68 adults and children attended the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 5, at a cost of approximately \$435 for food and supplies and that the Family Miniature Golf Outing on Sunday, September 8, was a success.

We agreed that the ACM will host a theater party on Saturday, October 26, for the evening performance of "Hello Dolly," with dinner afterward, at Drury Lane Theater, Oakbrook, at a cost of \$60 per person. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex.

With the continuing dry weather, it has been necessary to water the trees and bushes planted last fall and the newly seeded areas in the lawn at the front and east side of the building. Re-seeding of two areas on the west side of the building will be taken care of this fall by Dan Brush. Thanks to Paul Drayton, who assisted with yard maintenance every week during the summer.

We agreed that the Senior Warden will bring in two professional firms for advice and estimates for appropriate treatment for the windows on each side of the organ on the north wall of the Nave, and to report these recommendations to the Vestry at the October meeting.

Canon Schultz announced that at the request of Archbishop Provence and Suffragan Bishop Upton, he will be in Washington, D.C. on October 1 to 3 to interview a candidate for the Deaconate and to discuss Diocese business and plans being made for the 2014 Synod of the Diocese that will be held in May at St. George's Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition, Canon Schultz will be on vacation October 10-17.

It was noted that the last Morning Prayer Service of the year will be held on Saturday, October 5, at 8:30 A.M., with the "Blessing of the Animals" in the parking lot at 9:00 A.M., and a "Dutch treat" breakfast afterwards at the Honey Jam Restaurant across from the church.

Plans are finalized for the official visit of Archbishop Provence the weekend of December 6 to 8. He will attend our Parish Christmas Party and a High Mass and Confirmation will be conducted on Sunday, December 8, with a reception following in the Narthex.

The ACM and ACW will meet after Mass on Sunday, October 13. The collection for our Annual Thanksgiving Basket Project, in cooperation with the Bolingbrook F.I.S.H. organization, will be in October with Chris Oschman as Chair.

Our thanks to Kaycee and Loveth Ekufu for hosting a luncheon for all the parish after Mass on Sunday, September 15. This was a very enjoyable event and greatly appreciated by everyone.

Bill Jepson

Senior Warden



**All Saints** now has a Facebook page!

If you are on Facebook, you should search for All Saints Anglican Church. If this doesn't work, please contact Canon Schultz who will send you an invitation.

Canon Schultz started the Facebook page for the Church in order to be able to post articles which he thinks people will have some interest in reading. He will also add additional information about All Saints' parish in the future.

Many churches now have a Facebook page. This is another way of connecting with each other and with the world at large.

## Treasurer's Report

## Anglican Church Women

The treasurer's report for the month of September 2013 is as follows:

	August, 2013	2013 To Date
<b>Income</b>	\$9,389.00	\$89,282.00
<b>Expense</b>	\$10,869.00	\$92,985.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$1,480.00)	(\$3,703.00)

While our income from pledges to date is below our planned income, all the other income types (open plate, flowers, clergy, coffee hour) are ahead. In August, we spent \$436 on the parish picnic, \$56 on materials for the confirmation class, and we continued to donate \$100 a month to the seminary, and send in a monthly tithe to the Diocese. The Vestry approved changes to the Dex advertising plan, which will reduce our advertising costs by over \$60 a month.

The second pledge statements with all donations received from the start of the year until the end of August were delivered two weeks ago. If you have not received a pledge statement yet, or would like summary of your donations then please contact me. The final 2013 pledge statements will be delivered in early January of 2014, in time to be used with your 2013 taxes.

We had a CD mature in the church endowment fund in September and the accrued interest from that CD and additional donations were included in a new rollover CD. We changed one of the bond funds in our UBS account, and moved funds from a long maturity bond fund to a short maturity bond fund. This move was to reduce any possible losses in bond fund value due to an increase in interest rates.

Paul Drayton

Treasurer

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## Anglican Church Men

The ACM is organizing an outing to see Hello Dolly at the Drury Theater (*see details on the following page*).

ACM raised \$450 for the boat cruise raffle. Congratulations to Sue and Phil Ross who won the raffle. We had our trip September 22nd along the Chicago shore around Navy Pier and toured Monroe Harbor next to Buckingham fountain. Thanks to all for contributing to this fund raiser.

Bob Oschmann

ACM President

The ORDO Calendars will be ordered the first week of October. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the narthex during the month of September. This should give us all plenty of time to plan next year's events. We will have three extra of each size, both wall and pocket. Those of you who do not get your orders in will need to be quick to purchase one. Either size costs \$5.00.

Our September ACW Luncheon was the 11<sup>th</sup> at Aqua Vino, a charming vineyard and restaurant west of the city, in Maple Park, Illinois. Sue Ross, Jane and Fred, and Fabi attended. Fabi was the only one who imbibed, since the rest were all teetotalers (hmm, interesting spelling), but we all had a lovely time. Afterwards, we visited the gift shop with charming wine-themed items for sale.

The next luncheon will be on October 10th in Michigan at the home of Jean Edgerton. Sounds exciting to drive through the autumn landscape on a crisp fall day, and always great to see Dear Jean. Sign-up is in the Narthex. A couple of ladies have volunteered to drive. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM.

We are now collecting plastic grocery bags for Libby; the more colorful the better. She knows a group of ladies who crochet them into mats. Great way to recycle them!

We were blessed by the Ekufu family on September 15<sup>th</sup> with a party in the undercroft for the celebration of their youngest son, Chukwuemeka's birthday. The food was AMAZING and all prepared by Mrs. Ekufu. Thanks so much to the whole family for a very special treat.

We are still looking for coffee hour volunteers to set up and clean up before and after Church. If we get maybe two more pairs, the duties will be light, occurring only about every six weeks. Please lend your assistance to help ensure we have continued, edifying fellowship each Sunday. It helps keep our Church family in touch, and caring for the needs of each other—a most important mission!

Our next meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. All the ladies of the parish are invited to attend. We have many wonderful ways of serving the Lord, and are thankful for the opportunity to do so.

Fabi Brush

ACW President





## The Anglican Church Men

invite one and all  
to  
**Hello Dolly**  
meeting at 5:00pm  
at the  
**Drury Lane Theater**  
in  
**Oakbrook, Illinois**  
on  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
Cost \$60 per person  
(sign-up in the Narthex)



We are still in need of one, or better still two couples who are willing to help with the coffee hour.

The job involves setting up for the coffee hour and cleaning up afterward. If one couple volunteers you will only have to set up once every five Sundays or once every six Sundays if two couples do.

If no one volunteers, the Vestry will have to consider eliminating the coffee hour every fifth Sunday. We **all** enjoy the coffee hour, so **please** volunteer to help!

## Our Own Mozart?

**Jan Van Rossum** has recently begun taking piano lessons. George allowed him play the church organ and says Jan is more like a second year student than a beginner.

Better watch out George - you could be out of a job!



*Jan making music at the All Saints' Organ*

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## Babies!

**The Rev. John Hines** and his wife **Eme** are expecting their first child in January. Fr. Hines is a former Rector of All Saints and was Rector when the Church moved from a rented building in Naperville to our own building in Bolingbrook.

In his email to Canon Schultz he wrote, "I'd like for [the Parish] to share in my joy, and to have us in their prayers. I got to tell you, I am both excited and terrified at the same time. It's a funny feeling."

There is also more good news. **Errol and Adwoa Sencherey** recently had a baby girl.

The baby's name is **Adwoa Amponsah Sencherey**.

Please keep both families in your prayers!



## Church School



*Canon Schultz asks for a Blessing upon the teachers, their assistants and the students on the first day of class*

**C**hurch school started September 8th and we are excited to welcome all our children. Our classes are divided up as follows:

Carol O'Sullivan - pre-school to first grade

Yvette Drayton - Second grade to fourth grade

Paul Drayton - fourth grade and middle schoolers

We look forward to a time filled with growth and learning, as well as lots of fun! We will continue to use the David Cook ([www.davidcook.com](http://www.davidcook.com)) curriculum for our classes.

Please continue to engage with your children about God both at church and where ever they go and pray that they will continue to grow in their faith and draw closer to God. We also thank God for all our wonderful teachers.

We welcome any questions or concerns that you may have, as well as your prayers and your help!

Jennifer Akinyemi

Church School Administrator

## Mitten Tree Collection

**T**he mitten tree will be standing in the Narthex beginning November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The congregation is asked for donations of new mittens, hats and scarves for the project. These will then be distributed during winter to needy children in the area via the Du Page Township school system.



## Thanksgiving Baskets



**O**nce again we will be collecting money during the months of October and November to purchase Thanksgiving Baskets.

Thanks to your generosity we have in the past been able to help 10 FISH families feel loved and cared for.

Shopping for the baskets is to take place on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and donations will be accepted up until then

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## The Sacrament of Healing and Communion of the Sick

**T**hroughout the ages, the Church has used the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing of the Sick as a special means of grace for the sick (James 5:14-15).

This sacrament is meant to help the sick person encounter his illness with peace, dignity, strength, and holiness.

If you, or someone you know, is sick, injured, planning a hospital visit or would like to receive Holy Communion when unable to attend Church, please contact Canon Schultz.

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## VACATION NOTICE

Canon Schultz will be out of town October 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

He will also be on vacation from October 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be no Wednesday evening Mass during his absence:

October 2

October 16

November 13

In case of emergency please contact Deacon Wilson on the church cell phone 630-710-7375

## The Blessing of Animals

by

**Kevin E. Mackin, O.F.M.**

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd.

A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for St. Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

That there are today over 62 million cats in the U.S. attests to the continuing affection we have for our furry, feathered or finned friends. We've even had a cat called Socks in the White House. Other popular presidential pets range from Abraham Lincoln's Fido to Lyndon Johnson's beagles, named Him and Her.

For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

At Franciscan churches, a friar with brown robe and white cord often welcomes each animal with a special prayer. The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this:

*"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."*

As the prayer is offered, the pet is gently sprinkled with holy water. Believe it or not, most pets receive this sacramental spritz with dignity, though I must admit I have seen some cats flatten their ears a bit as the drops of water lightly pelt them.

But the owner is happy, and who knows what spiritual benefits may result?

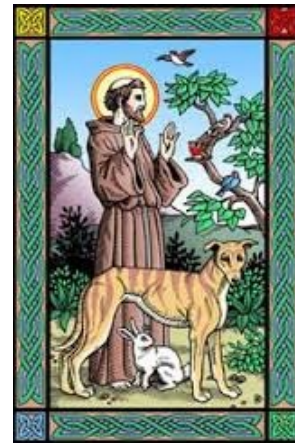
Usually the Blessing of Pets is held outdoors. But I remember it rained one year, and all were invited inside St. Stephen's Church in Manhattan. It was quite a sight to see pairs of creatures—one human, one animal—sitting in the pews. The pastor joined right in with his beagle. Noah's Ark was never like this!

Some people criticize the amount and cost of care given to pets. People are more important, they say. Care for poor people instead of poodles. And certainly our needy fellow humans should not be neglected.

However, I believe every creature is important. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

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*Kevin E. Mackin, O.F.M., is a Franciscan of the Holy Name Province.*



**All Saints'** will mark the Feast of St Francis on Saturday October, 5<sup>th</sup> with the Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot following Morning Prayer at 8:30am.

Afterwards we (humans) will adjourn for a 'Dutch Treat' Breakfast at the Honey Jam Café.

So please, gather up your pets -large or small - and join us.



## Dates to Remember

*A collection for Thanksgiving Baskets will continue until  
November 24th*

### OCTOBER

October 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> **Canon Schultz out of town**

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Morning Prayer followed by The Blessing  
of the Animals and Breakfast at the Honey Jam  
café

October 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> **Canon Schultz on vacation**

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

ACM and ACW meetings

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

FISH Sunday

Vestry meeting

### NOVEMBER

Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm All Souls' Mass

November 7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> **Canon Schultz on vacation**

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Dedication of the Church

ACM and ACW meetings

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> **Pledge Sunday**

FISH Sunday

Vestry meeting

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Mitten Tree Collection begins

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day

9:30 am Mass



## The Sanctus Newsletter

### Editorial staff:

Canon Schultz - Sandy Spencer - Marcia Wilson

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or if you wish to contribute in any way, please contact Canon Schultz or Sandy Spencer.

The deadline for submitting articles to be published in the next issue of the Sanctus will be **November, 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Sandy Spencer

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### Weekly Services

Holy Eucharist and Church School

Sundays 9:30 AM

Low Mass

Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Rev. Canon Blair W. Schultz, Rector

The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

## All Saints Anglican Church

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For more information visit:

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[www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org](http://www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org)

Tell people about us. There are many fellow Christians out there who are hurting and are feeling both hopeless and lost.

