

THE ALTON ANGELUS

November 2024

The Reverend Garron C. Daniels, OCS, Priest in Charge

*The Episcopal Parish of Alton has as its mission:
To live and show Christ in our midst.*



From Fr. Garron Daniels+

Greetings to the Episcopal Parish of Alton!

When I think about November, it's hard to not have my mind think of generosity and thankfulness. It's what the whole month of November and Thanksgiving seems to focus on. So what exactly am I thankful for you may ask, and the simple yet not so simple answer is all of you!

I am thankful for the dedication and generosity that has been shown by this Parish. I have seen firsthand so many of you hard at work in our different commissions and guilds putting together events and other exciting projects. Anything from the work of the Pet Pantry to advertising our events in the community to helping pick out new altar paraments. Now as we enter into November we are preparing to host the Green Bazaar which is a huge undertaking, but one I have no doubt this Parish will handle perfectly!

Other than the hands-on work of our parishioners, your generosity through your giving, donations, and support for our ministries has been overwhelming. You all leave me speechless with how much you care for this Church and the work that the Church is trying to accomplish. I can only imagine as the rest of the stewardship season unfolds I will continue to be amazed!

So yes, I am incredibly thankful for all of you! We have a bright future ahead of us and I continue to see indications of that everywhere I turn. I hope you see it too and I hope you will join us for one of the many upcoming events, fellowships, and worship opportunities. The work we do is made more fully when we have you there with us! So please, join us in the hard work of the Gospel and in fervent prayer at the Episcopal Parish of Alton.



Yours in Christ,
Fr. Garron+



From the Senior Warden...

In this upcoming season of Thanksgiving, there is much to be thankful for in the Episcopal Parish of Alton. Every day during this past year, we have been witnesses to the love of Jesus and the love of special people, our very own church family. We have been blessed with Father Garron's guidance and the direction he has been leading us. Many thanks to Father Garron and to every person who has accepted the challenges put before us and who has been positive in faith, love, hope, commitment, and generosity. A General Thanksgiving from The Book of Common Prayer says everything perfectly.

A General Thanksgiving (1979 Version) The Book of Common Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Blessings and love,

Mimi Almonroeder

Collection of Parish Recipes

On June 2nd, Fr. Garron's first Sunday with us, Nathalia was presented with a collection of recipes submitted by various parishioners. Photos of all the recipe cards have been put together in a booklet entitled 'Shared Recipes.' Copies of the booklets are available for a donation of \$10. If you would like a copy, please contact Verla Moyer at 618-920-2300.



From the Organ Loft

On Sunday, November 10th, at 5:00 p.m., St. Paul's will be hosting a special service of Evensong! It is my understanding that this will be the first Evensong service that has been held at the Episcopal Parish of Alton.

My friend and colleague, Henry Evans (organist/choirmaster from St. Andrew's in Edwardsville) will be assisting with several choir members from his parish. Our Bishop from Springfield will also be attending and will preside over the service along with Fr. Garron.

Be sure to mark this unique service on your calendar. You don't want to miss it!

Beginning with Advent I, we will also begin incorporating '**Gloria #202**' into the Rite I Sunday Liturgy. As you have been aware, the choral responses that Fr. Garron has changed over the summer to sync with the Rite I Liturgy (Sanctus and Agnus Dei) have taken a bit of 'practice' to become comfortable with, but are now much more familiar for everyone to sing. Fr. Garron and I feel confident that with a bit of 'preparation' everyone will feel ready to sing #202 on Advent I!

So, here is an assignment! Grab a hymnal, turn to S#202 and pull up the youtube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lwA-a1fhew. This is a good recording of St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit singing the Gloria. If everyone listens to this and follows/sings along with home practice, we will be well prepared by Advent I! No excuses now!

A note about the composer of the Rite I music we are using:

HEALEY WILLAN - Willan (1880-1968) was born in England. He emigrated to Canada in 1913 to become organist/choirmaster at Toronto's largest church, St. Paul's Bloor St. In 1921, Willan took the organist/choirmaster position at the prestigious Church of St. Mary Magdalene, also in Toronto, where he remained until his death. Willan was a prolific composer...writing primarily for the church genre. His choral, organ, hymn and mass settings are well known throughout the Anglican/Episcopal church music repertoire. The 1982 hymnal includes a fine representation of his works. Another video about Willan is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLO17sIzRcs>

Although an oldie, it is a snapshot into the past and well worth your time to view!

Gay Anderson

Episcopal Church Men (ECM) News

Mark your calendars now for the annual All Parish Christmas dinner, which has been set for Thursday, December 19th. We will plan to gather for cocktails beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dinner selections will include prime rib (\$27), salmon (\$23), or fried chicken (\$15-16).

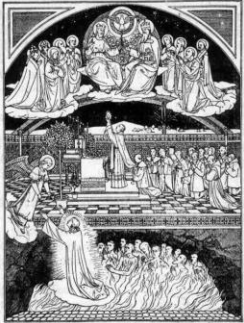
Dereck Cook

Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated in November

Fr. Garron will be celebrating all Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical calendar as noted below. These feasts will be celebrated at **Trinity Chapel** with a Mass and fellowship to follow, unless otherwise stated. If the feast day is during the week, the Mass is held at 5:30 p.m. If it is on Saturday or a holiday, Mass will be held at Noon.

All Saints' Day— Friday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy the feature article about All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on pages 12-13!



All Souls' Day— Saturday, November 2nd at 12:00 p.m.



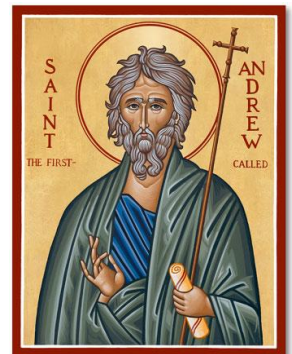
Thanksgiving Day Vigil—Wednesday, November 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day in the United States finds its roots in observances begun by colonists in Massachusetts and Virginia, a tradition later taken up and extended to the whole of the new American nation by action of the Continental Congress. The celebration continued intermittently during the nineteenth century, and in 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation establishing Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November. Following an act of Congress, in 1941 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt officially designated the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.



The Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle — Saturday, November 30th at Noon

It is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper. Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."



Schedule for Fellowship after Feast Day Services

Groups responsible for refreshments on Feast Days for November – December are:

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| 1. Vestry | 4. ECM | 6. Trinity Missionary Society |
| 2. Guild of Grace | 5. Acolytes and Altar Servers | 7. Book Club |
| 3. Altar Guild | | |

We are now in our second rotation of groups assigned to provide refreshments for feast days. The feast days have been well attended and the fellowship following has been widely popular!

Would each group please ask your membership to attend and be in charge of refreshments for the date assigned below? Usually three people can handle the fellowship setup, bring food, wine, and clean up.

Each group may handle the feast days in any way they wish; my thought – if a list of members is created, then, three people from the list would be asked or volunteer to be responsible for a particular date. The next time that group is assigned a date, three different people would be in charge of bringing refreshments. When everyone takes a turn, it is enjoyable for all.

When assigning the feast day fellowships, I did not add groups to be in charge of refreshments for the December feast days. However, next in order on the list beginning with December 26th would be Guild of Grace; December 27th, Altar Guild; and December 28th, ECM. December 25th is another opportunity if one of these groups is available. Please decide in your group whether you will be available to fit this in during your Christmas holiday schedule. Thank you!

November

- Friday, November 1st *All Saints' Day* 5:30 p.m. at Trinity **Trinity Missionary Society**
- Saturday, November 2nd *All Souls' Day* Time at Noon at St. Paul's; no fellowship as it will occur during the watch party for the Installation of the Presiding Bishop.
- Wednesday, November 27th *Thanksgiving Day Vigil* 5:30 p.m. at Trinity **Book Club**
- Saturday, November 30th *The Feast of St. Andrew* Noon at St. Paul's; no fellowship following

December

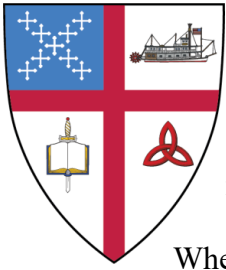
- Thursday, December 12th *The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe* 5:30 p.m. at Trinity **Fr. Garron**
- Tuesday, December 24th *Christmas Eve Mass* 10:00 p.m. at St. Paul's; no fellowship
- Wednesday, December 25th *Christmas Day* 10:00 a.m. at Trinity; no fellowship
- Thursday, December 26th *The Feast of St. Stephen* 5:30 p.m. at Trinity
- Friday, December 27th *The Feast of St. John The Evangelist* 5:30 p.m. at Trinity
- Saturday, December 28th *Feast of Holy Innocents* Noon at Trinity

Mimi Almonroeder

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Upcoming Meetings

We welcome all women of the parish to join our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, which will be held on November 6th and December 4th. Our meetings are held in the conference room at St. Paul's at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Liz Bumbacher



Priestly Reflection on the 147th Synod

I am still amazed by what I experienced during the Diocese of Springfield 147th Synod. This was my first Synod as not only a Priest in this Diocese, but my first Synod as a voting member of the clergy.

When looking back at the course of the Synod and the address of Bishop Brian Burgess, I can't help but feel a sense of hope and passion for the work of the Church and the Diocese at large. The Bishop talked about the importance of using whatever resources we have for the building of the Kingdom of God. He talked about how it doesn't matter how little you may have because regardless of what you have, if Christ is at the center of what you do then everything else will fall into place. When we remember we are serving Christ and here to continue to care for the souls of our people and the people in our community, then we will see revitalization and we will see growth.

The Bishop talked about the Effingham Episcopal Fellowship, a small congregation forming in Effingham, IL. This very small but mighty group of people had their first stewardship campaign with a little over \$8k to start. Before too long, we could see them becoming an official mission and eventually a full-fledged parish. We often hear of decline in Churches and some closing their doors for good, yet here in our own Diocese there is a new Church that's forming. The Bishop went on to also discuss the hardship of Anglicans in Tanzania that he saw during his summer trip. They have little in regards to resources and constantly have to deal with a government that can take everything they have in the matter of days. Yet they confirmed over 100 new

Anglicans while he was there and were greeted by large crowds of people. They too are building Churches and having to build larger ones to fit all the new Anglicans they keep getting. Another example of fellow Anglicans who have very little in regards to resources, yet are growing at a rapid pace.

I can't help but feel that his message was all about the power of Christ and the Gospel. That was the key to this new growth. By the power of the Gospel we are all called to evangelize and reach out to our community to help care for our fellow brothers and sisters in need. We are not meant to just stay in the walls of our Church. We are not meant to be a hidden gem or a quiet secret. We are meant to live deeply into our faith. Living deeply into our faith involves active participation in that faith and letting everyone and anyone know about the work of the Church. If we are excited about what we are doing, others will pick up on that feeling. The excitement for the work and life of Christ is contagious! Being excited about our work together, using what resources we have to help continue the mission of Christ, and having Christ at the center of our prayerful community are the key elements of growth.

So as we continue to discern "what's next" for our community or what impact we are wanting to create, we are called to remember that Christ is to be at the center of all that we are and all that we are to accomplish. It's with Christ and through Christ that we too will see change and growth in the most mysterious and beautiful of ways!

Fr. Garron+



Report of the 147th Synod Of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

The 2024 Diocesan Synod took place in Effingham, Illinois, October 18-19, 2024, hosted by all the churches of the Eastern Deanery. Representing the Episcopal Parish of Alton were Fr. Garron and lay delegates Susan Lukasik and Marti LoRusso.

Conducted business included approval of the 2024 budget, appointments and election of diocesan officers and representatives (only one of which had more than one candidate), reports of various entities, and voting on resolutions.

This year there weren't as many resolutions as usual, and nothing controversial to discuss and vote on. The one resolution, other than "courtesy" resolutions, concerned adding a line (see underlined) to Canon 40, Section 5, to read, "All accounts of congregations, including accounts relating to programs and ministries that generate revenue on a regular and ongoing basis as a result of business with the public, shall be audited annually by an independent Certified Public Accountant, or independent Licensed Public Accountant or such audit committee as shall be authorized by the Department of Audit, or other applicable Diocesan authority." The resolution was easily approved. The many courtesy resolutions included one that welcomed the two new priests to the Diocese, including our very own Fr. Garron Daniels!

Bishop Brian Burgess, who led the Synod, gave a very inspirational address, which can be read in its entirety by going to the diocesan website episcopalspringfield.org (look under Resources, and then click on Synod 2024). You can also view the Synod slideshow, which shows the year in review with photos from all the congregations in the Diocese, including ours.

In addition to conducting the business of the Diocese, Synod offered lots of opportunities for worship, education, and fellowship. Friday included a presentation on what was billed as *Ancient Heresies in Modern Times*. Friday evening, a Eucharistic service was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and we had Morning Prayer at the convention hall on Saturday morning.

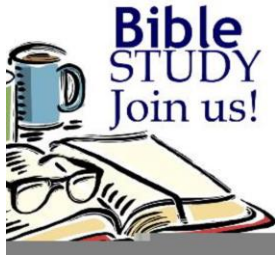
Other educational offerings occurred as Breakout Sessions Saturday morning. Delegates were allowed to choose between a presentation on Music or one on Finance. I attended the one on Music, and Fr. Garron and Marti attended the one on Finance. The Music forum was presented by Kim Wiese, Henry Evans, and Fr. Jonathan Butcher. I learned that many parishes are struggling with small choirs and that, even so, there are many pieces of music that can be sung, even for those congregations that don't have an organist. We also got to participate in a piece of music by playing a hand drum, tambourine, and bells (I played a couple of bells)! It sounded great! It might be fun to add a little percussion to some of our anthems!

Probably my favorite part of Synod is the fellowship! I was excited to talk with various priests who have graced our altars in the past, including Fr. Kip Ashmore, Fr. Gene Stormer, Fr. John Henry, Canon Mark Evans, Fr. David Boase, and Mother Cindy Sever!

Attending Synod is certainly a worthwhile endeavor. Even though the date and place of next year's Synod have not yet been determined, I encourage each of you to consider being a part of this diocesan event. The two lay delegates to Synod from our parish are elected at the Annual Meeting, which takes place in January. It's not too soon to prayerfully consider whether this is a way you might contribute to the Church.

Susan Lukasik

Tuesday Bible Study Continues with Fr. Garron



Fr. Garron will continue Tuesday morning Bible Study at St. Paul's beginning at 10:00 a.m. following Morning Prayer, which now begins at 9:00 a.m.

For those who cannot attend on Tuesday mornings because of work or other commitments, Fr. Garron is now also providing a Tuesday evening Bible Study which meets at St. Paul's each week beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Both Bible study classes will soon be completing their study of the Gospel of Mark. At that time, they will begin their study of Revelation. Fr. Garron is working to keep the two classes on the same chapters so that any individual could attend either morning or evening on any given week as their schedule allows. Be sure to bring your Bible!

Education Commission



The next date for the **Pet Food Pantry is November 3rd**. The Pet Food Pantry is open one hour monthly, usually on the first Sunday of the month, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. People may enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance.

Our 1st annual "Dawgs 4 PAWS" fundraiser was a tremendous success raising over \$800! Many thanks to all who

participated in so many ways providing food, silent auction items, music, and so much more; and to all who came to enjoy the beautiful day in St. Paul's garden...especially the pets who received their blessing!

We are grateful for five local businesses for keeping a donation jar on their counter. Please support these businesses and thank them for helping us provide pet food for families in need:

Farm Fresh, Roxana;
Daniel-Randall Veterinary Clinic, Godfrey;
St. Peter's Hardware, Alton;
White Birch, Godfrey; and
Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton.

Evangelism and Outreach Commission

Lapel Pins Now on Sale

EPA lapel pins are now available! Get your very own lapel pin to show off your EPA pride! Pins are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Fr. Garron. Cash or checks (made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church) are accepted. All proceeds will be given to the educational endeavors of the Church.



Prayers for the Nation

Regardless of who you vote for, what you believe, or who wins, it's important that we pray for ALL people and that we pray for sound leadership and government; just like we do every Sunday during the Prayers of the People. Here are some prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer* that I would encourage you to use in your personal prayer life. You can also use the Great Litany that begins on page 148 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.



Pray for the election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray for our own work for the common good

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Fr. Garron+

Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life

If you want to learn more about:

- Ways to protect, maintain, and progress your physical and mental health;
- New forms of exercise to keep active or what it really means to “lift with your legs” when picking up a heavy box;
- Balance and coordination so that when winter rolls around, you feel confident about navigating the outdoors...

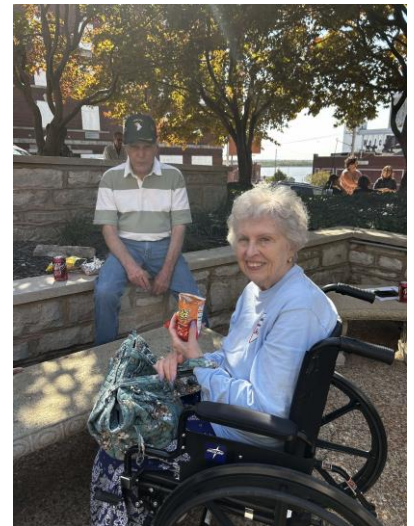


Join Nathalia Baum, Occupational Therapist and Certified Exercise Physiologist, for a series of classes targeting different topics surrounding health, wellness, and fitness. The next class will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. in Heneghan Hall at St. Paul's and will focus on a chair aerobics activity followed by a discussion on fall prevention for the winter season.

Individuals of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to come. Some classes will be more informational than physical, but please always plan to arrive in comfortable clothing that you are able to move freely in. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Nathalia at baumnathalia1@gmail.com.

Out and About with EPA

Synod, Dawgs 4 Paws and Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build-a-Bed



Margie's Bookstore Reopening Sunday, November 3rd

We are thrilled to announce the reopening of **Margie's Bookstore** on **Sunday, November 3rd**, right after the church service at St. Paul's! Many of you share fond memories of the bookstore's early days, when **Margie Kodros** welcomed everyone with her kindness and warm smile. Margie had a remarkable eye for selecting unique and beloved items, and we are committed to continuing her tradition of curating the perfect merchandise for our community.

Our new committee has been hard at work selecting a fresh collection of items, including favorites you've been waiting for and some exciting new additions. While inventory may be limited for our reopening, rest assured we will be expanding our selection in the coming weeks. We want to ensure that everyone finds something they love, and we're always open to suggestions!

Going forward, the bookstore will be open on the **first and third Sunday of each month** after the church service, as well as during special events. We encourage everyone to stop by, browse, and connect with the spirit of memories of Margie's.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the current committee members: **Meg Dorris, Rosie Elkins, Irene McLaughlin**, and **Lisa Springman**, whose dedication has been invaluable to the reopening of the bookstore.

We look forward to seeing you at **Margie's Bookstore** on **November 3rd** and throughout the year!

The Bookstore Committee

Millie Hancock, Parish Bookstore Manager

"Beneath an autumn sky, grateful hearts gather to share the blessings of this beautiful life."



Stewardship Notes

The Parish has kicked off the stewardship campaign for 2025. Our goal for 2025 is \$100,000. All pledges received at the church throughout the week are placed in the offering plate and brought forward on Sunday morning to be blessed.

Included in the stewardship mailing is a 2024 pledged-giving statement allowing parishioners to check for accuracy and view their current 2024 giving total.

Looking at the 2024 financials, in a nutshell, we continue to be on target with our budgeted expenses, but under budget on pledged giving. We are hopeful that in these last remaining months, this will balance out by the end of the year.

Judy Jones, Treasurer

Sign up now for the PROGRESSIVE DINNER



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Thank you for your positive response expressing interest in attending the Parish Life Progressive Dinner which will be held Saturday, November 16th. Please make your reservation no later than Thursday, November 7th, by calling Ann in the office between 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or by calling Marti LoRusso 618-251-4921. Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions.

Our evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Trinity Chapel. There, each person or couple will be given their destination for the salad and entree site and can make arrangements to carpool for the evening. We will all go to Donna Fisher's home for cocktails and appetizers. Then, at approximately 6:15, all will leave and head to either the homes of Meg and Scott Dorris, Judy Jones, or Irene and Pat McLaughlin. To close the evening, we plan to have dessert and coffee at Trinity Chapel between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Times are all approximate and will be adjusted as needed.

Our goal in holding a progressive dinner is to promote fellowship, to encourage people to get to know each other better, and to strengthen the ties between each of our parish family members. Please contact Marti LoRusso for more information.

Parish Life Commission

Time....to Set Your Clocks Back!

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 3rd, so be sure to set your clocks back ONE HOUR Saturday night, November 2nd, before going to bed!



FALL BACK



The History of All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

The beginning of the writing of this article happens to be the first day of autumn and thus, three observed Christian days are right around the corner: All Hallows' Eve on October 31st, All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd.

Growing up as a member of the Catholic church, I never recall hearing the term "All Hallows' Eve" but most certainly remember the term "Halloween." I remember going to the annual Halloween parade, on hayrides, carving pumpkins and baking the seeds that came out of the carved pumpkins that we made into Jack-O-Lanterns. I also immensely enjoyed going to the scariest haunted houses my friends and I could find.

So, how did what was supposed to be a celebration of Christian origins come to be called Halloween, where people dress up in pursuit of candy and treats, or participate in other forms of non-Christian type mischief on October 31st? The chronological origin of All Hallows' Eve is not exactly known but is dated as far back as the first century, becoming more widespread into the 11th century. Starting in the Celtic countries of Ireland, Scotland and Northern France, the celebration of All Hallows' Eve originated from an ancient festival called Samhain, which means Summer's End. It was the eve of the Celtic New Year, November 1st. October 31st marked summer's end and the beginning of the cold fall and winter months. The Celts had a belief that October 31st, the day before the November 1st new year, the world's barriers between the living and the souls of the dead became thin and blurry, thus allowing the souls of the deceased to easily pass through. The Celts believed many of the spirits returning on All Hallows' Eve would walk the earth to destroy crops and wreak other havoc upon the earth. Over the centuries, All Hallows' Eve ceremonies spread throughout Europe in both Christian and secular groups. The ritual styles became varied and countless among European countries. As centuries passed, the belief started to become widespread that the souls of the deceased that would inhabit the earth on All Hallows' Eve came to seek revenge on the living, thus the living began to wear masks and disguises, making themselves unrecognizable to the deceased souls roaming the earth on All Hallows' Eve.

Around the 10th-11th century, the impoverished Christian people of the Celtic countries would dress up in costumes and go door to door to people's houses accepting food in exchange for praying for them and/or the souls of their deceased loved ones. Over the years, this became more wide-spread and children as well began dressing up in costumes, and in lieu of praying for their donators and their deceased they began accepting food, money, ales, fruits, nuts and even treats and sweets in exchange for reciting poems, singing, dancing, performing tricks, telling jokes, etc.

All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) is just the first of a three-day Triduum and celebration that also includes All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd. What is the distinction between them? The triduum celebration of these three consecutive holy days is known as "ALLHALLOWTIDE," which has three combined meanings: "ALL" meaning every, "HALLOW" meaning holy, and the word "TIDE", meaning the time of the season.

Having already discussed All Hallows' Eve, what is All Saints' Day? It is a Christian solemnity that honors all saints and martyrs of the Church, both known and unknown. All Saints' Day celebrations began in the 4th century and were celebrated on various dates and times, usually around Easter and Pentecost. Around the 9th century, many western Catholic parishes and denominations started celebrating All Saints' Day on November 1st and it was later declared to be celebrated on this date by Pope Gregory the IV.

All Souls' Day, the third and final day of the Allhallowtide triduum, commemorates all the souls of the faithful departed. The practice of commemorating and praying for all souls began around the 6th century, and much like All Saints' Day, was celebrated on various days and times and in varying degrees. The Catholic priest, St. Odilo of Cluny, instituted All Souls' Day be celebrated on November 2nd sometime in the 10th century and is celebrated to this day in western Catholic and Christian parishes, completing the Allhallowtide triduum.

Sources: Wikipedia, World History Encyclopedia, Faith-ND, Christian.Net, LittleChapelway.com, Christianity.com, Familysearch.org

Chuck Drennan



EPA Taking Part in Green Gift Bazaar

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 30th, when the Green Gift Bazaar will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Vendors will be arriving at 8:00 a.m. to put up their tables and create their space around Heneghan Hall as well as upstairs and possibly downstairs. The Post Commons will also be participating in the event.

The Green Gift Bazaar is a collaboration between Alton Main Street and the Sierra Club of Illinois' Three Rivers Project. The event is part of Small Business Saturday and features a variety of eco-friendly gifts, including herbal products, jewelry, art, ornaments, house plants and clothing.

We plan on selling drinks, coffee, water and soda, and we will be offering a lunch of chili, vegetarian soup, sandwiches and fruit, plus sweet rolls for breakfast. We will need kitchen workers and people to help in other areas throughout the church. Additionally, we plan on selling our nuts.

Please check the bulletin board the first of November to sign up to help with this wonderful opportunity for people to see our beautiful church. Many thanks!

Publicity and Public Relations Commission

Irene McLaughlin and Millie Hancock



Prepare for Advent! Make an Advent Wreath and a Plan for Prayer

On Sunday, December 1st, let's gather in Heneghan Hall to make our own Advent wreaths. We will start at noon to create the wreaths. Enough supplies will be provided so that each family may make one wreath.

The cost for materials per wreath is \$5.00. Please make your reservations by November 17th, so that we can order and prepare all the necessary materials. Call St. Paul's office Monday ~ Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – noon at 618-465-9149.

Education Commission

Mimi Almonroeder and Meg Dorris

Book Club News

The book selections for November and December's book club promise to be engaging, starting with *The Memory Library* by Kate Storey for November, followed by Lynn Austin's *Waiting for Christmas* in December.

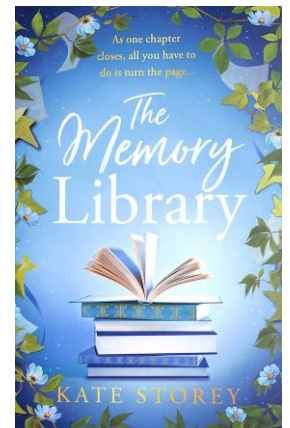
In light of the Thanksgiving holiday, the November meeting will be held at Trinity Chapel at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20th. The time of the December meeting has yet to be decided. Watch for notices in the Sunday bulletin or email Mimi for information at diamondzoe@charter.net. Join us for great discussions, great fellowship, and always...great food!

A brand new, must-read novel of family, friendship and the power of storytelling to leave you feeling hopeful and inspired in 2024.

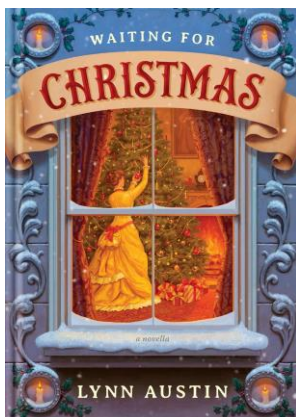
Each year, on her daughter's birthday, she adds a new book to her shelves – with a note in the front dedicated to her own greatest work.

But Ella – Sally's only child – fled to Australia twenty-two years ago after a heated exchange, and never looked back. And though Sally still dutifully adds a new paperback to the shelves every time the clock strikes midnight on July 11th, her hopes of her daughter ever thumbing through the pages are starting to dwindle.

Then disaster strikes and Ella is forced to return to the home she once knew. She is soon to discover that when one chapter ends, another will soon follow... All you have to do is turn the page...



Journey through the pages of this heartwarming novel, where hope, friendship and second chances are written in the margins.



In this hope-filled Gilded Age Christmas novella from bestselling author Lynn Austin, the year is 1901 and the hustle and bustle of the holidays is descending on New York's Fifth Avenue.

For the first time in her privileged life, Adelaide Forsythe won't be swept up in it. She couldn't be happier about the prospect of a quieter Christmas. That's not to say her transition from Miss to Mrs. has been without challenge. Though she doesn't regret marrying for love instead of wealth, she can barely light the hearth or cook more than burnt toast. She feels woefully unprepared to run her own household.

Then, on the first Sunday of Advent, winter winds bring change through two unlikely means: a young orphan boy, hiding near Adelaide's front steps, and a seasoned housekeeper who seems too good to be true.

The boy, Jack, claims he isn't an orphan at all and is desperate to reunite his family. Adelaide and her husband Howard work tirelessly to solve the riddle of Jack's story, while Adelaide's new endeavors open her eyes to a world beyond her past experience—and all the challenge and possibility it holds. As Christmas approaches, small glimmers of wonder light the way toward the answers Adelaide seeks and the most miraculous gift of all.

Education Commission

Harvest Feast Set for November 24th

Please join us in Heneghan Hall on Sunday, November 24th, for a Harvest Feast brunch provided by Parish LifeCommission. The brunch will be served after the 10:30 a.m. service at St. Paul's and the menu is:

Egg Casserole
French Toast Casserole
Bacon & Sausage
Fresh Fruit

Your reservation will help us prepare the right amount of food. RSVP to: episcopaltan@gmail.com or call the church office at 618-465-9149. For more information, please call Mimi Almonroeder at 618-581-5756.



Parish Life Commission



Love Thy Neighbor

Being an adult and being hungry, or not knowing where your next meal is coming from is a hard thing to deal with. It would be even harder to be a parent and not be able to feed your children and possibly not eat yourself. Over the next two months, parishioners are asked to bring nonperishable food items to help make sure area families can have a meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To collect the donated food items, you will find baskets both at Trinity Chapel and St. Paul's in the narthex and fellowship halls. Throughout the month, collection efforts will be highlighted with growing displays placed at the base of the sanctuary windows. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please feel free to call April Drennan and or Mary Molloy.

Evangelism and Outreach Commission



Did you know there is a new and convenient way to earn money for The Episcopal Parish of Alton (EPA) just by shopping online? Remember using AmazonSmile? Your purchases on AmazonSmile earned a percentage of money for the EPA....super easy. Unfortunately, that program does not exist any longer.

If you recall several years ago, we were introduced to a fundraising program, ShopwithScrip. Our parish is still enrolled in this program which is now called **RaiseRight**. It is an ongoing fundraiser for our church that uses gift cards instead of cash or credit cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses like groceries, gas, dining out, that morning coffee addiction, even your family's summer vacation. Each participant in our program can earn money for EPA that comes from their purchase of gift cards. This is still an excellent way to earn money for our church!

NOW, you can earn money for our parish in a brand new way – in addition to gift cards – **simply by shopping online!** If you shop online, there is a chance that your brands are available on RaiseRight! There are 450+ brands that are enrolled in this new online way to earn for our church.

As our parish coordinator for RaiseRight, I would love to help you enroll in this program and will be happy to walk you through the process. Eash Sunday after church at St. Paul's, I will be available during coffee hour to assist you in enrolling. If you attend services at Trinity, I can definitely attend service there and meet with you after the service. Let me know you need help and I will gladly work with you.

In the meantime, why don't you check out the website [raiseright.com](https://www.raiseright.com). If you feel pretty confident about your skills navigating websites, here's the link to enroll and the enrollment code connected to The Episcopal Parish of Alton. Copy and paste it to your web browser.

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=A331139955862>

Our enrollment code is A331139955862

Mimi Almonroeder
RaiseRight Coordinator

Saturday Café—In Service with our Neighbors

Our parish is one of several local churches that joins in serving meals through the Saturday Café program held at First Presbyterian Church on Alby Street that serves free lunches to those in need. **The next date for the Episcopal Parish of Alton to provide and serve food is November 16th**, which is the last date in 2024 that the EPA will be serving.

Would you like to help? We generally meet in the kitchen at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. and are done by 12:30 p.m., but you are welcome to come for a shorter time if you wish. The main part of the meal is usually prepared ahead of time, and side dishes and desserts are purchased.





The average cost is \$170 per Saturday. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the food, you may write a check to *The Episcopal Parish of Alton* and note “Saturday Café” in the memo area. Or, you can now simply scan the QR code and select “Saturday Café” from the drop down menu to make a contribution.

For more information about how to help, please contact Mimi Almonroeder at 618-581-5756 or diamondzoe@charter.net.

Evangelism and Outreach Commission

Let's Walk for Good Health and Fellowship!



The group of Friday morning walkers will continue meeting each week when people are available to walk. The exact time and location are determined on a weekly basis--Mimi usually notifies everyone ahead of time to see who wants to walk that Friday. If you are interested in joining us, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at diamondzoe@charter.net or 618-581-5756.

Parish Life Commission

Simplify your Giving to the Episcopal Parish of Alton



Scan the QR code (left) to initiate your gift today!

We encourage you to prayerfully consider setting up a recurring gift that will automate your regular giving. If you have any questions, please reach out to our church office so we can assist you.



Please note the following updates/changes in our church directory:

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Alton, IL 62002-7003

Chris Jones email: cfjones58@yahoo.com

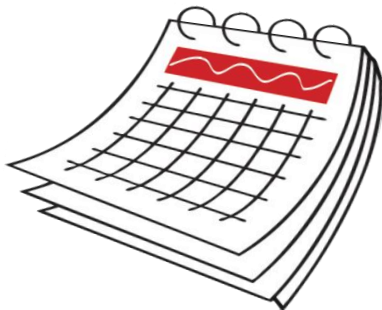


Note regarding Fr. Garron's November Vacation

I will be gone on a vacation and personal retreat from **Monday, November 11th to Friday, November 15th**. During this time I will be in Sewanee, TN, where I attended seminary. While I always try to make myself available, I ask that you please wait to call or text me until I return from this trip, unless it's an emergency. Feel free to send me e-mails, I just likely won't open them until Sunday or Monday of my return.

Please know that I will be praying for you all during this time and I look forward to coming back refreshed and ready to hit the ground running again!

Fr. Garron+



Calendar for November

Friday, November 1st *All Saints' Day* 5:30 p.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel

Saturday, November 2nd

10:00 a.m. Watch party for Installation of Presiding Bishop at St. Paul's

12:00 p.m. *All Souls' Day Requiem Mass* at St. Paul's

Daylight Saving time ends – turn your clock back tonight!

Sunday, November 3rd *The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - All Saints' Sunday*

Open Offering supports Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry



Tuesday, November 5th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's



Wednesday, November 6th

10:00 a.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's

Saturday, November 9th

10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life at St. Paul's-Heneghan Hall

Sunday, November 10th *The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong service at St. Paul's followed by reception

Monday, November 11th *Office closed in observance of Veteran's Day*

Fr. Garron on vacation through Friday, November 15th. No Morning Prayer or Bible Study will be held this week.

Saturday, November 16th

5:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner beginning at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, November 17th *The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, November 19th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

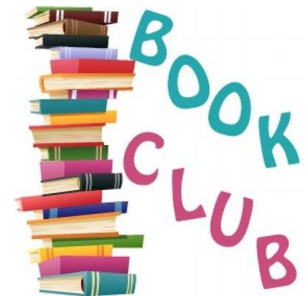
6:30 p.m. Vestry at St. Paul's

Wednesday, November 20th 9:30 a.m. Book Club at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, November 24th *The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's – followed by the Thanksgiving Harvest Feast Brunch



Wednesday, November 27th *Thanksgiving Day Vigil* 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Chapel

Thursday, November 28th *Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving – No Morning Prayer*

Saturday, November 30th

8:00 a.m. Vendors arriving and setting up for Green Gift Bazaar

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Green Gift Bazaar event

Fr. Garron will lead Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at St. Paul's
Monday-Thursday at 9:00 a.m. except as noted above



November Birthdays

03 Angela Donohoo
04 Tom Harris
04 Eric Walton
06 Ryan Sever
11 Dereck Cook
14 Harold Green
30 Ron Downey





EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Love Thy Neighbor

**FOOD
DRIVE**

LET'S SHOW OUR LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

FOOD ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED AND DISPLAYED IN
THE PARISH WINDOWS AND IN THE NARTHEX FROM
NOVEMBER 1ST-24TH. ITEMS WILL THEN BE DONATED
TO THE CRISIS FOOD CENTER!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Holiday Food Items of Any Kind [Think of
Thanksgiving & Christmas Foods]
Muffin Mix/Corn Bread Mix
Pasta Related Items
Macaroni & Cheese Items

Vestry

Fr. Garron Daniels+—Priest in Charge

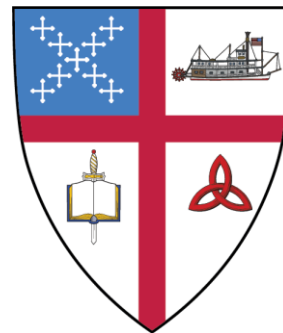
Mimi Almonroeder—Senior Warden

Robbie Cupp—Junior Warden

Judy Jones—Treasurer

Lisa Springman—Clerk of the Vestry

Tony Springman—People's Warden Emeritus



Vestry Commissions:

Education: *Mimi Almonroeder, Meg Dorris

Evangelism & Outreach: April Drennan, Mary Molloy

Liturgy & Music: *Irene McLaughlin, Robbie Cupp, Chuck Drennan, Millie Hancock

Parish Life: *Mimi Almonroeder, Donna Fisher, April Drennan

Property & Maintenance: *Bill Moyer, Robbie Cupp, Chuck Drennan, Donna Fisher,
Tom Harris

Public Relations & Publicity: *Millie Hancock, Irene McLaughlin

Finance & Insurance: *Judy Jones (*ex officio*), *Meg Dorris, Tom Harris, Bill Moyer

* Indicates lead person



The deadline for the December *Angelus* is November 20th. Please email your articles and photos to episcopalalton@gmail.com.

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The Processional Cross and Offertory Plate have recently been lovingly restored – look at the difference!

Before photos –



After restoration –

