



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

June 13, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 am

To live-stream the service - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:
[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

[Bulletin for Sunday, June 16](#)

Vacation for our Rector

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Rev. Dave will be out of the office starting Monday, June 17th and will be back in the office on Thursday, June 27th. The Rev. Everett Walk will preach and preside on Sunday, June 23rd.

Scripture Readings for June 16, 2024

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

[*Click Here for the Readings*](#)



The flowers for Sunday, June 16th are given in thanksgiving to our fathers and to the glory of God.



A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, thank you for the gift of our fathers. Thank you for their encouragement, their guidance, and their provision for us. Thank you for their patience, understanding, and sense of humor, and for their unfailing love.

We ask you to bless our fathers with your spirit of wisdom, counsel and fortitude. May they feel your love in their hearts, your peace in their minds and your joy in their spirits this day.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



Sunday Sermons

If you would like to read Rev. Dave's recent sermon,
please click the link below

[Sermon: The Snake is Still Speaking](#)

PRAYERS

A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for peace in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

We Pray for our People

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Amelia, Dennis, Alice and Angie and Amy Jo. Give the comfort of your Holy Spirit to all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, for Violet as she receives treatment for pancreatic cancer, and Nancy. We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Jennifer Vaughn.
May light perpetual shine upon her.*

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

Podcast: A Bridge Between

Episode 80: A New Creation

Also available on Spotify:

Spotify: A Bridge Between

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Gallery Artist

Our featured artist through June is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.



Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Discussion Groups will go on a short vacation the last two weeks of June. We will resume on July 2nd.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

AllAngelsLBK.org

REFLECTION

Friendship

What makes life worth living? When I was young and infatuated with the television show LA Law (when I thought I was going to be an attorney), I assumed that money was what made life worth living. Come to think of it, television programming in the mid-1980s seemed to lift up the prestige of making money, power, and influence. An interesting thing about aging is the shift of what one finds important and specifically, what makes life worth living.



My closest friend from High School, Brian, and I have been doing some catching up this past week. He lives in Minnesota, and I last saw him in 2019, but we work at keeping in touch. He and his wife Julie are facing the realities of an empty nest and physically declining parents. I suppose this

is the season of life that we are both in. Friendship holds as a bond through it.

It should be noted that when I was fifteen, I may have thought I had the world all worked out and that I knew what I wanted – which very clearly was to be an attorney and drive a red convertible 911 Porsche. The equation looked like this: attorney + Porsche = happiness. Forty years later, I have a different equation running in my head. None of it has to do with practicing law or driving a convertible. The new equation has more qualities to it. Love + family = happiness. Friendships + serving a healthy and happy church = happiness. Being outdoors and being with those who I love = happiness. Getting a good night's sleep should be in there too. I have written to you about love and family and church and being outdoors. But what about friendship and happiness?

My wife is my best friend. Thankfully I married my best friend, and we are still friends to this day. That's enough to equal happiness. Yet, she is not my only friend. I have Brian who has known me for most of my life. I have Alex who is both a clergy colleague, fellow podcaster, and friend. We are making plans to go out on the boat with our families on Friday afternoon.

That equals happiness too! I have a new friend, Julia, who is also the senior pastor at the Presbyterian church on Longboat Key. I have made friendships with the business leaders in my Tuesday networking group. And I am blessed to serve in a church where I work side by side for the mission of the church – to bring the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church – with, as St. Paul wrote, friends and fellow coworkers for Christ. I often introduce you all as “friend” instead of the traditional “parishioner” title.

What makes life worth living for Jesus? He is quoted in John's Gospel saying this: *I no longer call you servants; I call you friends.* It makes me wonder if having servants makes life worth living. Probably not. But friends, that's a whole different way of being. It makes me wonder about the theological premises of the Trinity. What if it's based on friendship and

the theological premise of the Trinity. What if it's based on friendship and love and happiness. Christi and I are different, but we are one in marriage and in friendship (and our kids seem to think we are interchangeable – tell one something and the other one will know it). Back in High School, Brian and I had a similar, trinitarian, relationship where we knew what the other was thinking and felt what the other felt. Perhaps we still have that today which is why when we talk it feels as if time has not moved in-between conversations.

One of the most beautiful aspects of All Angels by the Sea is our fertile garden of friendship. We have a friend (and parishioner) who recently moved into a memory care center. Her friends from All Angels have been showing up to give her a hug and listen to her wisdom. I have seen friendship blossom at All Angels even with people who only know each other through our online system. Again, friendship is because of our common ties with the mission of the church and our desire to know one another. Clearly this goes way beyond my understanding of happiness in my teens – thinking happiness was about one's profession and earning a paycheck.

Nowadays I know better, All Angels + friendship = a worthwhile life.

- Fr. Dave





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