



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Update

With phase one and two of the restoration plan now complete, our vestry and diocesan leaders will begin to discuss how to proceed with the next phase. We lost considerable momentum and speed during the three years that we were removed from our building, but are happy to report that we are coming back to our normal pace. We have recently had the pleasure to welcome several new attendees who are with us on a regular basis and we hope all these folks will decide to join our congregation as members. Our services are going well and our Saturday afternoon visitation drawing more visitors each week. It is also encouraging that more of our members are coming to the church on Saturday to help welcome our many visitors. On a recent Saturday, Judy gave a beautiful program of classical music on her guitar which was very much appreciated. Although most of the Saturday afternoon format will be continued which allows visitors to walk about, converse, ask questions and take photos; we are considering the possibility of reserving at least 30 minutes each Saturday in which visitors are requested to sit quietly while guest musicians are performing. Of course, these performances will be announced in advance when possible. Thank you for all you do to make our programming flow smoothly.

## A Star-Spangled Celebration

On Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Trinity will resume a popular tradition which was interrupted by the woes of pandemic and restoration. For several years we presented our annual patriotic program on the Sunday closest to 4<sup>th</sup> of July. As this program developed, it drew many visitors from Abbeville, Greenwood, Anderson and some folks from across the river in Georgia. It is a program of songs readings and prayers to celebrate our thanksgiving for our great republic and to express our gratitude to all those who served to protect our freedom and our way of life in this "land of the free and home of the brave." A very

popular part of the program is when John plays each of the well known US military service songs and persons who served in that branch of the military stand while their song is played. John also gives us a rousing presentation of our National Anthem and another elaborate rendition of our National Hymn—*God of Our Fathers* as the Colors recess. The program also features inspirational readings which tend to stir one's patriotic spirit. The program concludes with punch and ice cream in the parish garden. Please make your plans to be with us and bring your friends—3:00 pm.

## Trinity Sunday Picnic

Trinity Sunday was a wonderful day at Trinity, beginning with the beautiful liturgy for the *Feast of the Holy Trinity* and concluding with a delightful picnic lunch on the parish green. Great weather, great food and great fellowship made for a most enjoyable day.

## 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention

The 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church will sit at the Convention Center at Baltimore, Maryland on July 8<sup>th</sup>—July 14<sup>th</sup>. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church, with the exception of the *Bible*, the *Book of Common Prayer* and the Church's Constitution and Canons, is the governing body of the Church, and is composed of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops and sits in executive session every three years. This convention will set the agenda for the Church for the next three years. The House of Bishops is composed of all bishops, active and retired, comprising about 300 bishops. The House of Deputies is composed of an equal number of clergy and lay deputies who are elected from the diocesan conventions and represent the individual parishes and mission churches. This year's convention will be somewhat smaller as it will seat only bishops and official deputies due to continuing concerns

about the pandemic and its implications. Much of the work of this year's convention will deal with the concerns of social justice and equal rights for all people, the concerns about the situation in the Ukraine and the Presiding Bishop's continuing message from the Jesus Movement which he believes is the message of love and reconciliation that is the most needed remedy for this troubled world. We will bring you a report from the convention in our next issue.

## Lambeth Conference

The Archbishop of Canterbury has scheduled the Lambeth Conference also this month from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>. This conference, which sits every 10 years, includes all active bishops in the worldwide Anglican Communion and will meet at the University of Kent, Canterbury Cathedral, and Lambeth Palace in London. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is seeking to unite the Anglican Communion under common expressions of faith and social engagement rather than to focus on debates over human sexuality which has divided bishops at past conferences. The theme for this year's conference will be *God's Church for God's World-Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together*. The conference will focus on what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs and challenges of a rapidly changing world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our Bishop Richards will be with the bishops in England.

## "From the Mouths of Babies"

Overheard at Trinity's labyrinth on a recent summer afternoon. A seven-year-old, explaining to his friend, another seven-year-old, how a labyrinth is supposed to work. "My grandpa says it is a place to spend some quiet time with Jesus and talk to him about things on your mind." (WOW! Thank God for grandpas). The Trinity labyrinth continues to draw many visitors and we thank God for this gift. May Christ be praised!

### **Feast Days in July:**

#### **Saint Mary Magdalene**

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*. She has often been called the second most important woman in the *New Testament* after the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was with Jesus at two of the most significant events in his earthly ministry; his crucifixion and his Resurrection. Within the texts of the four Gospels, she is mentioned at least 12 times, more than most of the Apostles. She showed herself to be strong enough to stand with Jesus in his hours of suffering, death and beyond. In the *New Testament*, Jesus cleansed her of "seven demons" (Luke 8:2, Mark 16:9), often interpreted as possibly referring to some complex illnesses. Saint Mary Magdalene was with Jesus all the time he was suffering on the cross, even when the other apostles had fled (except for John the Beloved). She was at Jesus' burial, and she is the only person to be listed in all four Gospels as the first person to realize that Jesus had risen and to testify to that central teaching of the Faith. John and Mark specifically name her as the first person to see Jesus after the Resurrection. She is often referred to as the *Apostle to the Apostles*, an honorific bestowed upon her by Saint Augustine in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Saint Mary Magdalene is referred to as a saint in the Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox and Lutheran Churches, while other protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the Faith.

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#### **Saint James**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint James the Apostle*. He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of Saint John the Apostle. The Bible tells us that he was one of the first to join Jesus' ministry. The Synoptic Gospels report that James and John were on the seashore with their father when Jesus called them to follow him. James is only one of three apostles to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. The *Acts of the Apostles* records that Herod the King had James executed by the sword. He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. He is, thus, traditionally believed to be the first apostle martyred for the Faith. James was fervent in his ministry and often aggressive in the propagation of the Faith. He and his brother were known for their hot tempers for which they earned the nickname Boanergers, or "sons of thunder." Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and his relics are contained in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. His symbols are

the scallop shell and the pilgrim's hat. Catholic tradition holds that the first mystical visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary was to Saint James.

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#### **Questions??**

We sometimes get questions, especially from new Episcopalians about the practices of the Church. We welcome these questions especially from persons who are considering whether or not they wish to become Episcopalians. If you are a new person to the Anglican Faith, feel free to ask any questions you may have. The more you know about the practices, liturgies, history and mysticism of the Church, the more meaningful your worship experience will become. We have these questions from people now looking at Trinity and considering joining our congregation: What is meant by crossing oneself at certain times in the service? What are the Prayers of the People and where do all the names come from?

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#### **The Sign of the Cross**

Making the Sign of the Cross is a ritual blessing made by some branches of Christianity, usually accompanied by the spoken or mental recitation of the *Trinitarian Formula*: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." To "make the Cross" is an outward manifestation of our receipt of and our thankfulness for the Gift of Salvation; and an acknowledgement of the incredible price that was necessary to be paid on the cross for us to have this Gift. The Sign of the Cross is a Sacramental if we make it with the right hand by touching the forehead (expressing our belief in the cross,) the breast (expressing our love for the cross) and our shoulders (expressing our readiness to bear the cross). Making the Sign of the Cross is one of the powerful weapons we use in the battle with the devil. In a statement attributed to Saint John Chrysostom, demons are said to "fly away" at the Sign of the Cross, "dreading it as a staff with which they are beaten." The Sign of the Cross is used in several Christian traditions and is seen mostly in the Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican Churches. In the Episcopal Church, the Sign of the Cross is almost always made by Anglo-Catholics (high church) and almost never made by Evangelicals (low church). The making of the cross is entirely optional and is a matter of one's own personal piety. We want everyone in our church to be comfortable, blessed and "at home" in their worship experience.

#### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Book of Common Prayer* uses the title "Prayers of the People" for the *Oratio Fidelium*, or general intercessions in the Eucharist. Such prayers have a long and venerable history. For centuries they have formed a part of the Daily Office and the Eucharistic Liturgy. In the early church, they usually included a long series of biddings which were chanted by a deacon, to each of which the people responded *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord have mercy). For many years, visitors to our church who desired prayer, signed the prayer request list in the narthex and we were happy to call their names from the High Altar in the Prayers of the People each Sunday. As you know, we still call many names for the sick and the departed in our Sunday prayers. Listen closely, as these people are in sickness or tribulation. Ask Jesus to heal comfort and bless these people and to give them his peace. We still have many Saturday afternoon visitors who light candles and say prayers in the Lady Chapel and at the High Altar. It gives us great pleasure to be able to receive these people. Prayers have been offered from this place for almost 200 years. It is Holy Ground.

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#### **Choirmaster at Sewanee**

Our choirmaster and organist will again be in heaven for a week while he attends the annual organ workshop and conference at our seminary at Sewanee in the middle of July. This annual gathering each year brings together at one place many of the world's finest organists. The 70-rank Casavant organ in the elegant All Saints Chapel is a sight to see and a joy to hear. At this conference, church organists have an opportunity to hear and perform the great liturgical music of the Church of England and the Episcopal Church. They are also able to participate in services of Evensong and other beautiful liturgies not often heard except in cathedrals and large parish churches. These workshops are often conducted by the Anglican Church's best organists and choirmasters; and, as we all know, the Anglican Church has the finest sacred music in the world. John has often described his time at Sewanee as one of the most rewarding and enjoyable events of his summer. We are very fortunate to have John in this small parish as he is generally regarded as one of the finest organists in the diocese. Sewanee (University of the South) is also regarded as one of the finest Anglican seminaries in the world.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## JULY 2022

*This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year C  Office Lectionary Year 2	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 3:00 pm Patriotic Program	<b>4</b>  INDEPENDENCE DAY (Altar: White)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Saint Mary Magdalene (Altar: White)	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Parent's Day 7 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>  Saint James The Apostle (Altar: Red)	<b>26</b>  Joachim and Ann Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)	<b>27</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>28</b>  Johann Sebastian Bach, Composer 1750	<b>29</b>  Mary and Martha Of Bethany	<b>30</b>

**July 3, 2022 (Proper 9)**  
 Celebrant: Father Manning  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14  
 Psalm: 30 Exaltabo te, Domine  
 The Epistle: Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16  
 The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10, 2022 (Proper 10)**  
 Celebrant: Father Manning  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Charleen  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Amos 7:7-17  
 Psalm : 82 Deus stetit  
 The Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14  
 The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

**The Vestry meeting will be on July 10th immediately following Mass.**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen*

**July 17, 2022 (Proper 11)**  
 Celebrant: Father Manning  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Amos 8 : 1-12  
 Psalm: 52 Quid gloriaris  
 The Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28  
 The Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

**July 24, 2022 (Proper 12)**  
 Celebrant: Father Manning  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Hosea 1: 2-10  
 Psalm 85 Benedixisti, Domine  
 The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19  
 The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

**Parents' Day (July 24, 2022)**  
 In 1994 President Clinton signed into law a resolution adopted in the US Congress to establish the fourth Sunday of every July as Parents Day. Happy Parents' Day all you moms and dads.

**July 31, 2022 (Proper 13)**  
 Celebrant: Father Manning  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11  
 Psalm: 107: 1-9, 43  
 The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11  
 The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

<b>Happy Birthday</b>
07/04—God Bless America
07/04—Judy

**Collect for Independence Day**  
 Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (BCP, p. 242).

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (From the Magnificat) + BCP, p. 119.**

## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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### **Our Mission Statement:**

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

### **Our Bishop**

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards  
The IX Bishop

### **Our Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

### **The Vestry:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)  
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)  
Mary Lynn Lyle (24)  
Myra Keith (22)  
Ilona Anderson (23)  
Lewis Ashley (24)  
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  
Charleen Clark

### **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 (In Memorium)

### **Children's Programs:**

Jan Haldeman

### **Bulletins, Special Projects:**

John Pullin

### **Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):**

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Delegate (Voting)  
Dick Haldeman, Delegate (Voting)  
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)  
Mike Clary (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.**

### **A Laugh From Trinity's Past**

From a private journal of a former Abbeville native of long ago, now belonging to a great grand daughter living in upstate New York. This article originally appeared in the September 2009 newsletter and is repeated by request.

It was a bright sunny afternoon in late September 1877. There was an important meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society scheduled at Trinity Church which would be attended by many ladies from the community. The vicar had invited a priest to speak who was just back in this country after two years of mission work in South Africa. The main doors from the street to the narthex were closed, but the doors to the north and south gardens were open to enjoy the warm fall afternoon. Miss Abigail entered the church in the company of her cousin, Sister Mary Rose, a nun in the Anglican Order of the Holy Cross, on leave from her convent. The ladies, both in their mid-fifties, entered a stall near the middle of the church which would allow them to hear the lecture and, at the same time, to observe the afternoon sun as it played in the brilliant stained glass. What they did not know is that the stall they selected was also occupied by a large gray squirrel enjoying an afternoon siesta under their bench. All went well until about the middle of the lecture when the squirrel awoke and realized that he was no longer alone in the stall. He made a rapid egress across the ladies' laps, causing Miss Abigail to suffer a most violent attack of "the vapors" which required her immediate removal to the boxwood garden where she could take the air and regain her composure. The squirrel continued down the central aisle, across the chancel, and into the choir, causing great havoc and one lady to completely forsake her dignity and to exit the choir over the railing. At this point, most of the ladies who had left the church in the fray, elected to take their afternoon tea in the garden and did not return to the church. The lecture was not resumed. What became of the squirrel or the visiting priest is unknown. The "vapors" is a condition affecting only genteel southern ladies in reaction to an unpleasant situation of considerable stress. The "vapors" are sometimes cured by a dose of smelling salts, a briskly used hand fan or a tall

mint julep. A severe case may require all three remedies. Many of you reading this article are not at all surprised as you have yourself witnessed many squirrels coming down the bell rope to have a drink of Holy Water during Mass. Such is life at Trinity and has been so for more than a hundred years. And most of you would not have it any other way.

The following is also repeated by request from the 2015 newsletter.

### **The Gardenia Lady**

We have recently been saddened to learn of the passing of a dear lady who was known at Trinity only as the "gardenia lady". She often appeared on Saturdays in the middle of the afternoon and brought beautiful gardenias clutched in her small hands which had been crippled by arthritis. She would always make her prayers in the Lady Chapel and would sometimes ask that the crucifix be lifted down so that she might kiss the feet of the Savior. She would then lay her gift of gardenias at the foot of the cross, a fitting gift to Our Lady and her most Blessed Son. And as the chapel was infused with the exotic fragrance of gardenia, she would kneel sometimes for half an hour on those aching knees to offer her prayers; often her misshapen fingers moving slowly and painfully across the beads of her rosary. We never saw her at Mass, only on Saturdays. She was not much for conversation, but her quiet serenity presented a powerful unspoken sermon. Yet now her joy must be unspeakable as she has been taken up on the wings of eagles. She can run and not be weary, walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31); and has seen her precious Jesus face to face. So many sermons here. Trinity is truly a special place. Thanks be to God.

### **Letters From Our Friends:**

Dear Friends:

I recently visited Trinity on a Saturday afternoon when you folks were celebrating the Saturday afternoon before your official feast day, Trinity Sunday. I am new to Abbeville, but had been invited to visit with a friend who is an Abbeville native. I was stricken by the haunting beauty of the church; and after blessing myself with Holy Water, I felt the strong presence of the Holy Spirit. I was raised Roman Catholic, but have been away from the Church for many years. I lit a candle in the Mary Chapel and said a prayer for the first time in a long time and felt renewed. It was so nice to sit in quiet contemplation, listen to quiet organ music and just rest. My personal life has been pretty much a mess for the last two years and it was really nice to be in an environment like your church. After most of my life in New York City, Abbeville feels so comfortable. I just wanted to say thank you for your kindness. I hope you don't mind me leaving this letter on the front door. I hope to visit again soon.

Jesus said "come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28, KJV).