



Rector Search

“Gracious and loving God, giver of hope, embrace us and guide us in our search for our pastor. Open our hearts and minds. Grant us courage to know what is best for our parish, not for ourselves alone. Make straight the path for a compassionate, wise and prayerful priest to find us; one who will inspire and shepherd us to a closer relationship with you, that we may see your vision for the Church of the future and have the grace and power to get there. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

Rector Profile

All Saint’s Church is looking for a good shepherd of its flock, a balanced leader who is empathetic, steady, and wise. We seek a priest who can minister to and spiritually nourish us in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Word. With our open and

caring tradition as a parish, we are praying for a spiritual leader who embraces our differences with patience and humility, encouraging our broad spectrum of spiritual paths. Our priest should be comfortable with leading worship and preaching, all aspects of pastoral care, parish administration, and serving as our theologian-in-residence and community liaison. We also pray for a priest who will lead us in attracting and engaging new followers.

A Brief History of All Saints

All Saint's Mission was established in 1958. A large lot located in the mid-island area was donated and a groundbreaking was held in the summer of 1958. The first worship service was held at Christmas that year in the unfinished, unheated building. Fifty-five members and supporters attended this first service. All Saint's was formally dedicated and blessed on July 5, 1959. A second donation quickly followed, which included the lot adjacent to the church and a small cottage. The cottage was incorporated into the Vicar Samuel S. Wysong Mission Hall, which was built and dedicated during the 1997-1998 period. On March 18, 1990, the twelve stained glass windows and the rose window above the altar were dedicated. The church has continued to grow. The bordering lot on the north side of the church was purchased in 2021, and this property is now a beautiful, meditative prayer garden available for use by church members and the Tybee community. Today, we are a very inclusive congregation, with a membership of sixty-nine members and an average Sunday attendance of forty-eight people.



Mission, Vision, and Ministries

Our mission is to demonstrate love for God and love for each other by creating an inclusive congregation that welcomes and encourages all children of God on their journey of faith. Our vision is to provide a welcoming, spiritual haven for residents and visitors alike by practicing love, kindness, and compassion to each other in all we do.

Our spiritual vitality is the basis of our whole approach to life. We have a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God's love for every human being. We believe that God loves you without exceptions. Following the model of our Lord, we welcome and encourage all people regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation or country of origin. We advocate on behalf of the oppressed and the poor, working to bring about positive resolution to social injustice. These are part of our core values.

Other core values include transparency and communication by including and informing members of actions taken on behalf of the parish. We strive to ensure that our decision-making is consistent with the adopted strategy, vision, mission, goals, and objectives of the church. We encourage the empowerment of the faithful through active participation in all aspects of the life of the church. Our congregation develops deeper faith commitments as followers of Jesus Christ through the integration of Christian faith and practice.

Our tag line is: **Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.**

Our ongoing ministries include:

Christian Education includes ACE (Adult Christian Education), Compline in the Garden, and workshops on making and learning to pray the Anglican rosary.

Worship consists of weekly Sunday service and worship services, on Holy Days, and on other special occasions. Members participate as vergers, LEM, sacristan, lay readers, and in the choir, which is led by our organist/choir director.

Outreach assumes a multiplicity of forms, including ongoing projects like Undie Sunday, Winter Coat Drive, Hygiene Cabinet, monthly Lunch and Learns, and discussion groups that include the community as well as church members. Monthly font donations are dedicated to aiding various charitable organizations. An Annual Blessing of the Pets, a community-wide annual garage sale, annual Shrove Tuesday pancake and gumbo dinner, and an annual church picnic are also aspects of our ministry to our community. Our outreach events are publicized on social media and in other venues.

Inreach is accomplished through the work of the Sunshine Committee, who send cards and flowers to hospitalized members. Fellowship among members is facilitated through monthly dinners at local restaurants (“Friends for Dinner”), coffee hour after Sunday services, and monthly potluck lunches. A yearly stewardship campaign aids the ongoing work of the church. Pastoral care is a priority for our parish, led by the pastor, our full-time deacon, and other members of our congregation, including the Daughters of the King. Key components of our pastoral care ministry include home and hospital visitation and the offering of the Eucharist to homebound members. The Health and Safety Committee provides the congregation with information about wellness issues.



Future Ministry Opportunities

- ▶ Improve and expand communication among the faithful and our community via a “ministry of presence,” and social media (including Facebook and our church website), and other means.
- ▶ Supporting the long-term fiscal welfare of the parish through the promotion of faithful stewardship and our endowment.
- ▶ Explore new ways to service the needs of our community.
- ▶ Continue to build a strong spiritual community.
- ▶ Increase participation in the Interfaith Addiction and Recovery Coalition.
- ▶ Participate in the renovation of Honey Creek, the Diocese of Georgia retreat center.
- ▶ Continue to serve as exemplars of God’s Grace in our ministry labors as a parish.

Our Island Home

Located at the mouth of the Savannah River, Tybee Island is a bucolic small town in the upper coastal region of Georgia. The island, 2.7-square-miles in size, is eighteen miles from Georgia's fourth largest city, Savannah. Our island, a very pleasant place to live and work, contains beautiful beaches, and numerous fun activities for people of all ages. In 2024 the population of Tybee Island is 3210, with a growth rate of 1.23%. In terms of demography, Tybee Island is 93.67 % white, 3.25 % African American, and 2.82% multiracial. The median age of our residents is 61.4 years of age.

Settlement of Tybee Island began in 1736 when the island's first lighthouse was constructed. Tybee was also occupied during the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. Following the Civil War, settlement and population increased on the island and by 1890 there were about 400 residential homes. Tybee Island was incorporated in 1887 and in 1897, the U. S. Army's Fort Screven was completed on the island. Fort Screven took up a large part of the northern section of the island before the decommissioning of the fort in 1945. Many of the homes and other buildings from the fort remain and have been put to good use. All six of the original gun batteries remain and homes have been built atop four of them.

During the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, Tybee was a "swinging place" as a popular regional tourist attraction, with famous big bands playing on the pier. Tybee remains a highly popular tourist locale. Vacationers visit throughout the year, especially during the summer months. Tybee Island and nearby Savannah are both very prominent tourist destinations, offering many historical sites, fine dining, and the easy, peaceful beach lifestyle. Tybee Island is also known for its energetic parades and festivals including the Irish Heritage Day and Beach Bum parades, and an annual Pirate Festival. Some of the assets of the community include the Maritime Academy, a charter school with a focus on maritime studies, the Marine Science Center, and Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse. The Tybee Post Theater, once a movie and entertainment site for the soldiers of Fort Screven, serves today as a leading regional venue for many forms of entertainment.

In addition to All Saint's Episcopal Church, Tybee Island hosts four other houses of worship, including Chapel by the Sea Baptist Church, St. Michael's Catholic Church, Trinity Global Methodist Church, and the nondenominational Bar Church.

Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

Among the settlers arriving with Georgia founder James Edward Oglethorpe in 1733 was a clergyman from the Church of England. The Diocese of Georgia was established in 1823 and by 1907 had grown so much that it was divided geographically and the Diocese of Atlanta was created. Today, the Diocese of Georgia, with its Diocesan office located in Savannah, Georgia, spans the southern portion of the state from the rolling farms and piney woodlands in the west to the marshes and coastlands in the east. The Diocese is home to seventy parishes and missions diverse in size, theology, liturgical style, wealth, and race. Forty-one congregations hold parish status, and the remaining twenty-nine are missions. In addition, several chapels are maintained throughout the Diocese. Thirty congregations are located within twenty miles of cities with populations of 40,000 or more, and the other forty congregations are situated in suburbs, county seats, and rural towns. Approximately one hundred fifty clergy are canonically resident in the Diocese of Georgia at any given time. Included in the active clergy are more than thirty non-stipendiary vocational deacons, who serve in the Diocese under the guidance of the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Frank Logue. Most of the clergy in the Diocese serve in parishes and missions; some serve as school, hospital and hospice chaplains or in other non-parochial ministries expressing their special gifts. Priests of the Diocese of Georgia are expected to participate in convocational clericus meetings (monthly through most of the year), clergy conferences and the diocesan convention. Clergy are also called upon to serve on various diocesan boards, committees, and commissions as part of their service to the larger church.

