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Restoration Continues

During the week of July 12th, the tin smiths were busy on the inside and outside of the tower making considerable progress in bringing the steeple to the point when the steeple jacks will begin to apply the new shingles. The workers can be seen everyday now on the scaffolding and are attracting a lot of amateur photo shoots by cell phone from the street. We hope the work will lead to the continuing clearing of the nave. On the 7th of July, we hosted a lively and enthusiastic group of Methodists from Main Street Methodist Church, Greenwood and they asked me to tell you how much they admired the exposed brick. We are also having more bus tours and visitors from the street on our Saturday afternoons at Trinity. Please join us when you can and help welcome our visitors. We are making good progress in getting back to normal.

Hymn Sing

We talked about a hymn sing for Trinity for several years and then about 10 years ago the first hymn sing was scheduled for the last Sunday in September which is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels. The first hymn sing drew a little over 200 singers from Abbeville, Anderson, Greenwood, Greenville and folks from across the river in Georgia. From that point on we had our hymn sing every year in September until the church was closed for repairs. Some years we drew large crowds and other years not so many, but always drew people who were interested in singing those wonderful old hymns that are rapidly disappearing from the hymn books; those hymns we sang as children with our mothers and grandmothers. This year we would like to resume the program on Sunday afternoon, September 26, at 2:00 pm. If this appeals to you, please make your plans to attend and bring your friends. After our second year, several other Abbeville churches had their own hymn sings copying our lead. You may submit

suggestions for hymns and other ideas to John or Lewis. We will make the definite announcement about the date and time in our September newsletter. Hopefully by the last Sunday in September we will be far enough away from the pandemic that we can have our light refreshments in the parish garden following the sing.

Covid Vaccinations

We have received a letter from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). In their efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations for every eligible South Carolinian, they would like to make the process as easy and comfortable as possible for everyone, especially for any homebound individuals in their own place of residence. If you have any homebound persons interested in taking advantage of this service, contact the COVID Strike Team at **864-501-8156**. DHEC has announced that to date 46 percent of South Carolinians have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Enough is enough—let's do all we can to help get this stuff stamped out once and for all so we can get back to business as usual.

Farewell to a Dear Friend

We pray for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Fritz Lafontant, the founding priest of L'Eglise Bon Sauveur in Cange, Haiti who died recently. Please keep Father Lafontant's family, and all who mourn, in your prayers. In 1979, Father Lafontant met and formed a partnership with the Rt. Rev. William Beckham, 6th bishop of Upper South Carolina. Over the next 40 years our diocesan relationship with Father Lafontant and the people of Cange has continued to deepen. The World Health Organization lists Haiti as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, fraught with poverty and rampant disease. Our diocese has been a major player in the development of their church, school (L'Ecole Bon Sauveur), medical center, clean water system, agricultural and economic programs

which have greatly enhanced their standard of living in health, education and opportunities for a much brighter future. Our shared diocesan life has been made richer by our association with Father Lafontant. Many of us had opportunities to meet and talk with Father at several of the diocesan conventions which he attended. This editor had several wonderful conversations with him in which he graciously tolerated my very bad French.

Walk-Abouts/Save the Date

On Saturday, September 11th we will have the opportunity to join others from upstate parishes to meet and hear from all the persons who have been nominated for our new bishop. The meeting will be hosted at Christ Church School in Greenville and will begin in the Chapel where each candidate will introduce himself (herself) and make some general remarks concerning their candidacy. The crowd will then break up into smaller meeting rooms through which each candidate will rotate for an approximate 30 minute question and answer period. We will announce the time when it has been set. This should make for an interesting day as Christ Church School is a very beautiful place and is one of the most exclusive private schools in the southeast. Please make your plans to be with us for this little adventure. If you are unable to make the Saturday session, you may want to attend the Sunday session on September 12th, at Heathwood Hall in Columbia. You will find Christ Church School at 245 Cavalier Drive in Greenville.

Please Note:

Masks and Social Distancing are no longer required for those who are vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, it is recommended that you continue to mask and observe Social Distancing for your own protection. We recommend that all worshippers continue to use hand sanitizer upon entering the church and before receiving Communion. Thank you.

Feast Days in August:

The Transfiguration

On August 6th, we observe the *Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event in the New Testament narrative in which Jesus is transfigured (metamorphosed) and becomes radiant on a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels describe it, and 2nd Peter (1:16-18) refers to it. In these accounts, Jesus and three of his Apostles go up on a mountain and Jesus becomes radiant in bright beams of light. Then the prophets, Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice from above assumed to be God the Father as at the Baptism of Jesus. This miracle is unique among others that appear in the canonical Gospels in that the miracle happens to Jesus himself. The Transfiguration is one of five major milestones in the Gospel narrative of the life of Jesus; the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. In modern Christian teaching, this event is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the moment where human nature meets God; the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. As the four go back down the mountain, Jesus tells Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what they had witnessed until the "Son of Man" has risen from the dead. The importance of the Transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the "Son of Man" (as in his Baptism), but also the statement "listen to him" identifies Jesus as a messenger of the Father God. (Taken from Wikipedia and the Canonical Gospels).

Saint Mary the Virgin

On August 16th, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. The Roman Catholics refer to it as the *Feast of the Assumption*, while the Eastern Orthodox Church refers to it as the *Feast of the Dormition*. This feast celebrates the triumphal entrance of the Blessed Mother into Heaven when her earthly mission was complete. The Orthodox Faith teaches that Mary died a natural death like all humans and that her soul was received by God upon her death: but that her body was resurrected on the third day after her burial at which time she was taken up bodily into Heaven. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church teaches that Mary was assumed into

Heaven bodily to great rejoicing among the Heavenly Hosts. So what does our Church teach on the subject? We celebrate and honor this important feast, but in typical Anglican fashion, we do not attempt to explain too much (the Holy Mysteries). We readily acknowledge the great importance of the Blessed Mother in the Incarnation of our Savior; and in bringing him to us, she played a major role in our salvation and that of the whole world. Hoppolytus of Thebes, a 7th century author, claims in his partially preserved chronology to the New Testament, that Mary lived for 11 years after the death of Jesus, dying in AD 41. *Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.*

Ave Maria

O God, you have taken to yourself the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of your Incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen. BCP, p. 243.

Saint Bartholomew

On August 24th, we observe the *Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle*. Bartholomew was one of the twelve and usually identified with Nathaniel, who is mentioned in John 1. He was introduced to Jesus by Philip, another one of the Apostles. In the east, where most of his evangelical labors were spent, Bartholomew was most often known as Nathaniel. In the Synoptic Gospels, Philip and Bartholomew are mentioned. In Acts of the Apostles (1: 13,14), Bartholomew is listed as one of the witnesses of the Ascension and he appears again in John's Gospel as one of the Apostles to whom Jesus appeared at the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection. Some ancient writings state that after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary journey to India where he left a copy of the *Gospel of Matthew*. Together with his fellow Apostle, Jude, Bartholomew is reported to have brought the Gospel to Armenia in the 1st Century, and both Apostles are considered important patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Saint Bartholomew was later martyred in Armenia.

Trinity's Own Saint

We would be remiss in our discussion of the saints if we did not mention the Reverend Dr. William Porcher DuBose, Vicar of Trinity from 1886 to 1871. The Episcopal

Church does not officially create saints, but has established a Name Day for Dr. DuBose which we observe on August 18th. He was born in 1836 near Winnsboro into an affluent Huguenot family. He was an extremely precocious child and entered The Citadel in 1851 at the age of 15. By his final year (1855), he was the ranking student officer and an assistant lecturer in English Literature. He completed a graduate degree at the University of Virginia and then entered the Episcopal Diocesan Seminary at Camden to study for Holy Orders. He was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in December 1861. He served in the Confederate Army and was twice wounded. Dr DuBose served as the Vicar of this parish during the very critical period of reconstruction in the south and was the second vicar to serve Trinity in our present building. It is reported that his years in Abbeville were happy as he and his wife were raising four small children. Dr. DuBose left Trinity to become lecturer and professor of theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) where he became a primary mover in the establishment of the seminary there which has trained and continues to train many of our very finest priests in the Episcopal Church. Dr. DuBose authored some of the most important writings in the Anglican Faith. He died at Sewanee in 1918 and is buried there. At his death he was regarded as the most important theologian in the history of the Episcopal Church; and one of the most notable in the long history of the Anglican Church. Perhaps our beloved Trinity played a role in molding this great teacher, preacher and theologian.

REALLY??

In 1971, Saint Christopher Episcopal Church in League, Texas gave a Bible to parishioner David Scott, to take with him on a business trip. To this day, the congregation has not gotten it back. That's because he left it on the moon. It appears to be the only one ever left on the moon, and perhaps the only one outside earth today. Colonel David R. Scott was the Apollo 15 Mission Commander and a cradle Episcopalian. Doesn't it appear apropos that the book that proclaims the glory and majesty of the great Creator of the heavens and the earth should be there? The Bible can clearly be seen today on the seat of the lunar rover, exactly where Commander Scott left it, in the moon's Sea of Showers, between the Hadley Rille and the Apennine Mountains. All praise be to Thee, Lord Christ! (From ENS).

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	2	3	4	5	6 + The Transfiguration OF Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)	7
8 11th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Vestry Meets	9	10	11 Clare of Assisi Monastic 1253 W	12	13 +	14
15 12th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	16 Saint Mary The Virgin, Mother Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)	17	18 William Porcher DuBose, 1918 W	19	20 +	21 Senior Citizens Day
22 13th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	23	24 Saint Bartholomew The Apostle (Altar: Red)	25	26	27 +	28 Augustine Of Hippo Bishop and Theologian. 430 W
29 14th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist -	30	31	Eucharistic Lectionary Year B Office Lectionary Year 1	Our Service Books BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts	All Lessons and Readings from The Revised Common Lectionary	The symbol (+) designates a day to be observed by special acts of discipline and devotion.

August 1, 2021 (Proper 13)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
 Psalm: 51:1-13
 The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16
 The Gospel: John 6:14-35

August 8, 2021 (Proper 14)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33
 Psalm 130
 The Epistle: Ephesians 4:25—5:2
 The Gospel: John 6:51-58

The Vestry will meet on August 8th immediately following Mass.

August 15, 2021 (Proper 15)

Celebrant: To be announced.
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14
 Psalm: 111
 The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20
 The Gospel: John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021 (Proper 16)

Celebrant: To be announced.
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: 1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11
 Psalm 84
 The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20
 The Gospel: John 6:56-59

*Create in me a clean heart, O God
 and renew a right Spirit within
 me. Psalm 51:10.*

August 29, 2021 (Proper 17)

Celebrant: To be announced.
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Song of Solomon 9:8-13
 Psalm: 45: 1-2, 7-10
 The Epistle: James 1:17-27
 The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

08/04—Joan
08/05—Martha (In Memoriam)
08/10—Jacob
08/19—Myra
08/23—Buddy
08/27—Charlie (In Memoriam)

And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou comfortedst me. Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12: 1,3. KJV.

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Our Mission Statement:

To do the work that Christ has given us to do.

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)
Dick Haldeman, Clerk (21)
Myra Keith (22)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Betty Tucker (21)
Mike Clary (22)

Parish Administrator and Registrar:

Dick Haldeman

Treasurer:

Ilona Anderson

Musicians:

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley

Worship Leaders:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
Cynthia Jefferies
Hank Baggett
Jennie Leverich

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Betty Tucker

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Lewis Ashley (Voting)
Hank Baggett (Voting)
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)
Dick Haldeman (Alternate)

Newsletters:

Lewis Ashley
Jennie Leverich

Sunday School/Bible Study:

Hank Baggett

For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise.

Letters From Our Friends:

Dear Editor

Just a quick note to say that I loved the 4th of July service at Trinity this year. I came to church, had an afternoon nap afterward and an evening cookout with the family. What better way to spend the fourth? I was especially impressed that you presented the Colors in the processional and recessional and made certain that our flag was seen—an appropriate patriotic nod to our great nation. And the rest of the service was given correctly to the appointed liturgy for the day. I was happy to read that we will resume our annual patriotic program next year. God Bless America!

Dear Trinity:

When we lived in Abbeville, my brother and I often found our way into Trinity on Saturday afternoons because we liked the music and all the stuff that was going on there. When we showed up with our violins, the organist always asked us to play for the visitors and taught us a lot about music. He called us his red violins, not because our violins were red, but because we both had bright red hair. I was 16 and my brother was 14. When he decided that we were serious about music, he asked the church violinist, Miss Susan, to give us a one hour lesson each Saturday in the parish house where we learned fingering and bow manipulation. We had no money, so our lessons were free. We wanted to play music in a country music band. The organist told us that was ok, but we could pay for our lessons by playing music for Jesus at every opportunity and we have done that. The organist also wanted to make altar boys out of us, but our parents would not allow it because they thought the Episcopal Church was too "catholic." Miss Susan was a great teacher and a dear lady. We found your newsletter on the website and could not resist writing. We now make a good living with our county music band in and around Nashville. We end all our shows with a hymn, so I guess we are still paying for our lessons. I think I must have played Amazing Grace ten thousand times. We will send a donation to the restoration. We have wonderful memories of Abbeville and Saturday afternoons at Trinity. The "Red Violins".

Dear "Red Violins:"

We are very happy for your success and very proud of you! Your dear Miss Susan is now with Jesus. Please come and play for us when you can and always continue to use your wonderful talent for the Glory of God. God Bless!
Editor.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for all the time you spent with us on a recent Saturday afternoon when we visited your lovely church. I am writing on behalf of that group of Bible students who are preparing for ministry in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. We have interviewed pastors in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Lutheran Churches, and, as we stated, we are participating in a major position paper study for our denomination. The Episcopal Church is by far the most liberal in its positions and mind-boggling in its relatively new rite that actually blesses same sex unions in the church. Liberalism is a favorite and much used tool by the devil. Can you state for us your understanding of the Episcopal Church's official position on LGBTQ matters? Thanks again for your kind assistance.

The Pentecostal Bible Students.

Dear Friends:

I will try to answer your question as best I can. As I stated in our conversation, thousands of conservative Episcopalians agree with your theological position in the matter, but the majority of Episcopalians subscribe to the official position of the church. In the 1st century, Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement; a company of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial and redemptive love. As Episcopalians we believe in a loving, liberating and life-giving God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection redeemed the world. We have a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to feel and exemplify God's love for every human being; women and men serve as bishops, priests and deacons in our church regardless of gender. Lay people and clergy cooperate at all levels of our church. Leadership is a gift from God and can be expressed by all people in our church, regardless of gender, sexual identity or orientation. We believe that God loves us all—**no exceptions!** Your own beautiful pentecostal hymn says it all: *O, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall for evermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.* (John 3:16, Romans 8:38-39). May God richly bless and keep you as you continue your preparation to take His message of love to a dissolute world of discord, alienation and division.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121:8.