



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## The Way of the Cross

Trinity recently received a bus full load of ladies from Anderson on a day trip to Abbeville. They appeared to enjoy their visit and had many questions. There were ladies in the group from St. George's and Grace Church. As it was a pleasant cool day, they enjoyed a walk and prayers at the labyrinth. As they departed, one of the ladies commented on the old cross in the narthex and wondered as it was so old and in such bad repair, why it was on display. We explained that for more than 100 years it sat atop the spire and everyday proudly proclaimed the Glory of the Lord and He who came to take away the sins of the world. It was clearly visible to most visitors entering the city from all directions. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to receive so many visitors and the blessing they seem to receive from their visits to Trinity.

## Coats for the Needy

We appreciate the opportunity this year to be participating with a group recommended by Pastor Wales which collects coats during the summer for persons who need and do not have coats in the cold months. This is an important ministry. If you have a coat still in good condition which you do not intend to use again, please consider contributing it to this ministry. We will be keeping the donated coats on a rack in the parish house for distribution at the appropriate time. Pastor Wales will keep us updated on the progress of the program.

## Ministries

For more than 30 years, Trinity has been involved in Alcoholics Anonymous programs. We now host four weekly programs (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and sometimes Thursday). We are now in the process of adding another meeting on Saturday morning. This programming has made an important difference in the lives of many people who

have suffered struggles with alcoholism. Alcoholism not only destroys the lives of individual sufferers, but entire families as well. If you know and care about someone with this problem, make them aware of the programs at Trinity. Interested persons may just appear at one of the meetings and someone will assist them.

## Volunteers Wanted

If you have some time to spare and enjoy working with plants, you might be interested in helping with the labyrinth garden. The intense heat is playing havoc with the plants around the labyrinth and many of the plants are suffering. We now have only one person who is doing at least weekly waterings. Dr. Haldeman (Jan) who is a professor of Biology and Botany worked very hard to plan the plantings for the labyrinth area and most of the plants are mentioned in the Bible. We hope, at some time, to have a small sign at each plant to identify each plant name, and perhaps the verse from the Bible where it is mentioned. The Trinity Labyrinth has been a great success and continues to have many visitors, even in the heat. If you might have an interest in helping with the garden, see the Senior Warden. Thank you!

## Wedding Bells

Just to keep you posted, you regular members might like to know that we now have four weddings on schedule—one for October of this year and three for next year. Trinity has long been a favorite place for brides. We have hosted at least three weddings from "Say Yes to the Dress," the popular television show about brides selecting their wedding dresses and following them through the whole wedding process. The vestry has set the charge for weddings at Trinity at \$1,500.00 and that includes use of the parish house. That charge is considerably less than many of the local wedding venues. That does not include the

fee for the clergyman or the organist. The last wedding at Trinity was a lovely evening event which was attended by 250 guests. We do have specific requirements at Trinity for the use of the church, which are mostly consistent those required usually in the Episcopal Church USA. Invite your friends to consider Trinity for their weddings, as the fees are helpful in our overall budgets for the year. Mary Lynn is currently our wedding coordinator.

## Archdeacon to Visit

The Reverend Janey Wilson, the Venerable Archdeacon will visit Trinity on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, to preach and celebrate the Mass. This will be her first visit to Trinity. Following the Mass, we will have a cool salad luncheon under the trees in the garden and if the heat is too intense, we will eat in the parish house. Please make your plans to be with us for this opportunity to meet and greet the new Archdeacon.

You Asked: "So many names are called in the Prayers of the People each week. Where do all these names come from?"

## The Prayers of the People

The *Book of Common Prayer* uses the "Prayers of the People" for the *Oratio Fidelium* or general intercessions. In the Eucharist, such prayers have a long and venerable history. Their existence was first mentioned by Justin Martyr about the year 150, and for centuries they formed a part of the Daily Office and Eucharistic Liturgy. In the early Church they usually included a long series of prayers which were chanted by a deacon, to each of which the people responded in the Greek, "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy). Most of these names called for prayer come from you as you are aware that these people are in need of prayer. Other names are guests who sing the prayer request list. Many of these people are in sickness, sadness, or some tribulation and need and appreciate your prayers. God clearly tells us to pray for each other. Prayers have gone up from this place for 165 years.

## Feast Days in July:

### Saint Mary Magdalene

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*. This saint is most important in the major role she played in Jesus' earthly ministry. She has been called the second most important woman in the New Testament after the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary Magdalene was frequently with Jesus throughout his travels. She was present at the two most important events in Jesus' earthly mission: the crucifixion and the Resurrection. Within the four Gospels, she is named at least 12 times, more than most of the Apostles. She showed herself to stand by 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), sometimes being interpreted as referring to complex illnesses. Mary Magdalene was most prominent in Jesus' last days. She was with him in his final terrifying moments and at his death. She stayed with him at the cross after the other Apostles (except John the Beloved) had fled. She was at Jesus' burial, and she was the only one to be listed in all four Gospels as the first to realize that Jesus had risen and to testify to that central teaching of faith. John and Mark specifically name her as the first person to see Jesus after the Resurrection. She was the Apostle to the Apostles, an honorific that Saint Augustine (4<sup>th</sup> century) gave her and that others have conferred on Mary Magdalene. She is revered as a saint in the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran Churches. Other protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the Faith.

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### Saint James the Apostle

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 disciples to join Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels state that James and John were with their father on the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. James was one of only three apostles to bear witness to the Transfiguration of Jesus. *The Acts of the Apostles* records that "Herod the King" had James executed by 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 his faith. James was fervent and often aggressive in its propagation. He and his brother were known for their hot tempers for which they earned the nick-

names *Boanerges*, 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 personal visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary was to Saint James.

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### Choirmaster at Sewanee

Our organist and choirmaster will again be in Heaven for two weeks when he attends the annual organ conference at Sewanee during the first two weeks this month. This annual convention brings together each year some of the world's finest organists. The 70-rank Casavant organ in All Saints Chapel is a sight to see and a joy to hear. At this conference, church organists have a chance to hear and perform some of the great liturgical music of the Episcopal Church and the Church of England. They also have the opportunity to participate in services of Evensong and other beautiful liturgies not often heard except in large parishes and cathedrals. These conferences are conducted by the Anglican Church's best organists and choirmasters; and, as we know, the Anglican Church has the best sacred music in the world. John has often described the week as one of the most rewarding and enjoyable events of his summer. He will be away from our bench for two weeks in July. Our guest organist on the 14<sup>th</sup> will be Mr. Stan Colbert, one of the principle organists for the Greenwood Civic Chorale. Thanks to Robert for introducing Stan to Trinity Church. Actually, when we refer to Sewanee, we are referring to the Seminary of the University of the South in Tennessee. The University of the South is one of the major Episcopal Universities in the world and is owned by 30 dioceses in Province IV of the Episcopal Church of which our diocese is one.

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### New Presiding Bishop Elected

The triennial Episcopal family reunion, worship extravaganza and legislative session that is General Convention was back in full force this year at the June 20-28 meeting. The convention splits its authority between the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in busy sessions which managed to handle 390 resolutions. Although, this year's major agenda involved the election of the new Presiding Bishop, the convention managed to successfully complete all other pressing matters under consideration. The Convention elected the Rt. Reverend Sean

Rowe to be its 28<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop, reelected Julia Harris as President of the House of Deputies, passed a \$143 million budget for the next triennium, and many other changes in the Church's legislative procedures and canons. Rowe was elected on June 26<sup>th</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> ballot of the House of Bishops to serve as the 28<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop—his election confirmed by the House of Deputies. The new bishop will begin his new 9-year-term as the public face and voice of the Episcopal Church and its Chief Pastor on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The new PB has decided to decline the usual very elaborate service at the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (the National Cathedral) and to settle for a much less formal consecration (rite) to occur on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the small chapel at the church center in New York. This service will be livestreamed. Rowe becomes the youngest bishop ever to be elected as the Church's PB and the second overall since the first, William White, who was 41 when his first of two terms began in 1789.

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### Back Home

We continue to see more visitors in our Saturday Afternoons at Trinity programming. We continue to receive visitors every Saturday from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. Our Saturday visitors are mostly those who just drop by to see the church, spending some quiet time resting, watching the light in the stained glass, meditation and prayer, lighting a candle and some requesting prayer. Some of the groups like to request hymns and sing along with the organ. We are now also a destination church in that visitors now drive to Abbeville just to spend some time at Trinity. A recent family group drove 100 miles and spent about two hours at the church who had historical connections to some of the families on the tableaux noted on the memorials. The destination visitors will probably also qualify us as a Missionary Church in our outreach and community centered programming. We also have many requests to accommodate visitors who request to see the church when it is closed. These requests come from the Chamber of Commerce, other local business establishments and a number on the gate. We are now attempting to keep track of a total monthly number which will allow Dick to include this number in his yearly parochial report to the diocese. We thank God for these visitors and pray that He will use this ministry for His Glory.

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# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## JULY 2024

✦ *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 B  Office Lectionary Year 2	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  INDEPENDENCE DAY  God Bless Our Native Land!	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Garden Luncheon	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meeting	<b>22</b>  SAINT MARY MAGDALENE (Altar: White)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  JAMES the APOSTLE (Altar: Red)	<b>26</b>  Saints Anne and Joachim Parents of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Parent's Day	<b>29</b>  Mary and Martha Of Bethany	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Our Service Books: 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 and the Book of Common Prayer as taken from the Holy Bible.	Weekday Eucharistic Readings for use throughout the year are found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, pages 498-528.

**July 7, 2024 (Proper 9)**  
 Celebrant: Pastor Diane Wales  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Mike  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
 Psalm: 48  
 The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
 The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

**July 14, 2024 (Proper 10)**  
 Celebrant: The Archdeacon  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolyte: Mike  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson : 2 Samuel 6 :1-5,12b-19  
 The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14  
 The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

**VESTRY MEETS, Sunday, July 21st to immediately follow Mass.**

The Blessed Sacrament is the most perfect nourishment for the human soul.  
 +Hope to see you at Mass+

**July 21, 2024 (Proper 11)**  
 Celebrant: Father Renegar  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Mike  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7 :1-14a  
 Psalm: 89  
 The Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22  
 The Gospel: Mark 6:30-34,53-56

**July 28 2024 (Proper 12)**  
 Celebrant: Father Renegar  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolytes: Mike  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-15  
 Psalm: 14  
 The Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21  
 The Gospel: John 6:1-21

*He that dwelleth in the secret place  
of the most High shall abide under  
the shadow of the Almighty.  
Psalm 91:1*

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Don't forget Saturday Afternoons at Trinity. Every Saturday from noon until 4:00 pm. Prayer, Meditation, quiet music, sing-a-longs, light a candle for someone in need, walk the Labyrinth, spend some quiet time with Jesus. Members come and help meet and greet our many visitors—an outreach ministry.

Bible Study with Henrietta every Sunday at 10:00 am in the parish house. Great lessons and discussions. You are invited to attend.

**Ideas?**  
 Please consider giving us an article for the newsletter about some area of concern to you that might also be of interest to our readers. Your ideas and comments are welcome.

**Excuse Please**  
 We apologize for the late arrival date of this month's newsletter. We had a major computer problem on our ancient computer. Thanks for your understanding.

## *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:**

Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden (24)  
Charles Horton, Junior Warden (26)  
Mary Lynn Lyle (24)  
Charleen Clark (25)  
Dick Haldeman (25)  
Michael Clary (26)

### **Parish Administrator and Registrar:**

Dick Haldeman

### **Treasurer:**

Michael Clary

### **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

### **Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley  
Susanne Bender Heinzerling

### **Lectors (Lay Readers):**

Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Nancy Ann Leonard  
Charleen Clark

### **Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Charles Thomas Horton  
Michael Clary  
Ilona Anderson  
James Parton

### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
Cynthia Jefferies

### **Greeters/Ushers**

Ilona Anderson  
Henrietta Hudson

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

Jan Haldeman

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

John Pullin

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

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Cynthia Jefferies (Voting)  
Dick Haldeman (Voting)  
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)  
Michael Clary (Alternate)

### **Thurifer (Censor):**

Michael Clary

### **Newsletters:**

Lewis Ashley

### **Sunday School/Bible Study:**

Henrietta Hudson

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

### **Editorially Speaking**

I hope you kind people will allow this raggedy old newsletter editor a personal reminiscence in this season when we celebrate the birth of our nation. I always spent the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Myrtle Beach. Now Myrtle Beach is not some where you would want to be on that date unless you rather enjoy rubbing elbows with "all sorts and conditions of men (BCP, p. 814. Many of these times were wonderful days spent of the company of long-time friends. We had enjoyed a seafood dinner at the Sea Captain's while we watched the waves roll up on the beach. As it began to get dark we walked several blocks down the beach to a hotel which had a lovely garden on the beach where one could sit and watch the fireworks. I remember the wonderful feel of walking barefoot in the sand and the characteristic smell of the sea in evening. We found a nice table and watched large crowds of people heading toward the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pier (one of the longest on the Atlantic coast.) The US Army Band was playing familiar patriotic songs as the darkness fell. Then we heard several drum rolls and a trumpet fanfare. The military band then broke forth with our National Anthem as a spectacular fireworks display illuminated the summer sky. By this time the garden had fallen silent and proud Americans were on their feet with hands over heart—on the beach, on the balconies, everywhere. And there it was at the end of the pier—Old Glory waving majestically in the stiff ocean breeze. And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O, say does that starspangled banner yet wave o're the land of the free and the home of the brave. At that moment, I again felt so proud to be an American; and extremely grateful to a loving and gracious God who has so abundantly blessed my native land.

### **Politics, Faith and the Episcopal Church**

By some accounts, at least 2,500 preachers in a variety of churches across the nation have deliberately defied federal tax rules by the endorsement of candidates for president and other political offices from the pulpit. The Episcopal Church believes that the church's role must be prophetic, not partisan. In an election year our church reminds, encourages and supports full voter participation. We are reminded that Jesus was deeply concerned with political processes in his own day, challenging people around him, as well as the Roman and religious governments about injustice, violence and exploitation. Does a tax proposal seem to care for the "least of these?" Does a policy decision mean greater justice for those deprived and those in some kind of need. Does one candidate seem to have a greater interest than another in the primary issues of justice that Jesus spoke about. And while people of good faith may come to different conclusions about any political issues, the quality of the dialogue and the way it is conducted must be taken into account. Mixing partisan politics and religion only makes religion the loser, Certainly, the Church needs to say something about politics, but it does not need to be backing candidates (From the Episcopal News Service).

### **A Prayer for the Election of the President of the United States**

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Your will, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Nothing More! Nothing Less!  
Nothing Else! Amen!

### **The Priesthood of Believers**

Fundamental doctrine which affirms that all baptized Christians share the eternal priesthood of Jesus. Christ's High Priesthood is unique and his atoning sacrifice was offered once for all. The royal priesthood of the people of God consists in offering ourselves repeatedly in daily obedience to the Word (1 Peter 2.5, Romans 12:1.) The redemptive work of Christ makes it possible for all people of God to offer their priestly sacrifice of obedient living (Revelation 1:6, 5:10). The Recovery of this doctrine at the Reformation led to the recovering of the ministry of the laity. The whole Church is described by the Catechism as a *royal priesthood*. (BCP, p. 854).

*And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house.*

Deuteronomy 26:11