

## I. Who We Are

All Saints Episcopal Church of Stafford is a family-sized church at 605 Dulles Ave, situated directly across the street from the Dulles Elementary, Middle, and High school complex. Our parishioners live in Stafford, Sugar Land, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Meadows Place, and other communities in the Southwest Houston metro area. We are a diverse church family, serving an even-more diverse neighborhood. Many of our members have roots in the Caribbean.

We share our building and grounds with Good Shepherd Episcopal Indian Church, a church plant of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas led by the Rev. Roy Varghese. All Saints and Good Shepherd have occasional joint services. The Christmas eve service is conducted in English, Malayalam, and Hindi. Two additional Indian churches meet in our education building. The education building also houses Emily's Pantry, our monthly grocery distribution program, and Palmer House, a non-profit tenant offering services to the homeless population.

## II. Our Mission, Vision, and Values

### Mission

Everyday people, embracing Christ, every day

### Vision

To be a dynamic presence in our community as we spread the gospel and care for God's people.

### Values

Supportive relationships

Growing disciples

Spirit filled worship

Loving our neighbor

## III. Our Ministries

The church is a place for safety, healing, and learning. All Saints serves these needs through our many ministries. The theme for our stewardship campaign this year was *God's Mission, Our Gift*. Our congregation, with its many gifts, maintains the following ministries.

- **Acolytes** (led by Glenna Thomas) The youth in our congregation assist the priest in preparing the table for Eucharist during worship services.
- **Altar Guild** (led by Gwendolyn Dickey) prepares the altar for Eucharist by following the liturgical calendar.
- **Adult Sunday School** (led by Rich Lucas) All adults are invited to join at 9:10AM on Sundays.

- **Bishop's Committee** (led by John Speer) meets monthly and includes the Bishop's Warden, a Jr. Warden, a Secretary, and five additional members.
- **Christmas for CPS children** (led by Debbie Sansom) Parishioners buy Christmas gifts for Child Protective Service children. A list of specific gift wishes is placed in the narthex for guidance on what to purchase.
- **Cohort Group** (led by Vickie Bedo) This group is under the leadership of the Diocese. Its purpose is to give us guidance in being intentional as we work to revitalize our church.
- **Daughters of the King** (led by Mary Bounds) This ministry serves others through prayer, helping with special events, hosting socials at an assisted living facility, and hosting a Quiet Day every spring. They meet the first Sunday of the month after the worship service.
- **Emily's Pantry** (led by Marcia Fouts) The education building houses a food pantry that serves about 30 families on the fourth Sunday of every month. Donations include non-perishable food items, fresh produce and, at times, fresh bread.
- **Family Promise of Fort Bend** (led by Tia Daniel and Rosalind Mayeux) Members of our congregation provide meals for one week for homeless families. We contribute quarterly. We have also used our facilities to host the families for one week per quarter.
- **Greeters** (led by Mary Bounds) Visitors and members are greeted at the door on Sunday mornings.
- **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** (led by Elizabeth Pilgrim) The role of the LEM is to read the Psalm, lead the Prayers of the People, and assist in serving communion during the worship services.
- **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** deliver communion to those unable to attend church.
- **Lay Readers** (led by Elizabeth Pilgrim) read the Old and New Testament lessons during the worship service.
- **Men of All Saints** (led by Rich Lucas) meets the first Sunday of every month.
- **Music Ministry** (led by Christopher Lo) is composed of our music director and a small choir which contributes to our worship service weekly.
- **Prayer Team** (led by Mary Bounds) invites those members of the congregation who need special prayers to meet at the back of the sanctuary during communion.
- **Sunday Hospitality** (led by Beverley Lamoth) provides coffee and treats after the Sunday services.
- **Ushers** (led by Glenna Thomas) assist in directing the congregation to the altar rail during communion and passing the alms basin during the offertory.

- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** (led by Vickie Bedo) has been watching the series *The Chosen*. The evening begins with a meal, the viewing, and ends with discussion and prayer.

#### **IV. Our Staff**

Church Administrator Glenna Thomas  
Treasurer Debbie Sansom  
Music Director Christopher Lo  
Webmaster LaRita Harrington

#### **V. Our Future**

All Saints Episcopal Church embraces change and seeks to meet the needs of the community. We are searching for a priest to help us strengthen our relationships with neighboring schools, churches, officials, and businesses. We want to improve Christian formation programming. We want to develop programs that are relevant to the neighborhood. We wish to reach out and assist neighbors during times of distress. We seek a priest with the drive to handle the challenge of revitalizing the congregation, and with the vision to lead, instruct, and inspire our transformation, while courageously preaching the uncompromising Word of our Savior.