



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Program Well Attended

Trinity's annual patriotic program, better known in the local community as the Star-Spangled Celebration, was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and once again drew an excellent attendance. The program has become popular for its patriotic readings, songs and prayers from our Book of Common Prayer and other patriotic sources. Always a favorite feature of the program is the singing of the theme songs of each of our military branches and each of the valiant soldiers who served in these branches stands as their theme song is presented. Tribute is also always paid to "the Major of St. Lo," Abbeville's own Major Tom Howie, who valiantly led his troops, at the cost of his own life, and handed the Germans a sound thrashing in the city of St. Lo in France. The Major was a distinguished graduate of The Citadel and was born and reared in Abbeville. (Major Howie, Brave Soldier and Patriot, Requiescat in Pace!) The prayers for the program were delivered by the Rev. Stan Colbert, the very popular Pastor at the Abbeville Presbyterian Church. The program concluded with a rousing rendition of our National Hymn, *God of Our Fathers*, presented by Trinity's organist, John Pullin and the recession of the Processional Cross and the Colors. Thank you to all the "old soldiers" who were present and to all of you at Trinity who worked so hard to make the program another success.

## Trinity on Face Book

You possibly have noticed that our Sunday Morning services are now being streamed on Face Book. Mike is doing a great job of making this happen and there has been favorable reviews and comments from the community. Please invite your friends to see the services, or, better still, invite them to come in person. Over the last few months we have enjoyed the pleasure of having a good number of visitors at our church and some are consider-

ing the possibility of making Trinity their church home.

## Ring the Bell

Have you heard? A new tradition is rapidly developing in Abbeville. Many persons visiting our church on Saturdays and other weekdays seem to take great pleasure in going up into the balcony, pulling the bell rope and ringing the bell—children and adults. Please note, children are not allowed in the balcony without the supervision of an adult. One recent visitor, an Englishman, came back a second time to ring the bell, stating that in England it is thought that ringing the church bell in any of their ancient parishes is good for two weeks of good luck, as the ringing proclaims the glory and the majesty of the Risen Christ! Amen. I will just bet that many of you readers who are long-time members of Trinity have never rung the bell. You might want to give it a try.

## Help Wanted!

It is extremely important that we get all our liturgical licenses in current status. Many licenses expired during the pandemic and were not renewable until now. If you might have interest in participating in any of the following ministries, you must be licensed by the Diocese to serve:

*Eucharistic Minister*—The individual who carries the chalice and presents the sacrificial Blood of Christ at the Mass.

*Eucharistic Visitor*—The individual who carries the Blessed Sacrament to the home, hospital or nursing home for those individuals unable to attend Mass at church.

*Worship Leader*—Person who can read those Holy Offices in church services from the *Book of Common Prayer* which are not reserved only to priests, deacons and bishops.

*Acolyte*: No license required. To be appointed and trained by the parish priest.

*Lector (Lay Reader)*: No license required. Appointed and trained by the parish priest.

Please note that no one can serve in any of these ministries who has not passed the Safe Church requirement and is not listed in the diocesan Safe Church Registry. This training is usually done on a designated Saturday and usually takes from about 9:00 am until 3:00 pm (including lunch). The teaching is usually done by a diocesan trainer, the parish priest or some member in the parish who has been licensed and served in these ministries for many years and designated by the diocese as an appropriate trainer. If you are interested in any of these ministries please sign up with Cynthia or Lewis. It is expected that the training will begin sometime in August. The licenses must be renewed every three years. These ministries provide an opportunity to serve your parish in a very meaningful way.

## UCMAC Needs

Charleen, our very able, representative, to the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County board of directors, reported at a recent church service that the donations to the food bank have somewhat declined and was a cause for concern. For many years, this organization has provided supplemental food assistance for many families in need, especially with children. The organization also provides an excellent free medical clinic and many other helpful services for people and families in trouble. Trinity has been a supporter of this organization since its inception. The food that you place in the basket on Sundays is dispersed through UCMAC. Please continue your kind generosity to this important organization. Keep in mind that the agency assigns a particular food item to each member church which helps keep the distribution process predictable. Trinity has been assigned spaghetti and sauce. Main Street Methodist Church is the application and the pick-up place for the food. Approved applicants may receive a generous food box once a month as long as they remain members of the program.



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**AUGUST 2023**

*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 A  Office Lectionary Year 1	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	<b>1</b>  Joseph of Arimathea	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Mary, Joanna and Salome, Myrrh – Bearing Women	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus, Altar White	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Dominic, Priest And Friar, 1221 W	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Clare of Assisi Monastic 1253 W	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 11 Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Saint Mary, The Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Dr. William Porcher DuBose Priest-Theologian Former Vicar of This Parish	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 12 Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Saint Bartholomew The Apostle (Altar; Red)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 13 Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am	<b>28</b>  Augustine of Hippo Bishop-Theologian 430 W	<b>29</b>  The Beheading of Saint John Baptist	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.</b>	<b>ASK</b> AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; <b>SEEK</b> AND YOU WILL FIND; <b>KNOCK</b> AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. MATTHEW 7:7

**August 6, 2023 (Proper 13)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: White (Transfiguration)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 34: 29-35  
 Psalm: 99 Dominus regnavit  
 The Epistle: 2Peter 1:13-21  
 The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**August 13, 2023 (Proper 14)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Charleen  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28  
 Psalm 105 :1-6, 16-22, 45b  
 The Epistle: Romans 10:5-15  
 The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

The Vestry will meet at 12:00 Noon, August 13<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass.

**August 20, 2023 (Proper 15)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson : Genesis 45 :1-15  
 Psalm: 133  
 The Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a,29-32  
 The Gospel: Matthew 15:10-12

**August 27, 2023 (Proper 16)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolytes: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10  
 Psalm: 124  
 The Epistle: Romans 12:1-8  
 The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

**Birthday Calendar**

We noted in an earlier issue that our Birthday Calendar was lost when our computer crashed. Many of you enjoyed seeing the birthdays listed in the newsletter. If this is something you would like to continue, please sign your name by the appropriate day in the notebook in the narthex. If there is not sufficient interest, we will discontinue the calendar. Thank you.

Please find your new *Forward Day by Day* devotional magazines on the table in the rear of the nave. (August, September, October). Many of you look forward to these daily devotions. If you are unable to attend church, you may request a copy from Trinity Church, PO Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620.

Safe Church training scheduled for Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that a Safe Church certificate is required for all the ministries listed on page one of this newsletter. The training will be taken directly from the diocesan website.



## Feast Days in August The Transfiguration

We observe the *Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ* on August 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter (1:16-18) refers to it. In these accounts, Jesus and three of his Apostles go up on to 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 then called "Son" by a voice from above assumed to be God the Father, 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 is presented 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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; and that her body was resurrected on the third day after her burial at which time she was taken bodily into heaven. On the other hand, Roman Catholic teaching says that Mary was

assumed into heaven in bodily form to great rejoicing among the heavenly hosts. So what about the Episcopal Church? We celebrate and honor this important feast, but in typical Anglican fashion, we do not attempt to explain too much (the Holy Mysteries). We 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. Hoppolitus of Thebes, a 7<sup>th</sup> century author, claims in his partially preserved chronology to the New Testament, that Mary lived for 11 years after the Ascension of Jesus, dying in AD 41. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus; for you have brought unto us the Savior of our souls. Alleluia and Amen.*

### *Ave Maria*

*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.*

## Saint Bartholomew

On August 24<sup>th</sup> 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 where most of his evangelical labors were spent, Bartholomew was most often known as Nathaniel. In the Synoptic Gospels, Philip and Bartholomew are mentioned. Acts (1:13, 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. Some other traditions record him as serving as a missionary to Ethiopia, Parthia, Mesopotamia and Lycaonia. Along with his fellow apostle Jude, Bartholomew is reported to have brought the Gospel to Armenia in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, and both apostles are considered patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Saint Bartholomew was martyred in Armenia. Although there are several accounts of the apostle's death, all quite gruesome, we know that Saint Bartholomew died a great Defender of the Faith.

## Trinity's Own Saint

We would be remiss in our discussion of the saints if we did not mention Dr. William Porcher DuBose, Vicar of Trinity Church from 1868 to 1971. The Episcopal Church does not officially create saints, but has established an official Name Day for Dr. DuBose which we observe on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1836 near Winnsboro into a wealthy 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 cadet officer and an assistant lecturer in English literature. He completed a graduate degree at the University of Virginia and then entered the Episcopal 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 is reported that his years in Abbeville were happy as he and his wife were raising four small children. Dr. DuBose left Trinity to become 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. Dr. DuBose authored some of the most important theological books 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. Perhaps our beloved Trinity played a role in molding this great teacher, preacher and theologian.

## Bequest Received

Trinity has recently received a most generous bequest from Mr. Roy Williams and his Williams Family Living Trust in Virginia. The gift was a check for \$10,000.00 and stated that the funds were to be used for the continued restoration process of the church. Mr. Williams is recently deceased. The money was conveyed by Mrs. Geraldene Williams Waring, Mr. William's sister and a trustee of the estate. We are extremely grateful for this most generous gift. We will pray for Mrs. Waring and the Repose of the Soul of Mr. Roy Williams—Resquiescat in Pace. +



## ***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)  
Mary Lynn Lyle, Junior Warden (24)  
Lewis Ashley (24)  
Charleen Clark (25)  
Ilona Anderson (23)  
Dick Haldeman (25)

### **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:**

Lewis Ashley (voting)  
Mike Clary (voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies, Alternate  
Dick Haldeman, Alternate

### **Newsletters:**

Lewis Ashley

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

Hank Baggett

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

## **Letters from our Friends;**

Dear Trinity:

I sat at Trinity on a recent Saturday afternoon when three days before I sat in a nursing home holding my grandmother's hand as she peacefully went home to be with Jesus. She had reared me in the fear and admonition of the Lord and was the most important person in my life. The organist on that day unknowingly gave me a special gift as he quietly played several old Baptist hymns which she had loved and sung in her little country Baptist church. Although ravaged by cancer, she had remained an inspiration to all who knew her. I lit a candle for her which I know made her smile in Heaven. Your Prayer Book was on the pew and I was able to read her favorite psalm, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It gave me great comfort to read that His "Goodness and Mercy had followed her all the days of her life, and that she will dwell in the House of the Lord forever." Thank you old Trinity for your powerful Saturday afternoon ministry and the comfort it brought me.

Dear Friend:

Thank you. Please always find rest at Trinity whenever you need to. We will call your and your grandmother's name in the Prayers of the People. Visit us whenever you can. God Bless you.  
Editor.

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago, at church, in the announcements, a lady made a comment about all the stray cats around and how the church is helping to solve the problem of too many new cats. I like cats and would like to help to ease the problem of over population. What is the cure and how does it work?

Dear Friend:

Your help will be greatly appreciated. The church has been involved in the "trap and neuter" program of the Humane Society for a long time. Under the program guidelines, when the cats are successfully caught in the trap, they are taken to the vet to be neutered and then returned to the location where they were caught as they are not currently taken at the local animal shelter. Some members

of the church care for and feed the cats and other members provide cat food on a regular basis. We hope someday to have a cattery (old folks home for cats) where they can live out their life in relative comfort and safety. Currently at our Trinity menagerie our volunteers feed at least nine cats a day. They have names and know their names and are quite beautiful. In addition to the cats, we have a lovely family of raccoons, all wearing masks, who finish up the left-over cat food. There is also one crusty and cantankerous old possum who is quite unpleasant, but tolerated. *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.* (Hymn 405, The Hymnal 1982). Please contact us at 864-992-2200 for the number to call at the Humane Society. And the Humane Society would probably like to have you as a member.

New Presiding Bishop

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our enormously popular current Presiding Bishop, is approaching the end of his nine year term as the Episcopal Church's denominational leader, one of two Episcopal presiding officers along with the President of the House of Deputies. The 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention will elect the new Presiding Bishop when it meets in summer 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky, and the new Presiding Bishop will be installed later that year on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The search for a new Presiding Bishop is underway, and this month Episcopalians are encouraged to complete an online survey to identify priorities for the Church in the coming decade and the qualities the Church will need in its top leader. The Episcopal Church's Canons specify that the Presiding Bishop's duties include presiding in the House of Bishops and the Executive Council, representing the church in public matters and managing the staff of the Domestic Foreign Missionary Society, the Church's corporate identity. The Canons dictate the makeup and mandate of the committee that considers and selects the nominees for the next Presiding Bishop. Bishop Curry will always be remembered for his remarkable contributions to the Church and his steadfast propagation of the Holy Gospel. The next Presiding Bishop will build upon the foundation created by those who came before him and will lead our Church in the next stretch of our journey to become the Church that Jesus entrusted us to build. Amen.

*May the comfort of God's love fill you with*  
**HOPE AND PEACE.**