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**THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS...**
**By Rev. Kershaw**

Why remember saints? It doesn't matter whether we're talking about the capital "S" Saints (the ones commemorated with special days, or whose names and feats are documented) or the small "s" saints (the ones whose names and feats are known only to a few). Why remember?

First, because remembering gives us a sense of history, a sense of belonging to the "cloud of witnesses" mentioned in the Letter to the Hebrews. The readers of the letter were experiencing persecution. The writer wanted them to find strength in remembering those who had gone before—so great a cloud of witnesses—also persecuted or dealing with hardship, in order to persevere in faith. We remember those who have gone before, not to repeat the example of their particular deeds, but to repeat the example of their great faith. In a technological age experiencing great change and innovation, it's important to remember our long roots of faith, our history, and the cloud of witnesses.

Remembering the Saints/saints is not just about the past. We also remember the saints so that we can be grateful for the present. There would be no Church without the time, talent, and treasure of generation after generation of faithful people. There would be no St. John's without the time, talent, and treasure of much more recent generations. The fact that we can gather here to worship, learn, support, reach out, pray, sing, be a presence in Walpole, and discern the Spirit, is due to the generosity of time, talent, and treasure of saints we've known and called friends...the generations of faithful not far removed from our own time—saints with a small "s", though perhaps the most important saints for us because they are the nearest, most direct, and most intimate connections we have with the cloud of witnesses. They made our faith not just a possibility, but a reality. We all have a list of names of these saints.

Remembering the Saints/saints is also about the future. Someday, our Spirit-discerned work will be done. What we do now, how we discern the Spirit and how we respond to the Spirit sets the stage for future ministry. Our generosity of time, talent, and treasure is as much for generations yet to come as it is for the present.

On Sunday, November 1—All Saints Day—we'll celebrate this convergence of past, present, and future generosity and ministry. We'll name our saints during the liturgy. We'll give thanks for pledges of financial support. We'll welcome the presence and leadership of Canon to the Ordinary Tim Rich. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch together after the Eucharist and hear about the six exciting goals for the next three years of ministry, developed out of the Mutual Ministry Review interviews.

I hope everyone will be part of this big celebration of the saints in our pews!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1!

Peace,

*Susan +*

**Reminder:**

*The next issue's articles are due on the 15th of the previous month..*

## ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 29

By Rev. Kershaw

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It's a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Word in flesh. The word *advent* is from the Latin *adventus*, which is a form of the Greek word *parousia*, which refers to the Second Coming. The season of Advent is as much about expectant waiting for the birth of Jesus as it is about expectant waiting for the return of Christ in the Second Coming. What does that promised return mean to our decisions, plans, priorities, and faith?

Advent 1 also marks the beginning of new effort at St. John's. When "fifth" Sundays occur (four times a year), we'll be welcoming the participation of our young people in the liturgy. How appropriate that they have a voice in this Advent time of expectation and preparation! On November 29, we'll light the first candle on the Advent wreath. We'll hear the words about expectation uttered by prophets. We'll sing wonderful Advent music. Be sure to join in!

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 14

By Rev. Kershaw

Delegates Sue Bauer, Sarah Downing, and Mary Ann Longever and Alternate Delegates Charlie Montgomery and George Kershaw will travel along with the Rector to St. Paul's Church in Concord for the 207th Annual Diocesan Convention.

We'll share our convention experiences during the service on Sunday, November 15.

The convention delegates will vote on resolutions for Clergy Compensation for 2010; on the 2010 budget; on establishing an annual Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday. In addition, they'll vote on resolutions that address the importance of ministry to youth and children in our communities and resolutions that put an Evangelism tool kit into place in the diocese of NH.

Information about the meeting is available on the NH Diocese website: [www.nhepiscopal.org](http://www.nhepiscopal.org).

## Cookie bakers, start your ovens!

By Georgie Haight and Mary Schoppmeyer, Cookie Co-Chairs

As always, we will need LOTS of cookies to fill up those coffee cans! Please keep these guidelines in mind as you bake:

- Smaller-sized cookies (1" balls or squares, logs, and so on) fit well into the coffee cans. Big cookies can be troublesome.
- If at all possible, bake double batches! Multiple dozens of many varieties are needed.
- Bake ahead and freeze! Remove cookies from freezer the night before the event, at the earliest.
- For ease of handling, any frostings should be air-hardened; remember that condensation tends to soften frosting, and plan accordingly.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and NOTICES



### Don't Forget: Clocks Turn Back!

We return to Eastern Standard Time on Sunday, November 1.

### Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 10 a.m.	Sunday School & Eucharist
Wednesday, Noon	Mid-week Eucharist
Friday, 9 a.m.	Clergy breakfast at Murray's
Friday, 10:30 a.m.	Soul Friends prayer group

### Community Thanksgiving Service

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing on Wednesday, November 25, 7 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Gathering with our neighbors to give thanks is a great way to begin this holiday. The evening's offering will go to the Walpole Community Christmas Fund, which helps assist needy neighbors throughout the year.

### Giving Tree Project Underway

The churches in town are hard at work on the annual Giving Tree project. Neighbors in need make requests for gifts for their children. Neighbors with the means to share choose tags and provide the gifts. The tree will be at St. John's on Sundays, November 22 and 29. There will also be a tree at the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 25. The trees will be in the banks and library starting on November 30. Thanks to Mary Schoppmeyer for her hard work in keeping us on schedule and in preparing the gift request labels. Last year, we helped 19 families, including 54 children. We're expecting that the demand will be greater this year. Thank you in advance for giving a gift and participating in this ecumenical ministry!

### Christmas on the Green

The Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and there is great fellowship as we prepare. Everyone is invited to participate, shop and have lunch. Join the Monday afternoon work sessions in the Parish Hall from 3:00 – 4:30 pm on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Do you have something you'd like to donate to the sale: crafts, knits, cookies, baked goods, jams, pickles, plants, dried flowers from your garden? Would you like to work on the 21<sup>st</sup>? Look for the sign-up sheet or call Ellen Adams (603-756-4507) or Sue Bauer (603-756-4071) for more information.

### Last-Minute Bazaar Reminders

The Bazaar Committee would like to remind you to finish your crafts, bake your delectables, and set aside your re-giftables (unopened items you'll never use). Bring non-food items in ASAP; bring foods the afternoon before or early that morning.

**NOVEMBER**

<b>November 1, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite I</b>		<b>All Saints Day</b>		<b>Proper 26</b>	
<b>Wisdom:</b> 3:1-9	Jean Aldrich	<b>EM:</b> Pete Harrison	<b>Ushers:</b> Darrow Clark, Sue Bauer	<b>Psalm:</b> 24	Chas Street	<b>Cruc.:</b> Pete Harrison	<b>Teaching:</b> Sarah Downing
<b>Revelation:</b> 21:1-6a	Pete Harrison		<b>Nursery:</b> Mary Schoppmeyer	<b>John:</b> 11:32-44	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Mary Schoppmeyer Pete Harrison
	<b>Altar:</b> Mary McHugh	<b>Flowers:</b> Janet Wickwire	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>November 8, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite II</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>		<b>Proper 27</b>	
<b>Ruth:</b> 3:1-5, 4:13-17	David Adams	<b>EM:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Ushers:</b> Jim & Janet Wickwire	<b>Psalm:</b> 127	Clif Cooke	<b>Cruc.:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Teaching:</b> Charlie Montgomery
<b>Hebrews:</b> 9:11-14	Greg Pierson		<b>Nursery:</b> Delores Street	<b>Mark:</b> 12:38-44	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> George Curchin, Greg Pierson
	<b>Altar:</b> Mary Schoppmeyer	<b>Flowers:</b> Lyn Cooke	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>November 15, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite I</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>		<b>Proper 28</b>	
<b>1 Samuel:</b> 1:4-20	Mary Schoppmeyer	<b>EM:</b> Sarah Downing	<b>Ushers:</b> Mary Schoppmeyer Pete Harrison	<b>Psalm:</b> 16	Pete Harrison	<b>Cruc.:</b> Sarah Downing	<b>Teaching:</b> Sarah Downing
<b>Hebrews:</b> 10:11-14,[15-18], 19-25	Sarah Downing		<b>Nursery:</b> Whit Aldrich	<b>Mark:</b> 13:1-8	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Jean Aldrich Darrow Clark
	<b>Altar:</b> Betty Williams	<b>Flowers:</b> Jane Bowry	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>November 22, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite II</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>		<b>Reign of Christ</b>	
<b>2 Samuel:</b> 23:1-7	Nancy McAuliffe	<b>EM:</b> Mary McHugh	<b>Ushers:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Psalm:</b> 132	Pete Harrison	<b>Cruc.:</b> Samantha Scott	<b>Teaching:</b> Charlie Montgomery
<b>Revelation:</b> ??:?	Mary McHugh		<b>Nursery:</b> Nancy McAuliffe	<b>John:</b> 18:33-37	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Nancy McAuliffe Jack Pratt
	<b>Altar:</b> Georgie Haight	<b>Flowers:</b> Judy Harrison	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>November 29, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite II</b>		<b>Advent</b>			
<b>Jeremiah:</b> 33:14-16	Linda Fawcett	<b>EM:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Ushers:</b> Linda Fawcett, Chris Burchstead	<b>Psalm:</b> 25	Ellen Adams	<b>Cruc.:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Teaching:</b> No Sunday School
<b>1 Thessalonians:</b> 3:9-13	Greg Pierson		<b>Nursery:</b> No Nursery	<b>Luke:</b> 21:25-36	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Jim McAuliffe George Cheney
	<b>Altar:</b> Janet Wickwire	<b>Flowers:</b> Janet Wickwire	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				

<b>December 6, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite I</b>		<b>2 Advent</b>			
<b>Malachi:</b> 3:1-4	Mary Schoppmeyer	<b>EM:</b> Pete Harrison	<b>Ushers:</b> Jim & Nancy McAuliffe	<b>Psalm:</b> Luke 1:68-79	Nancy McAuliffe	<b>Cruc.:</b> Pete Harrison	<b>Teaching:</b> Charlie Montgomery
<b>Philippians:</b> 1:3-11	Pete Harrison		<b>Nursery:</b> Dave Adams	<b>Luke:</b> 3:1-16	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Mary Schoppmeyer Pete Harrison
	<b>Altar:</b> Mary McHugh	<b>Flowers:</b> Janet Wickwire	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>December 13, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite II</b>		<b>3 Advent</b>			
<b>Zephaniah:</b> 3:14-20	Chas Street	<b>EM:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Ushers:</b> Chas & Delores Street	<b>Psalm:</b> Isaiah 12:2-6	Clif Cooke	<b>Cruc.:</b> Greg Pierson	<b>Teaching:</b> Ellen Adams
<b>Philippians:</b> 4:4-7	Greg Pierson		<b>Nursery:</b> Racheal Scott	<b>Luke:</b> 3:7-18	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> George Curchin, Greg Pierson
	<b>Altar:</b> Mary Schoppmeyer	<b>Flowers:</b> Lyn Cooke	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>December 20, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite I</b>		<b>4 Advent</b>			
<b>Micah:</b> 5:2-5a	Jean Aldrich	<b>EM:</b> Mary McHugh	<b>Ushers:</b> Darrow Clark, Sue Bauer	<b>Psalm:</b> Luke 1:46b-55	Saantha Scott	<b>Cruc.:</b> Samantha Scott	<b>Teaching:</b> Charlie Montgomery
<b>Hebrews:</b> 10:5-10	Mary McHugh		<b>Nursery:</b> Whitney Cadmus	<b>Luke:</b> 1:39-45[46-55]	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Jean Aldrich Darrow Clark
	<b>Altar:</b> Betty Williams	<b>Flowers:</b> Jane Bowry	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				
<b>December 24, 2009</b>		<b>Holy Communion Rite II</b>		<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>		<b>Proper 1</b>	
<b>Isaiah:</b> 9:2-7	Nancy McAuliffe	<b>EM:</b> Sarah Downing	<b>Ushers:</b> Jim & Janet Wickwire	<b>Psalm:</b> 96	Jack Pratt	<b>Cruc.:</b> Sarah Downing	<b>Teaching:</b> TBD
<b>Titus:</b> 2:11-14	Sarah Downing		<b>Nursery:</b> TBD	<b>Luke:</b> 2:1-14 [15-20]	Rev. Kershaw		<b>Counters:</b> Nancy McAuliffe Jack Pratt
	<b>Altar:</b> Georgie Haight	<b>Flowers:</b> Judy Harrison	<b>Coffee:</b> <i>Pls check the board.</i>				

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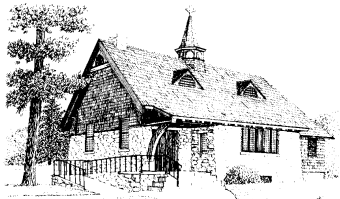
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December 25, 2009	Holy Communion Rite II	Christmas Day
<b>Isaiah:</b> 62:6-12 <b>Psalm:</b> 97 <b>Titus:</b> 3:4-7 <b>Luke:</b> 2:[1-7,] 8-20 Altar: Altar Guild	TBD TBD Greg Pierson Rev. Kershaw	<b>EM:</b> Greg Pierson <b>Cruc.:</b> Greg Pierson Flower Committee Ushers: TBD Teaching: No Sunday School Nursery: No Nursery Counters: TBD Coffee: <i>Pls check the board.</i>
December 27, 2009	Holy Communion Rite II	1 Christmas
<b>1 Samuel:</b> 2:18-20, 26 <b>Psalm:</b> 148 <b>Colossians:</b> 3:12-17 <b>Luke:</b> 2:41-52 Altar:	Dave Adams Samantha Scott Mary McHugh Rev. Kershaw	<b>EM:</b> Mary McHugh <b>Cruc.:</b> Samantha Scott Ushers: TBD Teaching: No Sunday School Nursery: No Nursery Counters: Jim McAuliffe George Cheney Coffee: <i>Pls check the board.</i>



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