

How Can I Get Involved?

In addition to our Worship Services, there are many ways to get involved at All Saints'. We have a full and lively Christian Formation program with groups meeting on Sundays for children and teenagers. In addition, there are other adult Christian Formation groups that meet during the week.

Other ways of getting involved include the Altar Guild, Lectors, Sunday School Teachers, the Ushers Guild, the Outreach Program, the Pastoral Care team, the Knitting Ministry, and the Community Supper, to name but a few. Details of all these activities and groups can be found at our church website at www.allsaintsnh.org. Feel free to call the office at 603-924-3202.

Worship

Acolytes

Acolytes assist the priest in the worship services of the parish. Adults and children, age 9 and up, are eligible to be acolytes.

Altar Guild

Members prepare the church for weekly worship and for special services such as weddings, baptisms, confirmations and burials.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM's)

Trained men and women, who are licensed by the Bishop, assist in the distribution of communion during the Eucharist and special services. Eucharistic Visitors are authorized to bring Eucharist to those who are homebound or unable to attend Sunday Celebration.

Lectors

Adults and young people serve by proclaiming the Word of God through the appointed lessons from Scripture and leading the Prayers of the People at the Sunday and special services.

Ushers

Ushers welcome parishioners, distribute bulletins, help seat parishioners, receive the offering, guide the flow of people during communion, and meet any special needs which may occur during the service.

Choir

There is a strong musical tradition at All Saints'. We have an impressive, all volunteer adult choir whose members use their talents to lead the music in the Sunday worship services and provide special music for other events, such as Choral Evensongs and Lessons & Carols. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening and on Sundays prior to the 10 a.m. service from September through June.

Refreshments after the Service

These community gatherings are hosted by members of the congregation after the Service.

9 a.m.—Breakfast in the parlor of the Old Parish House.

11 a.m.—Coffee Hour in Reynolds Hall.

If you are interested in helping with the refreshments, please contact the office at 924-3202 or admin@allsaintsnh.org.

Welcome Committee

All Saints' is committed to forever being a welcoming community. Our Committee welcomes newcomers to All Saints' and helps connect them with others in the parish. New to our parish? Take one of our Welcome Bags home with you.

Christian Formation

Christian Formation is a life-long process. All Saints' offers both formal and informal opportunities for everyone to grow their faith.

Adult Formation

Thursday Morning Bible Study, led by the Rector, meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Old Parish House Parlor.

EFM (Education for Ministry) is a highly acclaimed in-depth Episcopal course on theology and faith that takes place over four years.

Adult Book Study Various groups meet during the year for book discussion.

Christian Formation for Children

Children

Our church school students, infants and pre-school to school age, encounter Bible stories in an engaging, multi-faceted environment, encompassing prayer, music, and hands-on learning and exploration of God's world.

Youth

Youth explore their faith through a focus on community involvement and serving in our acolyte and Lay Eucharistic ministries. Other opportunities for service include a trip to Common Cathedral's City Reach in Boston to worship and to minister alongside the homeless community.

Other Important Ministries You Can Be Involved in At All Saints'

Pastoral Care

Members work with the clergy to visit parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes, in hospital or simply in need of pastoral support.

Communications Committee

Members are responsible for overseeing and organizing Parish communications both within the church and its congregation and to the wider community.

Knitting Ministry

Members meet the second Sunday of the month from 9-10 a.m. in the Old Parish House to knit and crochet items that are given out as needed to individuals desiring comfort, encouragement or congratulations.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer group focuses on praying for the needs and thanksgivings of the parish community and world, both weekly and during distribution of communion at the 10 a.m. service, where they are available to pray with others for healing and other concerns for themselves or loved ones.

Buildings & Grounds

Members are responsible for coordinating and planning for the care of the church grounds and our four buildings, including the Church which is on the National Historic Register. Both Reynolds Hall and the Old Parish House are used extensively by community organizations.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee coordinates the efforts to put our faith into action by reaching out to those in need on a local, national, and international level. Outreach Ministries include:

The Peterborough Food Bank is housed at the Town Community Center. The food bank services all the towns of the Monadnock Region, distributing food donations from both area churches and also the wider community. All Saints participates through our Healthy Snack Program.

Community Supper serves a nourishing soup supper to the wider community on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. from September through June. A wide net of volunteers serves between 75-80 diners each week. All hands are welcome.