



The Abbeville Anglican



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Restoration Update

Preservation South Carolina has announced that they are getting closer to the time when they will reopen the church for events and weddings. Please remember that the congregation will not be able to re-enter the church until the Bishop states it is safe to do so. Most of the re-plastering in the nave, chancel and at the High Altar is now complete and the final decisions concerning paint are being made. The congregation is being consulted on the color choices and some of you actually went into the church following the service on the 19th to actually see the colors that are being recommended. When the plasterers have completed their work, the church will receive a complete cleaning by professional industrial cleaners before it is re-opened. Preservation is now stating that they hope the opening will be in August or September.

Beware!

Some of you have commented on the new signs which have been placed on the fences in the work areas near the church and stating that the church yard is closed to visitors until the work on the church is complete. These warnings apply to members as well as visitors. Please do not be wandering about in the area near the church building until cleared to do so. There has already been one accident. Our church has a long and proud history of encouraging and welcoming visitors. Trinity is one of the most visited and photographed churches in South Carolina. We hope that soon we will be able to resume much of our community programming which has always been such a blessing to this area. Less than an hour after the signs were placed, at least six people were walking about in the work area. Please observe the signs and encourage others to do so.

Election of the IX Bishop

Many of you are asking questions about the election of the new bishop in response to our article in the last issue of the

newsletter. You will recall that we published the entire timeline for your convenience. Some of you have some ideas about whom you would like to see elected. This is encouraged and we will attempt to keep you posted on the process. As the diocese sends us regular updates on the election process, we will make them available to you. The best place to find any answers to your questions will be on the diocesan website. Thank you to Father Alan Bentrup, Diocesan Canon for Evangelism and Mission, who is keeping us posted on new developments and, of course, we will pass all those updates on to you. Stay tuned.

Home Again

In case you have not heard, our merry little group of Abbeville Anglicans has been back at church for about three weeks and it is really great to be back at home. We are meeting outside under the shade trees and our summer schedule has our service beginning at 9:30 am—better in the intense heat. This schedule will probably remain in effect until October when we will return to the 11:00 hour. We are carefully observing all the safety rules issued by the Bishop and have ample room outside for the spacing requirements. If the big church should reopen to us before October, we will still have ample space there to observe the safety precautions as well since Trinity will seat about three hundred people. Bible Study and Evening Prayer have not yet resumed, but when Dick and Hank have made that decision, we will let you know. Please be with us when you can. The Blessed Sacrament, the Bread of Heaven, is the best possible nourishment for the human soul.

Remembering Dr. DuBose

The Episcopal Church does not create saints, but does establish Name Days for its distinguished sons and daughters who have made profound contributions to the life of the Church. One such person was Dr. William Porcher DuBose, whom we remember

each year in the month of August. This is especially significant to us as Dr. DuBose was Trinity's Vicar from 1866 to 1871. Dr. DuBose's Name Day is observed on October 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 a 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. While a professor of theology at the seminary, Dr. DuBose wrote 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 Communion. Dr. DuBose's treatises and books are still used in the training of priests and deacons in Anglican seminaries all over the world. This writer was once attending a service at St. Paul's (London) in which a reference was made to Dr. DuBose's writings. Perhaps our beloved Trinity played a role in molding this great preacher and theologian.

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 called "Son" by a voice from above assumed to be the Father God 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 may be viewed 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 Church 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 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 11 years after the Resurrection 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. Amen.*

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.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, also known as the *Decollation of Saint John the Baptist*, or the *Beheading of the Forerunner* is a Biblical event and Holy Day observed by various Christian churches that follow liturgical traditions. The day commemorates the martyrdom by beheading of Saint John the Baptist on the orders of Herod Antipas through the vengeful request of Salome, his stepdaughter and her mother, Herodias. According to the Synoptic Gospels, Herod was tetrarch (sub-king) of Galilee and had imprisoned St. John because he had reproved Herod for divorcing his wife and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother. On the occasion of Herod's birthday, Salome danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired. After conferring with her mother, Salome requested the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Although appalled by the request, Herod reluctantly agreed and had St. John executed in the prison. John was imprisoned in 27 AD (Matthew 4:12, Mark 1:14) and was probably killed in the time period of 28-29 AD (Matthew 14:12, Mark 6:14-27, Luke 9:9). John was the child of Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and, therefore, himself a distant cousin of Jesus. He was

approximately six months older than Jesus and is primarily remembered as he who baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. This feast day is observed on August 29th.

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. Acts (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.

The Labyrinth

The planning for the new Trinity Labyrinth is going very well and many of you have made generous contributions toward its completion. Thank you! Some of our people are making general contributions to the overall project, while others are purchasing individual benches. These very attractive benches can be inscribed according to your wishes and may be a memorial or in honor of someone special to you. Dr. Rob Elsner is doing an excellent job of coordinating the project for us and in the near future we will ask him to give us some time during the announcement period following the Eucharist to respond to any questions you may have. If you are making a financial contribution, please mark on your check that your gift is for the Labyrinth so it can be recorded and designated according to your wishes. At some point we will enclose with the newsletter a picture of the benches and all information you will require to make a decision. Please remember when you think about this project that it will be here many years after most of us are gone and has the potential to bless the lives of many future generations. Dr. Elsner will welcome your ideas and comments.



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY 2020



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 2	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts	All Lessons and Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary				1 Joseph of Arimathea
2 9 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	3	4	5	6 The Transfiguration Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)	7	8 Dominic, Priest And Friar, 1221
9 10 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Vestry Meets	10	11	12 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	13	14	15 Saint Mary The Virgin, Mother Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)
16 11 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	17	18 William Porcher DuBose Priest and Theologian Vicar of Trinity Parish 1866-1871 RIP	19 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	20	21	22
23 12 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	24 Saint Bartholomew The Apostle (Altar: Red)	25	26 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	27	28	29 The Beheading Of Saint John The Baptist (Altar: Red)
30	31		31 6:00 pm Evening Prayer			

August 2, 2020 (Proper 13)
 Celebrant: Father Ken Tucker
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Betty
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm: 17: 1-7, 16
 The Epistle: Romans 9:1-5
 The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2020 (Proper 14)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Genesis 37: 1-14, 12-28
 Psalm: 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
 The Epistle: Romans 10: 5-15
 The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

The August meeting of the vestry will be on August 9th at 10:30 am to immediately follow the Eucharist. Members mark your calendars.

August 16, 2020 (Proper 15)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Genesis 28: 10-19a
 Psalm: 139:1-11, 22-23
 The Epistle: Romans 8: 12-25
 The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

August 23, 2020 (Proper 16)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Genesis 29: 15-28
 Psalm: 105: 1-11, 45b
 The Epistle: Romans: 8:26-39
 The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33

Please feel to call your Senior Warden at anytime to express concerns or request addition to prayer list—864-992-2200.

August 30, 2020 (Proper 17)
 Celebrant: Father Swartsfager
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-15
 Psalm: 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c
 The Epistle: Romans 12: 9-21
 The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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

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—P.O. Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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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:

Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden
Dick Haldeman, Clerk
Myra Keith
Mary Anne Campbell
Betty Tucker
Mike Clary

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
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

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
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & rounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Cynthia Jefferies (Voting)
Jan Haldeman (Voting)
Hank Baggett (Alternate)
Lewis Ashley (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 Prayer for Trinity

This wonderful prayer we only hear on Good Friday each year, but seems so appropriate for Trinity's current times and situation. What do you think?

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen. BCP, P. 280.

Letters:

Dear Trinity Friends:

I wrote you last month in desperation to request your prayers for my young son, Jake, one of your Saturday afternoon kids. He had contracted covid at the beach and was very sick. I am happy to report that he is almost completely well and driving us crazy because he wants to ride his motorcycle over to Trinity to see you all. Not yet. He tells everyone that it was the prayers of his Trinity friends that saved him. Thank you so much for the prayer and love that flows from Trinity. I think there is a good chance that you people are going to make an Anglican out of my Baptist kid. Thank you, thank you!
Anne.

Dear Anne:

What wonderful news! Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here, below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dear Editor:

I am a long-time Trinity member and I have a question that a lot of people are asking. I help pay the bills so I have a right to ask. Almost three years ago we were removed from the church because the engineers and architects at Meadors stated that the tower was not safe and the church had to be closed. Out we went. Several weeks after that we received a stern letter from one of the diocesan lawyers which was read to the congregation stating that they had been informed that people were still in the church and this must stop because the building was unsafe to occupy. Although several improvements have been made, the tower has not been fixed and the steeple is dangling in midair on the end of a cable. The Preservation people have announced that they are about ready to reopen the church. This is the question that a lot of people are asking. If the church was unsafe for habitation three years ago and we had to put up with the inconvenience of being out of our church for all that time; then how is the church suddenly safe now when the tower has not been repaired?? There is something wrong with this picture. When I asked the Senior Warden to make inquiries of the diocese, he stated he was told that Betty Prime, Chief Architect at Meadors, had advised the diocese that the church in its present state would be safe to occupy for at least a year. Then why was it not safe to occupy for a year when we were put out the door? Does anyone else see the "elephant in the room?" My comments are not meant to be a criticism of the Preservation people, but the stabilization of the tower should have been the first correction made when all this started.
Confused.

Dear Confused:

You and I have discussed this matter and I think you have some valid questions. In the original Meadors plan, the stabilization of the tower was the top and first priority. But a lot of money was required for the initial evaluation of the most practical way to strengthen the tower and not enough money was available to complete the job. So the impetus moved to the complete renovation of the roof which was completed. As I am not an architect or an engineer, I cannot speak to the safety issues you have raised, but I will ask the Preservation SC director if he would care to respond in the next newsletter. The preservation people have stated that they will not open the building until their engineer declares it safe.