



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Update

We have enjoyed a very nice summer of excellent services, some new regular attendees and many visitors at Mass. It appears that things are getting back to normal at old Trinity after those difficult years of being out of the church. We believe that some decisions will be made soon concerning how we can best continue with the restoration process to follow the withdrawal of Preservation South Carolina. We are also in the planning stages of re-inventing some of our very popular programs which had become community favorites, We will keep you posted as these programs are developed. Stay tuned.

## Hymn Sing Scheduled

On September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm we will resume one of our most popular programs that had continued for almost ten years until our removal from our church building. Our first Hymn Sing drew almost 200 singers from Abbeville, Anderson, Greenwood and other parts of the upstate. This program is devoted to those wonderful old hymn standards, many of which are no longer included in the modern hymnals. The program is further enhanced by the inclusion of mandolin, guitar, dulcimer, flute, violin, and Irish Ten Whistle from the multitalented Lyman Golden family and our own John Pullin who is widely known for his organ performance. The program will conclude when the plaintive voice of the bagpipes joins your singing of Amazing Grace, which often generates more tears than singing. If you love the old hymns, this is a program for you—no better way to spend a lovely fall afternoon. Never any charge for programs at Trinity, but donations are accepted for the continuing restoration. Hope to see you there.

## Confirmation Classes

We have recently completed confirmation classes for persons seeking membership to the

congregation. Lewis taught the section on the information new communicants should know about the Episcopal Church and Dick taught the section concerning important theological positions that new Episcopalians should understand. So wonderful to have Shane, Charles and Henrietta with us at Trinity. Due to the large number of parishes in this diocese, the Bishop is only able to get to each parish church every other year. Bishop Richards will probably confirm or receive our new members in 2023. We love having all of you who are regular visitors and hope you will officially join our congregation soon.

## Distinguished Visitors

We were recently surprised and delighted to receive some of the monks from Mepkin Abbey, the rather famous Roman Catholic Monastery (Trappist) nestled on the banks of the Cooper River at the location of the former Mepkin Plantation. The abbey is very beautiful and well known for its mushrooms, fruit cake and the Christmas Abbey Creche Festival which comprises antique creches from all over the world. They stated that they had some business in Greenville, and just wanted to visit the “little Abbeville Cathedral” they had heard so much about. One of the brothers has relatives in this part of the upstate and knows the area well. They admired our church and finished off their visit with prayers at the labyrinth. You know those Charleston folks. They actually have half the world convinced that the Ashley and the Cooper Rivers run together in the Charleston harbor to form the Atlantic Ocean! Well, Maybe?

## The Labyrinth

Speaking of the labyrinth, we continue to have a lot of visitors who stop to check it out. At a recent health related seminar at the livery stable, the Senior Warden hosted an exhibit to inform about the labyrinth and invite

people to check it out. As the program was on a Saturday, a number of visitors came directly from the program to actually see the labyrinth. We hope all of you will promote the labyrinth and encourage your friends to come by for a visit. It seems to be drawing the attention of a lot of young people which we hope will not only attract visitors to the labyrinth, but also the other programs of the church.

## Note from the Editor

In January of 2008, I published the first addition of our newsletter which I hoped would be an effective tool for keeping our people informed about things going on in the parish. After all these years, I am thinking it might be about time for me to step down and turn-in my editorial hat. I have made two attempts to discontinue the writing of the newsletter, but have always been persuaded to continue for a little while longer. I hope several people reading this will decide they would like to take over the newsletter, but I will not hold my breath. I wish I could say how much I have enjoyed doing the newsletter, but that would not be true and often it has been a real struggle to find material to complete a new issue. I am sure many of you reading this could do a much better job than I have been able to do. I really hope someone out there might like to take over this project. I apologize for all the mistakes and misspelled words to which you have been subjected through the years. If you are interested in the job, please give me a call. Thank you. Lewis.

## Guides at the Labyrinth

Some of our visitors who are interested in using the labyrinth are having some difficulty in understanding the procedure for using the labyrinth effectively. If you would like to serve as a Saturday afternoon guide, let the Senior Warden know. We are pleased to be having more visitors at the prayer labyrinth.

## **Feast Days in September:**

### **Holy Cross Day**

We celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Cross* on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The feast is known as the Exultation of the Cross in the Eastern Church and is referred to as the Triumph of the cross in the Roman Catholic Church. It was one of the twelve great feasts in the Byzantine Liturgies. In most of the Anglican Communion, the feast is called *Holy Cross Day*, a name used also in the Lutheran Church. The September 14<sup>th</sup> feast is the titular feast of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and the Episcopal Church's Order of the Holy Cross. The image of the cross has long been one of the most potent icons of mankind and has been for centuries the primary symbol of the Christian Faith. It is an interesting fact that in the Episcopal Church in this country, even in the lowest churches worshippers are inclined to bow their heads as the cross passes them in procession; and, of course, in the high church, worshippers go to their knees. This is reminiscent of the fact that the cross is not only a symbol of Christ's victory, but also, a symbol of the great pain and suffering endured by the Redeemer to bring about our salvation.

*Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. Book of Common Prayer. P. 192.*

### **Saint Matthew**

We observe the *Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist* on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Matthew was one of the major apostles and one of the four evangelists. According to the *New Testament*, he was a witness to the Resurrection and Ascension. Before being called by Jesus, the apostle collected taxes from the Hebrew people for Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee. Jews who became rich in such a fashion were despised and thought of as outcasts. However, as a tax collector, he would have been literate in Greek and Aramaic. Matthew forsook his tax collecting business to follow Jesus and to become an effective evangelist. It was at a dinner at Matthew's house that the scribes and pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This caused Jesus to reply: *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners* (Mark 2:17). Later, church fathers, such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claimed that Matthew preached the Gospel in Hebrew for fifteen years in the Jew-

ish community of Judea, before going to other mission fields. The first of the Synoptic Gospels is technically anonymous, but most often attributed to Matthew. Several modern and ancient scholars have long claimed that Matthew originally wrote his Gospel in Hebrew, but still regard the Greek text as canonical. After many years of preaching the Gospel and advancing the Kingdom, Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia defending the Faith.

### **Michaelmas**

*Michaelmas* is another name for the *Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels*, and occurs in the western Christian calendar on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Because it falls near the equinox, it has become associated in the northern hemisphere with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. In medieval England, the season of *Michaelmas* marked the ending of the husbandman's year when the harvest was over and the bailiff or reeve of the manor would be making out the accounts for the year. Michael is probably the best known of all the archangels and is best remembered for defeating Lucifer, also an archangel, in Heaven's great war of the angels. He is the principal warrior angel and will lead the armies of Christ in the last great battle of Armageddon. Michael is also seen as the protector against the dark of night, and the curator of cosmic intelligence. In the middle ages, *Michaelmas* was a holy day of obligation, but that tradition was abolished in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Lutheran Church still lists *Michaelmas* as a principal Feast of Christ. In the Anglican and Episcopal Church, we tend to recognize at least four archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. The Catholic Church names several more.

### **Ember Days**

Whenever we denote Ember Days on our monthly calendar, someone always asks: What are Ember Days? Ember Days are three days that occur four times a year: the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after St. Lucy's Day (Saint Lucia—December 13<sup>th</sup>), Ash Wednesday, Day of Pentecost and Holy Cross Day. The name comes from the Latin title *Quattuor tempora*, meaning four times. In ancient times, these days were associated with sowing, harvest and vintage for which one prayed, fasted and gave alms. In more recent times these days have become days for ordination, for which the Christian community prayed for the candidates while they prepared themselves by prayer and retreat.

The *Book of Common Prayer* appoints proper collects and readings for this observation under the titles "For the ministry, For those to be ordained, for the choice of fit persons for the ministry, and for all Christians in their vocation." (BCP, pp. 256-257, 929). Every candidate or postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church is required by canon to report to his bishop four times a year during the Ember Weeks. These reports must be made in person or by letter and must include reflection on the person's academic experience as well as personal and spiritual development.

### **Saint Francis of Assisi**

Like many Catholic and Anglican (Episcopal) churches in the US, we observe the *Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi* on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The ancient feast day commemorates the life of Saint Francis who was an Italian Friar in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. In many of his sermons, Francis pointed out that what we reflect in our actions in our everyday lives is often more important than what we say. Saint Francis said: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words." Many Anglican churches throughout the world celebrate the Saint Francis Feast with the Blessing of the Animals. This blessing service is one of our most popular annual programs and usually draws many visitors from other churches. Father Swartsfager will bless the animals this year on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the parish garden. Due to the continuation of the covid protocols, refreshments for our human and canine guests will not be served this year. We will continue our custom of inviting guests who wish to bring a contribution of dog or cat food for the animal shelters. Please be with us and bring your best friend who may be on four legs.

### **New Vicariate**

Father Manning announced on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, that would be his last Sunday with us after serving our church as a very popular priest for a year. Bishop Richards has appointed him to a joint vicariate to include St. Luke's (Newberry) and St. John's (Winnsboro). Father will be greatly missed here, but we are very happy for his new full-time appointment and know he will be a great blessing to these missions. We appreciate Father Manning very much and are grateful for his excellent service to Trinity over the past year.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 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 are from the Revised Common Lectionary.		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>5</b>  Labor Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  HOLY CROSS DAY (Altar: Red)  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ember Day  Saint Matthew Apostle And Evangelist (Altar Red)  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ember Day	<b>24</b> Ember Day
<b>25</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 3:00 pm Hymn Sing	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>29</b>  Saint Michael And All Angels (Altar: White)	<b>30</b>	

**September 4, 2022 (Proper 18)**

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11  
 Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17  
 The Epistle: Philemon :1-21  
 The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

**September 11, 2022 (Proper 19)**

Celebrant: To be announced  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Charleen  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
 Psalm : 14  
 The Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The Vestry meeting will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass.

**September 18, 2022 (Proper 20)**

Celebrant: To be announced  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Jeremiah 8 :18-9 :1  
 Psalm: 79:1-9  
 The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
 The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

**September 25, 2022 (Proper 21)**

Celebrant: To be announced  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Colors: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-32, 6-15  
 Psalm: 91:1-6, 14:16  
 The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Excellent Bible Study with Hank every Sunday, 10:00 am, Parish House . Great lessons and discussion  
 You are invited.

**Happy Birthday:**

09/02—Mary Anne
09/05--Cynthia
09/30--Betty

**Please Note:**

Our Senior Warden is working very hard to locate a priest for Trinity who will be able to give several months at a time. Many of the priests on the diocesan supply list are no longer available to make a long drive each week. Father Tucker and Father Swartsfager are both resident priests to this congregation, but both are retired after long and productive ministries and only take services when they feel well enough. We thank God for them and all the souls they brought to His Kingdom.

+ *Jesus* +

*Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in thee. St. Augustine of Hippo*

## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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### **Our Mission Statement:**

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

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### **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.**

### **Some Good News**

Several of you folks have recently indicated that you would like to be trained to assist in serving mass at the High Alter. This would include service as acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. According to diocesan rules, acolytes are appointed and trained by the parish priest (the vicar) and Eucharistic Ministers (persons who bear the chalice and administer the *Blood of Christ* to the people) are likewise trained in the parish, but must be licensed by the diocese. We look forward to providing this training to all interested persons and putting you to work as soon as possible. This service is a wonderful gift to your church and to God. If interested see Lewis. We will begin the training soon. A favorite joke in the diocese was started several years ago when the Bishop stated that "old Trinity was the only church in his diocese in which all the altar boys were on social security."

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

Please feel free to send your letters and comments, complimentary or otherwise, to Letters/Editor, Post Office Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620. Your letters are welcome and appreciated.

Dear Editor:

I recently had an experience in my life which completely crippled my spirit. My husband was killed in a car crash three years ago when an intoxicated teenager ran into him. The light of my life was then my seven-year-old son (and only child) who looked and acted so much his father. In the height of the pandemic that child contracted covid and was dead within three days. My life has been a wreck ever since these events occurred. I recently visited my sister in Greenwood, who refers to your church as her secret place where she often comes to light a candle and

pray when she is overburdened. She had some tragedies in her own life. She introduced me to one of your counselors there who she thought was a psychiatrist. She talks to him frequently when she is at Trinity. He spent two hours with me and some other nice people joined us at the altar for a wonderful time of prayer when everyone seemed to since my pain. The counselor told me privately that he knew what I was thinking about and that I could not harm myself. He called a psychiatrist and sent me straight to the hospital where I was admitted and am still engaged. I have made a deal with God to do the best I can and have asked him to take me to my husband and son as soon as he will. Trinity is a wonderful haven and like my sister, it will become my secret place. You people don't just preach the Gospel, but you act the Gospel, which may have saved my wretched life. I will be back to see you soon. Please don't lock the door when you see me coming. Good bless you all at Trinity.

Love,  
Connie

Dear Connie:

Thank you Connie and thank you Jesus. Amen. Lewis.

Note: Lewis Ashley is not a psychiatrist, but is certified in Neuropsychology (research) and in Clinical Psychology (psychotherapy) and saw psychiatric patients for 35 years.

Dear Editor:

My wife and I loved the time we spent at Trinity recently and learned much of its interesting history so intricately connected with Abbeville and the old south. As I told you, I edit a well-known travel magazine and would like to include a story about Abbeville, which would also feature Trinity Church. Please respond to my email with contact information. Thanks.

C. S. Jackson

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Glad to have you and your wife at Trinity. Call me at 864-992-2200 and we will arrange an appointment for you with the Senior Warden and the Parish Administrator. Editor.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you his peace. Amen.  
Numbers 6:24-26 (New King James Version)*