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Restoration Continues

The new steeple renovation is almost complete and is generating considerable enthusiasm and compliments from all over town. Most of the tower work is now complete and final repairs will begin on the narthex. We are once again receiving bus tours and groups of visitors every week and Saturdays are also becoming busy again. On a recent visit, Mr. Bill Fitzpatrick, Vice President of Friends of Trinity and a member of the Preservation SC group, stated that they hoped to meet with the new bishop after his consecration in the new year to discuss the overall Trinity restoration plan. We are very much enjoying our new members and our many Trinity friends who often visit our Sunday Mass. Prayers have gone up from old Trinity for almost 200 years and it is sacred ground. Thanks be to God!

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting for the parish has been scheduled for Sunday, December 5th, to follow the Mass. At this meeting we will elect two new vestry members to replace Dick and Betty who will complete their terms in December. We will also elect two alternates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention. We will hear state of the mission reports from the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer and the Parish Administrator. We will also be getting the latest update on the progress and plans for the restoration. The vestry nominating committee will offer nominations for the vestry replacements and nominations will also be received from the floor. Diocesan canons require that all persons voting must be a confirmed member of the parish (mission) in order to vote. In the absence of a vicar, the Senior Warden will preside and will grant "seat and voice" to anyone who is not a member of the parish, but wishes to be heard on any matter concerning the parish. Please make your plans to attend this annual meeting.

Your presence is appreciated and your comments encouraged.

Pledge Cards

Pledge Cards for 2022 will be included with your November Newsletter and available on the table as you enter the narthex. Your generosity in the past has been commendable and we request your prayerful consideration for the new year as we must keep Trinity in the best financial shape as possible as we attempt to complete this restoration with success. Please return your cards by the last Sunday in November (28th). You may place your cards in the offering plate (in a sealed envelope please) or mail to PO Box 911, Abbeville, 29620. A report on the pledge status will be made at the annual meeting. Thank you for all you do to make Trinity such a special place to worship.

Parish Luncheon

The annual parish luncheon will immediately follow the annual meeting on December 5th and will be held at the Talk of the Town Café, directly across from the police station. Don't get too rowdy. This old establishment is known for its excellent food and relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Since you will have completed the annual meeting, this will just be a time for the congregation to get together and enjoy the fellowship. If you are a new person or family attending our church, please be with us on this occasion—we would like to get to know you better. There will be no charge for this event.

Advent, Happy New Year!

Advent is the first season of the Church year. It begins this year on the last Sunday in November (28th) and will continue until Christmas Eve. The name is derived from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming." The season is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the expectation of his return in "power and in glory." Most priests consider Advent a minor

penitential season, though not so austere as Lent. Only greens are allowed on the altars and the Mass of preference is usually the ancient Rite I Eucharist, dating to the 16th century, and celebrated in much of the original Elizabethan English and stirring in its beauty. Advent is often a favorite time of the year for Episcopalians as it brings us into the beauties and happiness of Christmas—a time to celebrate, enjoy and to be thankful for the coming of the Savior. The altar color for Advent is violet (or blue indigo). The *Gloria* is not sung while the altar color is violet. The Seasonal Blessing for Advent is found on page 22 of the BOS. Advent Lessons and Carols are found in the BOS, page 31. Many Episcopalians cannot get through Advent without hearing Lessons and Carols at least once. Readings for weekdays are found on pages 20-24 in LFF.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath appears on the first Sunday in Advent and an additional candle is lit on each Sunday of the season. The circular wreath and the evergreens are symbolic of the eternal nature of God and that He is always with us. The violet (purple) candles symbolize the faithful expectation of the coming of the Savior and the Rose (pink) candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent which is known as *Gaudete* from the Latin word for rejoice. The Christ candle is the white candle in the middle of the wreath and is lit at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Special thanks to Hank for making our beautiful Advent Wreath platform.

Help

If you come across an article or Bible verse that is especially meaningful to you, share it with us for the newsletter. We always appreciate your comments, ideas and suggestions. We strive to make the newsletter informative and useful to you. Criticisms are welcome as well.

Feast Days in November

All Hallows Eve

Not that the Mass of the day has mention of black cats or the Divine Office of witches, but *All Hallows* was once an important feast day in the Church with a beautiful and popular liturgy. During all of the Christian centuries up until the service calendar was simplified in 1956, *All Hallows Eve* was a liturgical vigil in its own right (rite) and was observed throughout most of the Christian world. The day symbolized death in many cultures and was actually referred to as the Day of the Dead. Summer was spent, the harvest was in, and the drabness of winter was settling in all around. These morbid preoccupations were largely fueled by our modern Halloween celebrations of trick-or-treat, costume parties and occult festivals. Of course, *All Hallows* is followed by the happy feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls*. There is a beautiful service in the Episcopal *Book of Occasional Services* which is still read in many parishes on All Hallows Eve on October 31st.

All Saints

We celebrate the *Feast of All Saints* on November 1st (often celebrated on the Sunday following November 1st as All Saints Sunday). *All Saints* is one of the seven principle feasts of the Church and one of the four days recommended for the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. This important feast commemorates all the saints, known and unknown. *All Saints Day* is the fourth highest of all the High Holy Days of the liturgical year. At Trinity, *All Saints* is often celebrated with all the "bells and whistles" including incense and the Asperges.

All Souls

All Souls (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed) is an optional observance and is usually considered to be an extension of *All Saints Day*. While *All Saints* is to remember all the saints, popular piety felt the need to make a distinction between the major saints and those unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church, especially family members and friends. *The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed* did not appear in the American prayer book (BCP) until 1979, and is observed on the day following *All Saints*. Many priests now celebrate all the faithful departed in the context of the *All Saints Day* celebration. However, many older priests still prefer to say Mass on *All Saints* and *All Souls* and regard them as separate feasts.

Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King (last Sunday in Pentecost) is a title of Jesus based on several passages of Scripture and, in general, is used by all Christians. The Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, with many other main stream Christian denominations, celebrate under the title the *Feast of Christ the King* on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (November 21st) before a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent (November 28th). Cyril of Alexandria pointed out that Christ has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence or usurped, but by his nature and essence. Pope Pius XI instituted the *Feast of Christ the King* in 1925 to remind us that our allegiance is to Christ our Redeemer as opposed to any earthly ruler who may claim supremacy. *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.* (Revelation 19:16 KJV). This feast day is a favorite for Evensong in the Anglican Church. Although this feast is important to Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans and Orthodox Christians, it is also observed by many protestants.

Saint Andrew

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle* on November 30th, an important date on the annual liturgical calendar because it determines the date of the first Sunday in Advent, which is the Sunday nearest this feast. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen, Greece, Russia and Scotland. Andrew was the first Apostle to be called by Jesus. He was a fisherman from Bethsaida and the brother of Saint Peter. A follower of John the Baptist, Andrew recognized Jesus as the Messiah when John baptized the Lord in the Jordan River, and he introduced his brother to Jesus. The two brothers continued to fish until Jesus called them as apostles. After Pentecost, it is believed that Andrew went to Greece to proclaim the Gospel. Saint Andrew, who was called the "Protoclete" (first called) by the Greeks, was crucified at Archaia by order of the Roman Governor Aegeas during the reign of the Emperor Nero. Andrew was bound, not nailed, to an x-shaped cross in order to prolong his suffering. According to tradition, he continued to preach from the cross for two days and died on the third day. The Cross of Saint Andrew has been joined with the Cross of Saint George to form the Great Seal of the Episcopal Church. One day as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew and said to

them: follow me and I will make you fishers of men (Matthew 4:19). These two brothers, who became essential foundation stones for the early Church, both ended their lives on this earth as beloved martyrs to the Faith.

Collect for Saint Andrew's Feast

Almighty God, who didst give such grace to thine Apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of thy Son Jesus, and brought his brother with him: give unto us, who are called by thy word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (BCP, p. 185).

Samuel Seabury

Please note the Name Day of Samuel Seabury on November 14th. He was the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the second Presiding Bishop. When the Church of England refused to consecrate a bishop for the American Church, Bishop Seabury was consecrated in Aberdeen, Scotland on November 14, 1784 to the Episcopate by the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. He thus became a part of the unbroken chain of bishops that links the Church today with the Church of the Apostles (The Apostolic Succession). The Scottish Church asked only one thing in return for their remarkable gift—that the American Church use as its Prayer of Consecration (blessing of the bread and wine at the Eucharist) taken unchanged from the 1549 Scottish Prayer Book, rather than the much shorter one used in the Church of England. This prayer, adopted by the Episcopal Church and heard each Sunday in our Mass, is widely regarded as one of the great treasures of the Church in this country. The anniversary of Bishop Seabury's consecration is now a lesser feast day in the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in Canada, the Church of Scotland and the Church of England. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our first Bishop

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the Episcopate which we celebrate in this remembrance of the Consecration of Samuel Seabury. We pray that joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your Holy Sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of Redemption with Apostolic zeal through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Forward Day by Day

Your new *Forward Day by Day* devotional magazine for November, December and January is available and can be picked up from the table upon entering the nave. Persons unable to attend church may request a copy by mail from PO Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year B Office Lectionary Year I	1 All Saints Day (Altar: White)	2 All Souls Day All the Faithful Departed (Altar: White).	3	4	5	6 Diocesan Convention 8:00 am---3:00 pm Christ Church Your delegation: Cynthia, Lewis, Dick
7 24 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	8	9	10	11 VETERANS' DAY Thank you for your Service to the Republic	12	13
14 25 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Last Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day (Altar: White)	26	27
28 First Advent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	29	30 Saint Andrew The Apostle (Altar: Red)	ALL Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.			Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982

November 7, 2021 (Proper 27)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
 Psalm: 127
 The Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-44
 The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

November 14 2021 (Proper 28)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:4-12
 Psalm: 16
 The Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-18
 The Gospel: Mark: 13:1-8

VESTRY MEETING:

Sunday, November 14th, directly following the Eucharist.

November 21, 2021 (Proper 29)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-2
 Psalm: 13:1-13 (14-19)
 The Epistle: Revelation 1:4b-8
 The Gospel: John 18:33-37

November 28, 2021 (Begins Year C2)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Ruth
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm: 25:1-9
 The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Excellent Bible Study with Hank.
 Every Sunday at 10:00 am in the
 Parish House. Y'all Come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/10—Hank

11/23—Rilla

11—28--Edel

Note: Eastern Standard Time resumes on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 am. Fall back one hour. Don't be late for Mass.

Weekday Eucharistic Readings for use throughout the year are found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006, pages 498-528.

Notes on the Advent Season: November 28th is the first Sunday in Advent and the first day of the Christian year. The Mass Lectionary is from Year C, while the Office readings are from Year 2. Notes on the use of the Advent Wreath are found on page 18 of the BOS.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 2 Corinthians 5:17

Trinity Episcopal Church

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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:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)
Dick Haldeman, Clerk (21)
Myra Keith (22)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Betty Tucker (21)
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
Betty Tucker

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
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Lewis Ashley (Voting)
Hank Baggett (Voting)
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)
Dick 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.

Saturday Afternoons at Trinity

For more than twenty years our Saturday afternoon programming has been designed to reach those people who may need a blessing from God, but who do not ordinarily attend church on Sunday. We are usually open from about noon to about 4:00 pm. We never know how many people, if anyone, will show up for a visit, but we need to be here that whosoever will may come. At this time, we receive many of the bus tours, welcome visitors casually walking about the town, have many people who come to say their prayers and light a candle, others who just need to sit and be quiet and enjoy our beautiful stained glass. In recent years before we were forced to close the church for repairs, we were attracting many young people (un-churched) who liked to come and bring their instruments and play along with the organ. We also had many sing-alongs when the bus tour people would gather around the organ to sing their favorite hymns. Others come to request prayer and counsel when we have a resident priest. At annual festival afternoons we have had as many as 200 visitors in the church on a Saturday afternoon. We have been blessed to have been able to help many people who have just needed someone to talk with when they were in a personal crisis in their lives. There have been many manifestations of the Holy Spirit which we believe have brought comfort and healing to those in need. We lost a lot of ground during our three-year absence from the church, but we are making a "come back." Some members of our congregation have enjoyed serving as greeters and docents to answer questions about Trinity's distinguished history. Please drop by for a visit on some Saturday when you have time, to see if this might be a ministry you might enjoy.

Letters from our Friends:

Dear Editor:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your newsletter following my recent visit to Trinity. I was so impressed with the beautiful church and really wish I lived close enough to Abbeville to come there on a regular basis. As I told the greeter, I have been having a difficult time since the loss of my brother (my twin) to covid. He was young and

strong and was not supposed to die. I am sure I will never recover from my loss. I came to Abbeville to visit my brother's lady friend and we were having a glass of wine at the lovely garden shop across from Trinity when we heard the organ playing and walked over to the church. Such a beautiful and comforting place. We were able to go up to the high altar to say a prayer of thanksgiving for my brother's life and though it brought tears, it also brought great comfort, joy and hope. I think for the first time in my life, I encountered the Holy Spirit. I am 30-years-old. The elegant chancel window shone resplendent in the afternoon sun and itself was a blessing to witness. I have not been in a church for many years, but I have decided that I might need in my life now what the Church has to offer. Thanks to all you folks at Trinity for your witness and the gift of the Holy Spirit. I hope to be back soon. Please pray for me and my brother Paul. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Sean McKnight

Dear Sean:

God bless and keep you and give you his peace! Please come and see us at Trinity whenever you can. We are very pleased to pray for you and Paul.
Editor.

Note: Devine Your Space is a lovely place to have a glass of wine on a Saturday afternoon; and when you are finished, come across the street and into Trinity. Maybe there will be a blessing awaiting you here.

Prayers for the sick

We recently had the opportunity to provide space on a Friday morning for a private prayer service for a former member of Trinity who had been extremely ill with covid, but who was spared by the grace of God. Several of this lady's lifelong friends had requested to have a private prayer service at Trinity to thank God for her recovery. The lady sat quietly before the High Altar as her friends laid hands on her, anointed her with holy oil and offered prayers of thanksgiving for her recovery. It was a beautiful service. We are happy to provide this kind of service for anyone in need of healing or prayer. Please let us know if you know anyone needing this kind of service. We thank God for these opportunities.

Many Christians start their day with this prayer. A prayer for the Presence of Christ.

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me.

Christ within me.

Christ behind me.

Christ before me.

Christ beside me.

Christ to comfort.

Christ beneath me.

Christ above me.

Christ in quiet.

Christ in danger.

Christ in hearts of all who love me.

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen.