

Living Waters

Renewal for our Second Century

ALL SOULS PARISH

Capital Campaign 2022

If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

JOHN 4:10

From Our Leaders



Dear All Soulsians,

For over a century, the parish of All Souls Berkeley has been a source of refuge, discovery, solidarity, and hope. Generations of Christians have made their way to the corner of Cedar and Spruce — some for a Sunday while in town, others for decades of dedicated practice. What each has received through this parish is the opportunity to drink deeply from the living waters of Christ.

From Chapel to Parish Hall to Church, many have received because of the gifts of thousands of faithful All Soulsians. Now is the time for us to take our place alongside our forebears in the faith. Join this stream of All Soulsians past and present so that for decades to come many more can enter through those copper doors and receive the life these waters bring.

Phil Brochard+

12th Rector, All Souls Parish, Berkeley



Dear All Soulsians,

At our inception in 1904, St. Mark's Rector Edward Parsons asserted that All Souls "must be founded and builded to become some day the center of a new parish. It must be beautiful in its buildings." His vision became reality. For generations, these buildings have supported ministry and fostered spiritual formation. Their aesthetic qualities, and their forms, their very existence, have shaped our identity in subtle ways.

Now we, in turn, must look ahead and renew and enhance our buildings to serve our mission and ministry in the coming decades. This will require us to consider our personal and family priorities, and to stretch ourselves to accomplish what is needed. Paradoxically, we will be enriched in the process. Together, we can do this task to which we are called. Let's do it!

Richard Lynch

Chair, 2022 Capital Campaign



Marilyn Flood

Vice-Chair, 2022 Capital Campaign



A Brief History

All Souls Episcopal Parish

BERKELEY, CA

The seeds of All Souls Parish were planted when a small group of families, all members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, began holding Sunday school classes in their North Berkeley homes over a century ago. They gave funds for a chapel in the sparsely settled area north of the campus, and a small brown-shingled building became All Souls Chapel. Since our beginning, generations of deacons and seminarians, musicians and choristers, rectors and other clergy, and thousands of people of all faith traditions and backgrounds have made church with us here.

- 1904**
Members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church Berkeley gather individual subscriptions to build a chapel on a building lot donated by Mrs. Louise Kellogg at Cedar and Spruce.
- 1905**
All Souls Chapel holds its first service in December. In April 1906, the new vicar presides at the first Easter Sunday service. The San Francisco earthquake hits three days later, and refugees find shelter and aid at All Souls.
- 1924**
Subscriptions and pledges from the congregation fund construction of our current parish hall.
- 1953**
A committee is appointed to study "the ways and means of financing a church building program." By the following year \$125,000 is pledged to the Building Fund Campaign.
- 1956**
Our church building is constructed, designed by architect Robert Ratcliff.
- 1999**
A capital campaign raises funds to reconfigure our chancel so the choir and congregation gather around the altar. Three mobility accessible restrooms, the lift from church to parish hall level, and ramp from nave to chancel level increased accessibility.
- 2005**
Recognizing family need, a playground fund begins, and our playground is installed the following year.
- 2009**
All Souls members contribute funds to purchase the Parish House immediately to the west of All Souls and make safety and seismic repairs necessary for continued use.
- 2022**
After seven years of work by the All Souls community, Jordan Court opens on the corner of Cedar and Oxford. It provides housing for low-income seniors and office and apartment space for All Souls.

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Imagine If...

we could renew the spaces where we gather together, welcome our neighbors, and from which we minister to the world. Our capital campaign, Living Waters: Renewal for Our Second Century, supports four goals:

Complete Accessibility

Our buildings need to be open and welcoming to all bodies. Installing an elevator and an audio-visual system for the Parish Hall, as well as making ADA upgrades, would make all the spaces and programs available to all people.



"Accessibility is like a big welcome mat. Better access will help me and a lot of other people participate more fully."
-JENNY KERN

"Formation hour is hard to see and hear. Making that easier would be really good for a lot of people."
-GERT ALLEN



Communal Flexibility

Gathering together and hosting the broader community is at the center of our Christian mission. Reconfiguring the Undercroft for more flexible meeting spaces, remodeling the Parish Hall kitchen and other upgrades would give us better space to serve each other and the world.



"Our kitchen has been well-loved and well-used. A new kitchen would make a huge difference for Open Door Dinner, the congregation and our neighbors."
-JENNIFER AKIYAMA

"We host a fair number of recovery meetings. Making more space available for our groups is part of our mission and builds a bridge into great new communities."
-JOE GARRETT



Carbon Neutrality

As stewards of God's creation, we have a duty to protect the earth given to us. Replacing our old gas and electric boilers with an efficient electric boiler to heat all of our spaces will reduce our overall energy use and move us toward carbon neutrality. Installing additional solar panels to our system, and batteries to store that energy, can enable All Souls to become a resource center for the neighborhood during power outages.

"I appreciate that the church is working to become a better steward for our environment by minimizing, and eventually removing, our contribution to climate change and global warming."
-LORENA GRUNDY



Imagine If...

Continued Vitality

Like any well-loved and well-used home, All Souls needs some updating to stay fresh and inviting. Making some significant repairs and improvements in the Chapel, Parish Hall and in the Choir area would make the church more inviting and help us maintain a vibrant welcome for all.

"The crew from the 7:30 service has missed the Chapel and we are eager to get back. With improved heating, lighting and acoustics it will feel more comfortable."
-MARTIN ORTEGA



"Singing in the choir on a sunny day can be hot and the glare can be harsh. Adding stained glass to the skylight for gentler, colorful light would be amazing."
-JENNIFER YING

"The Parish Hall is like our living room and so much life happens here! It's time to restore and refresh it. It can be so much more hospitable – for us and for our guests."
-MELISSA DEVEREAUX



All Souls in the Community

All Souls uses the buildings we have been given by the generations before us to welcome neighbors and to carry God's love into the broader community. Preparing our buildings for our second century means preparing for members, guests, neighbors and ministries we can't even imagine today. But we trust that as the world's needs evolve, All Souls and its welcoming spaces will be striving to meet them.



"Every day is like waking up in a dream. My friends have seen a lightness in me since I've moved into Jordan Court. It's like they built this building specifically for my needs."
-BRENETTA F., JORDAN COURT RESIDENT

"The parish hall is really lovely with the light through the windows. Large but intimate enough, and we can get a very good sound. We're a Berkeley-based group who appreciates singing close to home."
-MARTIN G., CHORA NOVA SINGER



"All Soulsians who delivered lunches to the 8th & Harrison RV Encampment evolved from food deliverers to friends. All Souls is a steady source of support – emotional and material."
-YESSICA P., 8TH & HARRISON COMMUNITY LEADER

"Many of us at Beth El have been deeply moved by the connections we have made with All Souls through our Breaking Bread and Building Bridges program. Especially during times when we, as Jews and as human beings, might otherwise have felt isolated, these interfaith relationships uplift, nourish, and sustain us."
-RABBI REBEKAH STERN, CONGREGATION BETH EL



Giving to Living Waters

Capital campaigns only happen once in a great while. The most recent major campaigns at All Souls were in 1999 and 1954. It is helpful to remember that, for most people, supporting a capital campaign is different from annual stewardship.

Annual stewardship is almost always about sharing one's income. Capital giving typically means more – not just an additional contribution of income, but when it's possible, the sharing of one's wealth.

For most people, this calls for a prayerful examination, and often times a re-ordering of one's priorities and a reconsideration of the source of our true security. There is no "right" or "wrong" answer, but the reflection process alone is inevitably rewarding.

All Gifts are Good Gifts

We are asking households to make generous, significant commitments to the renewal of the church, but what is significant will vary from household to household. People are in a wide variety of financial situations and have different capacities to support this campaign.

Truly generous giving is the act of dedicating a part of our financial resources to God in ways that are significant to us. It asks us to devote what is precious to us – often money – to that which we value deeply – the future of our parish and its ministries.

Commitments of different amounts, whether \$25,000 or \$5,000, can be equally generous. The measure of generosity is not the amount of a gift but the spirit that animates it.

Making a commitment to Living Waters can be an expression of each donor's values. Supporting this renewal is a clear statement that All Souls is important. As you consider your commitment, consider whether it reflects the degree to which you value All Souls.

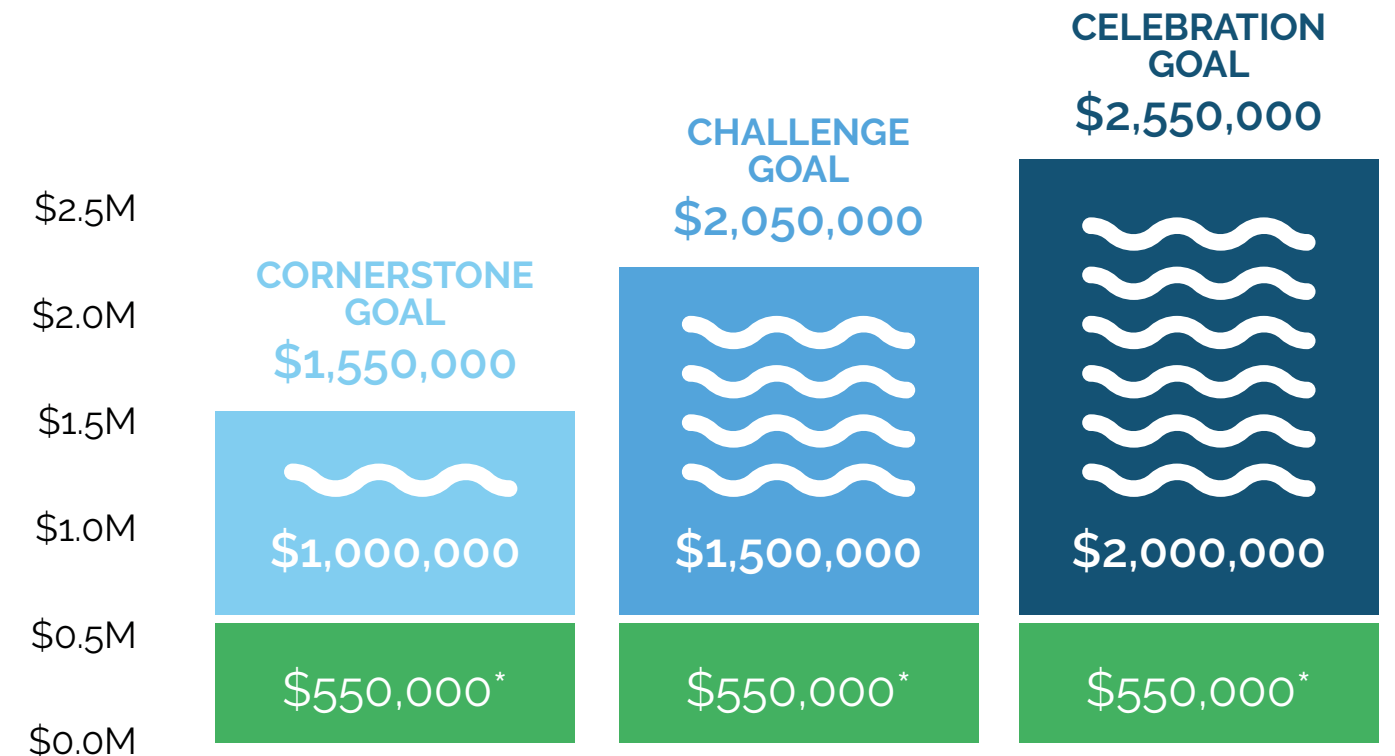
Living Waters will need both large and small gifts to meet its goals. It will be successful if each gift can come from a generous heart. When we realize we can take a risk for something that is bigger than us, that will allow more people to participate or to be served, then there is a shift in our hearts. That is the generosity that has animated All Souls for generations and will lead to a successful Living Waters campaign.

How to Give

Living Waters will start receiving commitments this May and they can be paid over the next three years. For example, a commitment of \$15,000 could be paid by giving \$5,000 for each of the next three years. You can decide when and how you will be fulfilling the commitment you make, but please consider the three-year scope of the campaign in setting your commitment.

You can fulfill your commitment using a check or autopay through your bank. Before giving asset-based gifts please consult with your financial advisor.

Living Waters' Financial Goals



*Portion of Ann Jordan's bequest committed by the Vestry to the Living Waters campaign.

How We Will Reach Our Celebration Goal

# of Gifts	Amount (Total over 3 years)	Total	Cumulative Total
1	Jordan Bequest	\$550,000	\$550,000
1	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$750,000
1	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$875,000
2	\$90,000	\$180,000	\$1,055,000
4	\$60,000	\$240,000	\$1,295,000
6	\$45,000	\$270,000	\$1,565,000
8	\$30,000	\$240,000	\$1,805,000
10	\$21,000	\$210,000	\$2,015,000
12	\$15,000	\$180,000	\$2,195,000
14	\$9,000	\$126,000	\$2,321,000
16	\$6,000	\$96,000	\$2,417,000
24	\$3,000	\$72,000	\$2,489,000
Many gifts	\$600 - 1,800	\$61,000	\$2,550,000



Taking Faith Risks and Making Commitments

All Souls has been created by the repeated faithful risks taken by generations of its members. Over and over again, All Souls, both as an institution and as individuals acting together, has clarified its current calling to serve God and then faithfully, vibrantly lived into that vision.

Without taking risks, without joining together to coordinate and amplify our individual sacrifices and efforts, the corner of Cedar and Spruce would likely be very nice apartments. Faithful risk-taking has been the engine that has created and sustained All Souls and its ministry.

Just as the church has been built by taking faithful risks, we welcome you to take a faithful risk in making a significant faithful commitment to the Living Waters Project. We renew the invitation of the 1954 All Souls capital campaign "to make this commitment the largest charitable gift in your life."

As you formulate your commitment, you might consider traveling this path:

Pray. Pray for God's guidance as you consider how to share your financial resources in our All Souls Living Waters campaign over the next three years. Open yourself up to the Giver of all good things.

Listen. Create the space to listen, to discover what God wants you to give from what you have been given.

Commit. As God guides you, make your commitment to the All Souls Living Waters Project. Generous gifts of all amounts are needed! Joining together, we will make sure our spaces are accessible for all, flexible for wider use, protective of our environment, and ready to support our second century.

Celebrate. Thank God for the remarkable gifts you have received, and give thanks for the ways that the Spirit has moved in your life and in this place.

We are grateful to be with you in this work and look forward to embracing, together, this opportunity to renew our church. to continue to draw on the Living Waters here at the corner of Cedar and Spruce.

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