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Restoration Update

There continues to be considerable activity around the church as contractors are finalizing their final bids for the work on the tower. The most pressing decision seems to be can the tower be adequately supported by wooden timbers as in its original construction, or does it need to be steel reinforced. The steel will carry a much greater price tag. Some of the best woodsmiths in the southeast did a comprehensive evaluation of the tower in July and submitted their bids by Friday, July 19th. It is expected that a final decision will be forth coming soon and that a start date on the work can be announced this month. Stay tuned.

Go Get 'Em, Girls!

Many of us are old enough to remember when the Episcopal Church was mostly an entirely male bastion. There were no women priests, bishops or deacons. Women did not serve on vestries and young girls did not have the option to serve at the altar as acolytes. Well the "times they are a changing" (according to Bob Dylan), and most Episcopalians seem to find the changes refreshing. Perhaps the most striking difference is the large number of women priests who are being elected as bishops. Of the 127 active bishops currently in the Church, 24 are women, and three more have been elected to the Episcopate, but are not yet consecrated. Many observers credit the recent increase in the number of women elected as bishops to a confluence of societal and ecclesiastical trends, as well as years of active encouragement of women to consider an Episcopal vocation. And they all credit the persistence of the Holy Spirit. There now appears to be equal numbers of men and women coming into the ordained ranks of the Church. The diversity of the Church is also enhanced as among these new bishops are persons of Native American, Latino, African American and Asian ancestry. The first female

diocesan bishop in the Episcopal Church was the Rt. Reverend Mary Rosamond McLeod, when she was elected Bishop of Vermont. Bishop McLeod is the mother of Christ Church's very affable Rector, Father Harrison McLeod. (Parts of this article from the ENS.)

Getting Ready for Lambeth

More than 1000 bishops and their spouses have so far registered to take part in the Lambeth Conference 2020, the decennial gathering of the bishops of the Anglican Communion. Bishops of 40 Anglican provinces and another five Extra Provincial Areas have been invited to the event by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Justin Welby. Under the theme of "God's Church for God's World," Lambeth 2020 will be held in Canterbury from July 23rd to August 2nd. The bishops will meet together for prayer, Bible study, reflection, fellowship, worship and dialogue. This event will shape the priorities of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead and make common commitments for how the communion will address global issues and human need. This major Anglican gathering usually meets every ten years and originally met at Lambeth Palace, the London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury who holds the auspicious rank of Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of All England. He is generally regarded the "Spiritual Leader" of the Anglican Communion. An uproar erupted recently in the US and Canada when the Archbishop announced that he had cordially invited all the spouses of the heterosexual bishops, but could not invite the companions of the gay bishops due to canonical restrictions. The three bishops concerned are resident to the US and Canada. This controversy spread also to England, where the Church of England was criticized in Parliament for the decision. Bishop Curry has recently announced at a meeting of the Executive Coun-

cil of the Episcopal Church that an official announcement in response to the Archbishop's decision will be issued from the fall meeting of the House of Bishops in Minneapolis in September. The Presiding Bishop was clear to point out that although the official response from the Episcopal Church may express regret at the decision concerning the gay bishops, it will also convey the high regard, cordiality and respect that is due the Archbishop. A similar response is also expected from the Anglican Church of Canada. (Parts of this article from the Episcopal News Service.)

Immigration and the Church

We are fortunate to live in the wealthiest and most powerful country on earth, but America's greatest wealth is found in the goodness and generosity of her people—the land of the free and the home of the brave. Much controversy has developed at our southern border and some very terrible things are going on in the treatment of innocent people who are just looking for a better life for their families. Most of our citizens appreciate the President's determination to protect the integrity of our borders, but do not like what they are seeing going on down there. Our own bishop has written an excellent pastoral letter on the matter and his fellow bishops of the five dioceses of Texas have issued equally strong communications. Many innocent people are suffering, especially young children, unnecessarily, and this is not the American way. If I may be permitted to assume my editorial hat momentarily, all the problems of immigration, the "Dreamers" and even universal health care could have been and should have been solved a long time ago by Congress. They are there to serve the best interests of the American people and not their own personal agendas. If you did not see Bishop Waldo's letter on the matter, we will be happy to provide you a copy.

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, the Transfiguration 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 in part from Wikipedia and the Canonical Gospels).

Saint Mary the Virgin

On August 15th, 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 only 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 are 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. Acts (1:13,14) lists Bartholomew 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. Along with his fellow apostle, Jude, Bartholomew is reported to have brought the Gospel to Armenia in the 1st Century, and both apostles are considered 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 vicar of this parish during the critical period of reconstruction in the South and was the second vicar to serve Trinity in our present building. It has been 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 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 seem apropos that the Book that proclaims the glory and the majesty of the great Creator of the Heavens and the Earth should be there? The Bible can be clearly 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 the Episcopal News Service).

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AUGUST 2019

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 119:24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Eucharistic Lectionary Year C</p> <p>Office Lectionary Year 1</p>	<p>BCP—Book of Common Prayer</p> <p>BOS—Book of Occasional Services</p> <p>LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts.</p>	<p>All Lessons and Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>This symbol denotes a day to be observed by special acts of discipline and devotion.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joseph of Arimathea</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 +</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8th Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Transfiguration Of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Altar: White)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00 pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dominic, Priest And Friar, 1221</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 +</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9th Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:00 Noon Vestry Meets</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00 pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Mary, The Virgin, Mother Of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Altar: White)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16 +</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10th Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:00 Noon</p> <p><i>William Porcher DuBose, Priest 1918 W</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00 pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23 +</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Saint Bartholomew (Altar: White)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>11th Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Saint Augustine Bishop of Hippo, 430</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00 pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30 +</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p>

August 4, 2019 (Proper 13)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Lewis
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11
 Psalm: 107:1-9, 43 *Confitemini Domino*
 The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11
 The Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

August 11, 2019 (Proper 14)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Jennie
 Acolyte: Lewis
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 Psalm: 50:1-8, 23-24 *Deus deorum*
 The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 18, 2019 (Proper 15)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Lewis
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1-7
 Psalm : 80:1-2, 8-18 *Qui regis Israel*
 The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2019 (Proper 16)
 Celebrant: To be Announced
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Lewis
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm: 71:1-6 *In te, Domine, speravi*
 2nd Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29
 The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

<i>Happy Birthday</i>
08/04— <i>Joan</i>
08/05— <i>Martha</i>
08/10— <i>Jacob</i>
08/19— <i>Myra</i>
08/23— <i>Buddy</i>
08/27— <i>Charlie (In Memorium)</i>

The August Meeting of the Vestry is scheduled for August 11th to Immediately follow the Eucharist

Many of you look forward to reading your Forward Day By Day devotional magazine each day. Pick up your new edition (August, September, October) in the parish house on the library table, large and small print available. Anyone unable to attend church may request a copy by mail—PO Box 911, Abbeville, SC, 29620. We will also be happy to add your name to our prayer list.

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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

The Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden
Andrew Hartsfield
Myra Keith
Betty Tucker
Mary Anne Campbell
Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley

Parish Administrator

Dick Haldeman

Treasurer:

Lewis Ashley

Musicians:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
Ruth Freeman

Worship Leaders:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
John Pullin

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
John Pullin

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:

Jennie Leverich (Voting)
Lewis Ashley (Voting)
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)
Jan 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.

Intercessory Prayer List

Each issue of our newsletter will include a list for intercessory prayer to include all our members and friends of this parish. Some are sick and some are well. We simply request that in your personal prayers and special intentions that you will lift these friends up unto the Lord who will know specifically what their needs are. When we have been through our entire list of members and friends, we will begin over again. Please feel free to advise us of any person not a member of this parish who you might wish to be on this list. Thank you!

Intercessory Prayer List

Please remember the following persons in your prayers during the month of August:

Rob
Betsy
Lily
Sam
Richard
Charlie (Cann)
Eric
Helen



Guest Editorial: By Hank Baggett

How Do We Stop Gun Violence?

I am convinced that no government official, police administrator, military general, business CEO, sports or entertainment icon can solve the problem. We cannot legislate a fix. It is not about gun control or Second Amendment rights. It's not about the instrument used to kill people. Terrorists have demonstrated the killing efficiency of knives, axes, poisons, cars, bombs and planes. The problem is that the hearts of humans have been hardened by worldly attitudes of hate, jealousy and greed. The only one who can correct this problem is God. We have all been taught that God can accomplish anything. If we really believe this, each of us can pray daily that God will change the hearts

of humans everywhere from hate to love. We pray fervently, not for a day, or a week, but for however long it takes. The Bible says that God will grant those prayers and supplications that bring glory to God's Kingdom, that have been faithfully asked according to his will, that will work for the welfare of his people, and are asked in his Son's name. Here is a prayer from our own prayer book:

For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart (and especially the hearts of the people of this land), that barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Book of Common Prayer, p. 832.

Thank you Hank for these important observations! Hank is our Bible Study teacher and brings us excellent Bible studies on Sunday morning (10:00 am) and Wednesday evening (6:00 pm) in which he artfully illustrates the texts with his own drawings. He invites you to join him for these lessons.

Greatest Hymn of All Time?

Holy, Holy, Holy has been chosen in a "March Madness" like tournament as the "greatest hymn of all time." The Hymn Society of the US and Canada announced the winner on July 18th, the last day of its annual conference in Dallas. Several thousand people voted on the society's website, Facebook and other social media venues during the competition that featured brackets similar to the springtime NCAA basketball tradition. *Holy, Holy, Holy* actually beat out *Amazing Grace*, which is still regarded as the most widely sung hymn in the world. The hymn begins *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* and ends with *God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity*. The hymn tune was written by Anglican priest and vicar, John B. Dykes and the words by Anglican Bishop Reginald Heber which rather elegantly affirm the basic belief in the Holy Trinity that unites most Christian traditions regardless of other doctrinal differences. At any rate, feel free to continue to consider your own favorite hymn as the "greatest hymn of all time."

Coming Soon—Our September issue will contain an excellent article by Father Swartsfager which describes the Liturgical History of our Church and how it affected our Worship then and now. Stay tuned.