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“The Voice of Prayer is Never Silent”

The phrase above is from the much loved evening hymn “The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended.” It was written in 1870 by the Rev'd John Ellerton when he was Vicar in Cheshire, England. It speaks to the truth that at every moment in time people on and around this planet earth are offering prayer to almighty God. The third verse in particular says:

“As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.”

The Anglican tradition orders its devotional life around the two daily offices of Morning Prayer (also known as Matins) and Evening Prayer. The Preface to the 1549 Book of Common Prayer pointed to the principle going back to the early church fathers “*that all the whole Bible (or the greatest part thereof) should be read over every year; intending thereby, that the Clergy, and especially such as were Ministers in the congregation, should (by often reading, and meditation of God's word) be stirred up to godliness themselves and be more able to exhort others by wholesome Doctrine, and to confute them that were adversaries to the Truth; and further, that the people (by daily hearing of holy Scripture read in the Church) might continually profit more and more in the knowledge of God, and be the more inflamed with the love of his true Religion.*”

All Souls' contributes to this unending voice of prayer with the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer Monday to Friday in the Chapel of St. Mary at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The clergy officiate at Morning Prayer and our faithful company of Layreaders officiate at Evening Prayer. The service lasts about thirty minutes. The order for the offices is made up of various canticles (hymns taken from Scripture and the early church); the recitation of the Palms (we go through the complete Psalter – the book of Psalms – each month); and prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. There is a spiritual rhythm in this which has been a part of the church since ancient times.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, are asking all members of the Anglican Communion to participate in a special season of intercession from Ascension Day (May 10th) through to the feast of Pentecost (May 20th) under the title of *The Kingdom Come*. This is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. You may register to be a part of this at www.thykingdomcome.global and will also find more information and prayers on that website.

Please plan to participate in this special season of prayer and consider making the daily offices the means of that participation. Let us pray.

~ Fr. Bright

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Office Hours
8:30am to 4:30pm
Monday-Friday

Sunday Services Schedule

8:00am
Holy Communion

9:15am
Holy Communion

9:15am Children's Chapel/Sunday School

11:00am
Holy Communion

5:00pm
Holy Communion

Chapel Services Schedule

Morning Prayer
8:30am
Monday - Friday

Evening Prayer
5:30pm
Monday - Friday

Holy Communion
7am & 10am
Wednesday
5:30pm
Thursday

The Staff of All Souls'

The Rev. Patrick E Bright.....Rector
The Rev. Dale A. Petley.....Assoc. Rector
The Rev. Christopher W. Yoder.....Assist. Rector
The Rev. James Easter.....Deacon
The Rev. John Marlin.....Asst. Priest
The Rev. Charles Blizzard..... Chaplain, Casady
Gary Kirby.....Diaconal Postulant
Terry Prather.....Director of Youth Ministries
Alicia Fay..... Coordinator-Children's Education
Ken Casey.....Business Manager
Lucy Covington.....Parish Activity Director
Cindy Cross.....Receptionist
James Hulsey.....Music Intern
Jamie Keith.....CDO Director
Tim Marek.....Assistant Organist
Tammy Mass.....Administrative Assistant
Aymondray Myers..... Sexton
Anna Polk.....Parish Secretary
Dr. Laura van der Windt.....Organist/Choir Dir.
Kim Willison..... Housekeeper

The Vestry

Senior Warden.....Joe Lewallen
Junior Warden.....Ron Bradshaw
Clerk of Vestry.....Mary FitzSimons
Treasurer.....Jean Hartsuck
Chancellor..... Michael Kirschner

Vestry Members

Aaron Borgan, Newt Brown, Mary FitzSimons, Bill Fix, Kim Harry, Jayne Henline, Caleb Hill, Carol Johnson, Steve Knox, Jamie Lathrop, Mike McPherson, Rene' Patterson, Matthew Paque, Dan Stuart, Andy Sullivan

All Souls' Committee & Group Meetings

Altar Guild - Third Tuesday, 10:30am - South Lounge

Bible Study - Fr. Petley, Tuesday, 7am - Library

Bible Study - Fr. Yoder, Wednesday, 11am – Parish Hall

Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Second Saturday at 8:30am - Chapel/Parish Hall

Centering Prayer - Every Wednesday 3:30pm-Kennedy Parlor

Daughters of the King - First Wednesday at 6-7pm - South Lounge

ECW - Board Meeting, noon, May 9, Riesen's home and May 1, noon, Fashion Show Luncheon

Grief Share Group Support - Wednesday 4pm South Lounge

Guild of St. George - Board Mtg. Third Wednesday at 5:30pm - Library

Ladies Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 9:30am - South Lounge

St. Anne's Guild - Fourth Tuesday at 11:45 - Parish Hall

St. Paul's Guild - Second Tuesday at 5:30pm - South Lounge

Senior Group - May 6, Shartel Cafe, after 11am service

Stephen Ministry - Third Tuesday at 6:15pm-South Lounge

Tuesday Morning Prayer & Women's Breakfast - Tuesdays at 9am - Kennedy Parlor, Childcare provided

Guild of St. George Food of the Month

April

Cereal of all Types

May

Canned meat or fish

In addition to food items, donations of full sized toiletry items such as bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant are needed.

Summer Service Schedule Begins Sunday, May 13th

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Children's Chapel & Sunday School

5 p.m. Holy Communion

Stephen Ministry

Jim Case, Vicki Reynolds, Newt Brown



Stephen Ministry has been in existence at All Souls' for over 20 years, being established here in 1995. The mission of this ministry is to support the Priests of our Parish in providing additional care givers for individuals who have experienced grief, hospitalization, terminal illness, unemployment, divorce, relocation, chronic illness or loneliness. Individuals involved in this ministry go through an extensive training program that prepares them to serve in this capacity. Over 100 individuals have been trained in the past 20 years and these individuals have seen many care receivers. We have trained individuals from many other Churches as well as All Souls'. In the first group, individuals from Westminster Presbyterian Church were trained and several of those individuals are still active Stephen Ministers in that congregation.

Once the Stephen Minister has completed their training the Priests assign them individuals that have requested a Care Giver or parishioners or others in the community they feel can benefit from this service. These Care Receivers are kept Confidential between the Care Giver/Priest and Stephen Leader assigned to coordinate their care. During the Ministries monthly meetings, the care receiver's name is kept confidential so that no one except the Care Giver knows who the person is. Very general information is shared regarding how many times they have met and the progress they are making. The Care Giver meets weekly with the Care Receiver for approximately one hour until they determine that the Care Receiver is ready to move forward on their own. Usually approximately one year.

Please contact Jim Case or Vicki Reynolds if you are interested in either being a Care Giver or a Care Receiver.

Tuition for Students

Bishop McAllister School Kyogera, Uganda

Please consider underwriting tuition for a student at Bishop McAllister School in Uganda.

Tuition for one full year is \$400. Such a gift provides wonderful possibilities for these young people.

Checks should be made out to All Souls' Church with memo: Bishop McAllister School

UNITED THANK OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

"In everything, give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I Thessalonians 5:18

The **United Thank Offering** is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. When we place our donations in the blue **UTO envelopes** found in the pews, we express a visible sign of our thankfulness to God for our many blessings. Our donations, united with those of other thankful people, allow the church to reach out in love to others all over the world. Your contribution is important!

The United Thank Offering is an organization founded by Episcopal Church Women in 1889 to show the strong connection between prayer and action. Grants are made to Episcopal churches throughout the world for new projects and programs, capital needs and development funds. The interest income from the Memorial & Gift Trust fund supports the entire operating budget of the UTO committee. Because of this fund, **every cent you offer in prayer** is granted to help Episcopal missions.

Our youth will receive their blue **UTO boxes** in Sunday School on April 29th. UTO envelopes may also be found in the sanctuary pews on April 29th. Please place donations of thankfulness in a UTO box or envelope as you thank God for His many blessings. Boxes and envelopes should be returned to church on Sunday, May 13th.

ECW invites you to pick up a UTO envelope or box and join the United Thank Offering. Take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a donation in the box or envelope. We are not meant to be passive receivers; rather we are bid to be active participants in God's work in the world.

Thank you,

Penny McCaleb, ECW

ECW Fashion Show Luncheon Tuesday, May 1st at 12:00 p.m.



The Episcopal Church Women of All Souls' Church are hosting a fashion show with CK and Company. Please plan to support this event and bring a friend to see the fashion trends for spring and summer! Models will be from our own congregation!! Tickets are \$40 per person in advance (\$20 is tax deductible) or \$50 at the door. Sponsorships are \$400 which includes a reserved table for 8 and your name on all signage. Proceeds will benefit Shiloh Camp, Church receptions, Quiet Day, Hearts and Hands, Women's Bible Study, and more.

Make checks payable to All Souls' ECW and state Fashion Show in the memo.

Tickets may be purchased from an ECW board member or at the front desk at All Souls' Church.

MORE VBS NEWS!!

Join us as we go on the ride of a lifetime with God at "Rolling River Rampage" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 4th - 8th from 9:30-12:00 noon, at the

Christian Family Life Center! This year 4-year-olds (potty-trained) through 6th graders will find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest and peace on the river! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities both before and during VBS; we would **welcome** your assistance! (Nursery care will be provided for younger children of VBS volunteers during that week!) If you have questions or would like to assist, please contact Erin Heely (theHeelys@gmail.com); Susan Borgan (susanborgnan@gmail.com); or Alicia Fay (alfay@allsoulsokc.com). Register at www.cokesburyvbs.com/allsoulepisopal. If you would like to make a monetary donation to VBS, you may do so by check, with the designation of "VBS" in the memo, cash (there are envelopes in the church pews) or if you have the "My Church" app, there is a VBS option under "giving"! Thank you!

Thank you to those who generously bring refreshments for the Virginia Campbell concert series receptions. It is a labor of love and we pray each person will continue to assist in this effort.

St. Anne's Guild Luncheon & Speaker May 22 11:45am



**The Rev. John Marlin, Speaker
Parish Hall**

Retreat at St. Mary's Convent, Greenwich, NY

Plans are underway for a retreat at St. Mary's Convent in Greenwich, New York, from June 26-30. The Sisters will present five meditations on Benedictine spirituality for Anglican laity. The retreat is open to both men and women.

If you're interested in attending, please call or text Diana Byrd at 429-9746.



Dear Father Bright:

We at Oklahoma Blood Institute wish to sincerely thank you and All Souls' Episcopal Church for hosting a blood drive with us on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

25 people were willing to give blood, and, of those, 22 were able to donate. The generous contributions from your organization make a remarkable difference to local patients and their families.

We are deeply grateful to you for being such a strong, dedicated community partner and helping to further our life-saving mission.

Kaycie Craig
Oklahoma Blood Institute

Baptisms

Rebekah Isabel Reynolds 3/31/18

William Braden Sanders 3/31/18

Luke Sanders 3/31/18

Charlotte Rae White 3/31/18

Joseph Ray Showse 4/7/18

John Cole Wolf 4/22/18

John Thatcher Wolf 4/22/18

Funerals

Helen Sue Kennedy 12-9-17

Wiley Bruce Walker 3-16-18

Stay Tuned.
Coming Soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Souls' All-Parish Campout- Find your tent instructions and plan on camping at the CFLC on Friday night, May 11th. Invite your friends for s'mores and a

night under the stars! Questions? Contact Lucy Covington lucyc@allsoulsokc.com or Terry Prather tp@allsoulsokc.com

Moms and Macaroons-We hope you will join us for services on Mother's Day, May 13th. We'll celebrate all moms with sweet macaroons. "Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all." —**Oliver Wendell Holmes**

All Souls' 101-Coffee with the Priest-Sunday, June 10th will be the first of the monthly All Souls' 101 Coffees to welcome guests to All Souls'. If you are new or newer to the parish, please take this time to connect with our clergy. We will have 101 on the second Sunday every month in the Library after the 10:00 a.m. service.

All Souls' Acolytes! Acolytes and parents, please join us for the 10:00 a.m. service on May 20th where we will recognize the acolytes for their dedication and service to our parish. May 20th is also Senior Sunday. All Souls' has four graduating acolytes. Congratulations!



Evensong
May 6 at 5pm

In the Chapel with Reception following in the Parish Hall

Hosted by Senior Group and St. Anne's Guild



Final Day for Spring Session - May 21
Summer Sessions begins - June 11

Preparing for Mobile Meals at All Souls'

Rebecca Ball is busy filling the food trays for delivery.



Emily Pilcher prepares dessert



Karla Stafford and Deanna Pendleton are ready to deliver meals.



Mark your calendars for the All Souls' Annual Independence Day Service & Parish Picnic

Sunday, July 1
10am

Picnic immediately following the service

Christian Family Life Center

We will provide all Food!



iPhone Class

May 1 & May 8

10am South Lounge



Last week in Coffee Break a wonderful conversation broke out! I had fully intended to get to our current chapter for that week when someone whose initials are Jackie Thompson asked if we could take a few minutes to consider speaking to a few things from Fr. Yoder's sermon. I'm most always willing for conversations like these to break out and for opportunity for sincere, candid, honest sharing. It's what lends to our deeper sense of community.

We did have a meaningful time speaking to how the sermon that morning spoke to each of us...and how God is and had been tilling the soil of our hearts in regards to what we heard. The personal devotion I had been doing the previous week absolutely fit into Sunday's message. Those conversations have been stirring in my heart and mind all week, so I thought I'd take a risk, show some vulnerability and share.

Our God is a loving God who extends to us His grace and mercy and His love for us is relentless. I can only speak for me, but when Fr. Yoder posed the questions at the end of his sermon about what doors is God desirous to remove I knew that for me there are many. I nodded yes with my heart and mind in agreement at almost everything he asked. When I referred earlier to God being a God full of grace and mercy I meant that in His love for you, and me, He will not give us more than what we can handle. You see, His grace is sufficient, it is enough. Yes, we can pray for more grace or we can choose to walk in the grace He has so freely and willingly given us. And to all those doors He will walk with us as we deal with those one at a time. And He will give us exactly what we need, in Him and through Him, to answer that knock so He can come in and sup with us and we with Him. The answer to the knock isn't just so He can come in and sup with us but the invitation is also that we sup with Him, be in communion with Him, walk with Him, talk with Him, sit with Him, be in relationship with Him. Our relationship is two way. Yes, He created us, He sought us, He found us, He paid the ultimate price on the cross and bought us, He died for us, He arose from the dead for us conquering death, hell and the grave and even when we choose to take our inheritance and sup with the pigs He runs to us when He sees us coming home!

God will NEVER stop pursuing you and me. He cannot; it goes against His very nature in loving the world that He gave us His one and only Son that whosoever will believe in Him may have everlasting life. That is GRACE! So, may we respond to the knock; and even though we often do not feel worthy or chose to stay locked up by whatever guilt, pain or excuse we may find ourselves open the door. He will come in and sup with you. He will bring peace, healing, and His love will hold you and you will sup with Him.

~Terry Prather



Children's Education News

This month's unit of Sunday school for 1st through 5th graders has been dedicated to the story of Peter's stepping out of the boat in faith! The steps he took required both risk and trust; however, because he was human, doubt and fear interrupted his faith, and caused him to lose focus on the Lord and His promises. We too are human (news flash, I know) and our circumstances often feel like waves crashing around us, and we, too, lose our focus on the God who can truly save us. Children need to know that they will face situations in life that *will* challenge them. It is in those times, especially, when trusting in God will allow them to experience His care, which, in turn, deepens their faith. ("In Your abiding presence is my strength; with You as my constant companion I am fortified to meet the trials and temptations of the day." Taken from the "Affirmation" in Forward Movement's "Prayers for Every Occasion" publication). Each day God invites us to leave the comfort of our boat and join Him in the water!

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...." Hebrews 12:2

Susan Borgan and Erin Heely continue to hone their rafting skills, in their spare time, as they prepare for our upcoming Vacation Bible School, Rolling River Rampage!! Numerous opportunities still exist for volunteers! If you have already said "Yes" to participating, thank YOU! If you have not registered your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or friends' children yet, please do so: Go to www.cokesburyvbs.com/allsoulepisopalokc to register children four-years-old through rising 6th graders, or to register as a volunteer! Look for additional information within this newsletter!

Our final unit for the academic year (for 1st through 5th graders) will conclude on May 6th. During the summer months, children's Sunday school will have two age groups: "Godly Play" for the combined three/four-year-olds and Kindergarten, and first through fifth graders together. We will have a sign-up for teaching opportunities on the downstairs reception desk and ask that you please help out when you are in town!

Alicia L. Fay



Sunday, May 20th

If you have or know someone graduating from High School please email their name by May 13th to Terry Prather at: tp@allsoulsokc.com