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Diocesan Convention

The 101st Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina will sit at Christ Church (Greenville) on November 10-11, hosted by the church. At this time the convention will elect new members to boards, committees, Diocesan Executive Council, to consider and effect canonical changes, resolutions; and, most importantly, the approval of the 2024 Statement of Mission (Diocesan operational budget for the year). Your delegation will be Mike and Lewis as voting delegates and Cynthia and Dick as alternates. The floor debates at diocesan convention are often informative and interesting and there is usually an excellent address from the Bishop. If you think you might like to represent Trinity at a future diocesan convention, see Cynthia as the 2024 delegation will be elected at the Annual Meeting in December. It actually can be very interesting to attend the diocesan convention and an opportunity to meet members from other parishes and the folks who manage your diocese.

Going to the Dogs

That's what happened on the first Sunday in October when Father Renegar blessed 40 dogs and one cat in the parish garden at the Blessing of the Animals. Father addressed each animal by his first name, blessed him and presented each animal a lovely small medallion to wear on his collar. The one cat, "Miss Sugar Plumb" was undaunted by all the canines and maintained her feline dignity safely inside her carrier. The crowd was large and quiet enthusiastic as they sang "all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all." The Blessing was followed by light refreshments for people and pets. This annual program at Trinity is one of our most popular community programs and is usually well attended. A good supply of dog and cat food was collected for those persons who love their

animals, but cannot afford to buy the cat and dog food. Thank you to all of you who contributed the dog and cat food. Only God could have known that his creation of animals would have brought such great joy to human kind.

Birthday Party

Following Mass on October 15th, most Trinity members retired to the parish house to have a piece of birthday cake and to celebrate Trinity's 181st birthday. The first meeting of the of the parish took place on October 15, 1842 in the Abbeville County Courthouse. Thanks to the faith of our fathers Old Trinity has been a beacon of the Faith for nearly 200 years and has drawn thousands of people into her front doors as they came down Trinity Street and just had to see inside. There have been many manifestations of the Holy Spirit and conversions to the Kingdom. All praise be to Thee , Lord Christ! Amen.

Parish Luncheon

The parish supper which was originally scheduled in September and had to be rescheduled for November is now set to be a pot luck luncheon on November 12th to immediately follow the Mass and be held in the parish house. The church will furnish the entre (chicken) and you are requested to bring some food item to compliment the meal. Please keep it simple as this is just an occasion to get together, hear some ideas and plans for the new year and distribute the 2024 pledge cards. This is also an occasion when some members like to share with the group a testimony of what Trinity has meant to them through the years. Persons wishing to pledge are requested to return your pledge card in the collection plate in a sealed envelope no later than November 26th. Thank you for all you do to help Trinity be such a special place!

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the parish is scheduled for December

3, 2023 and will take place immediately following the Mass. At this time members will elect new members to the 2024 vestry, hear reports on the State of the Parish from Wardens, Parish Administrator and Treasurer. Members will also elect delegates and alternates to the 102 Diocesan Convention for November 2024. The Senior Warden will also grant "seat and voice" to any member or visitor wishing to be heard on any matter concerning the parish. Under directive of Canon Law, only members of the parish may vote, but all persons who attend Trinity on a regular basis and may not be officially a member of the church are welcome to attend this meeting. We hope all persons who attend Trinity on a regular basis, and have not officially joined the congregation will consider joining. All of you regulars make a great contribution to our congregation and are greatly appreciated.

Recent Visitor Stats

The annual Hogs and Hens Barbeque Festival took place in Abbeville October 20th and 21st. As usual the festival drew several thousand visitors to the city square and environs. As a result of the large turn-out, Trinity received more than 200 visitors on that Friday and Saturday, ranging into the evenings. Due to the close proximity of the church to the square, the festivals usually attract large numbers of visitors to the church who wish to see the church or just to find a quiet place to sit and rest for awhile. We, of course, are happy to welcome and receive these visitors to Trinity and hope that they take away a memorable and happy experience. Recent monthly totals are August (345), September (468) and October (694).

Forward Day by Day

Your new editions of *Forward Day by Day* (November, December, January) may be found on the library table in the rear of the nave. Large print and pocket edition available. If you are unable to attend Mass, you may request a copy from Trinity Church, PO Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620

Feast Days in November:

All Hallows Eve

Not that the Mass for the day has mention of black cats, or the Divine Office of witches, but *All Hallows Eve* was once an important feast day in the church with a beautiful liturgy. This ancient feast, also known as the day of the dead in many cultures, arose from the time of baroness on the earth, the summer done, winter approaching and people mindful of death. In present times, most people think of Halloween as a time for "trick or treat," parties, costumes and outrageous highjinks. *All Hallows Eve* has not be regarded as an official feast of the Church for several centuries, but the *Episcopal Book of Occasional Services* does contain a beautiful service for *All Hallows* taken from the ancient liturgy. *All Hallows Eve* (Halloween) is observed on October 31st and some parishes (very few) still read the Holy Office on that day.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on November 1st. *All Saints Day* is one of the seven principal feasts of the Church, and one of the four days on the Church calendar recommended for the administration of Baptism. *All Saints Day* is usually celebrated on the Sunday which follows November 1st which is the tradition at Trinity. Most priests consider *All Saints* to be the 4th highest of the High Holy Days in the church year. The Mass will be formal the the thurible smoking.

All Souls Day

All Souls' Day (*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 and friends. *Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed* did not appear in the American Prayer Book until 1979, and is celebrated on the 2nd day of November. Many churches now commemorate all the faithful departed in the context of the *All Saints Day* celebration. Still some older priests still prefer to say a Mass on both *All Saints* and *All Souls*.

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 the Roman Catholic Church together with many protestant churches celebrate in honor of Christ under this title the *Feast of Christ the King* on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (November 26th) before a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent. 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 God 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).

Saint Andrew

On November 30th, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Andrew, the Apostle*. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and of Greece, Scotland and Russia. Andrew, the first apostle called by Jesus, was a fisherman from Bethsaida and the brother of Saint Simon Peter. A follower of Saint John the Baptist, Andrew recognized Jesus as the Messiah when Saint John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, and he introduced his brother Simon to Jesus. The two brothers continued as fisherman until Jesus called them. After Pentecost, it is believed that Andrew went to Greece to preach the Gospel. Andrew, who was called the *protoclet* ("first called") by the Greeks, was crucified at Achaia by an order from the Roman Governor Aegeas during the reign of Nero. Andrew was bound, not nailed, to an x-shaped cross in order to prolong his suffering. According to tradition, he preached from the cross for two days and died on the third day. The Cross of Saint Andrew has been combined with the Cross of Saint George to form the Great Seal of the Episcopal Church. One day when Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw the two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew and said to them: *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

Foothills Convocation Meeting

Cynthia and Lewis represented our parish at the meeting of the Foothills Convocation on Sunday afternoon, October 22, at 2:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Church of the Redeemer in Greenville. The convocations with the diocese, do much of the planning for the annual convention of the diocese which will sit at Christ Church on the second weekend in November. The diocese is

divided into five geographical areas called convocations. Each convocation is made up specific congregations, and each has a dean (clergy) person and a lay warden. The deans are appointed by the Bishop and the wardens elected by the member churches of the convocation. The convocations do a good job of keeping the parishes up-to-date on diocesan matters and those relevant matters to the Diocesan Convention. The five convocations are Catawba, Gravatt, Midlands, Piedmont and Foothills. The convocations meet approximately every three months. This meeting had mostly to do with final preparations for the upcoming convention.

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 by the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. He thus became a part of the unbroken chain of bishops that link 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 Holy Eucharist) the Scottish Prayer of Consecration, 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 by you every Sunday in the Mass, has become widely regarded as one of the greatest treasures of the American Church. The anniversary of Bishop Seabury's Consecration is now a Lesser Feast Day in the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church of England. Thanks be to God!

Communion

If you are unable to attend Mass to receive the Blessed Sacrament and wish to receive Communion, please advise the Senior Warden. We will be happy to bring your Communion to the home, nursing home or the hospital. Feel completely free to make this request and it will be our pleasure to accommodate your need.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 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	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Service LFF—Lessor Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	REMINDER: November 5 th , Daylight Saving Time Ends. Fall back one hour.	1 ALL SAINTS (Altar: White) Eucharist on Sunday	2 ALL SOULS All the Faithful Departed (Altar: Violet)	3	4
5 23 Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 William Temple Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944 W	7	8	9	10	11
12 24 Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	13	14 The Consecration Of Samuel Seabury 1784, First Bishop in the Episcopal Church (See related article)	15	16	17	18 Hilda of Whitby Abbess, 680 W
19 25 Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Last Pentecost Christ the King 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	27	28	29	30 Saint Andrew The Apostle (Altar: Red)	Quiet Please! It is respectfully requested that all talk cease when the High Altar is lit for the Mass. This is a good time for personal meditation and quiet preparation of the Mass.	

November 5, 2023 (Proper 26)

Celebrant: Father Renegar
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Color: White (ALL SAINTS MASS)
 1st Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm: 34:1-10, 22
 The Epistle: 1 John: 3:1-3
 The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2023 (Proper 27)

Celebrant: The Rev. Lynn Sanders
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Charleen
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Color: Green
 1st Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm : 78 :1-7 *Attendite, popule*
 The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The Vestry will meet at 12:00 Noon, November 12, immediately following the Mass.

Thank you to Susanne for her frequent gift of lovely flowers given to the Glory of God and to the purification of the Mass!

November 19, 2023 (Proper 28)

Celebrant: Father Flanagan
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Color: Green
 1st Lesson : Judges 4 :1-7
 Psalm: 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*
 The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

November 26, 2023 (Proper 29)

Celebrant: Father Flanagan
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolytes: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Color: White
 1st Lesson: Ezekeil 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm: 100 *Jubilate Deo*
 The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23
 The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

Thank you to our good friend Gregg Stewart for the beautiful Christmas tree decorations he made for Trinity to sell at the barbeque festival!

Thank you, Bishop

The Bishop has recently issued an official announcement congratulating Trinity on its 181st birthday which we celebrated on October 15th and its long and fruitful ministry and propagation of the Holy Gospel. Most of you have received a copy of the Bishop's letter with the Bishop's message, signature and the Imprimatur of the Diocese. If you have not seen the Bishop's letter, you can see a copy in the narthex. The Bishop is known for his kindness and generosity and we greatly appreciate his most gracious acknowledgement of our birthday. We all love Trinity and pray that her Ministry will continue until Christ Himself returns. Amen +.

Christmas Flowers

Many of you like to contribute to Christmas flowers for the Midnight Mass in memory of family and loved ones. Persons wishing to contribute should give your checks to the Chairman of the Alter Guild (Michele) in early December. Please include with your check, your name and the name of the person or persons being remembered. Those acknowledgements will appear in the Midnight Mass bulletin. Thank you!

Thank you to Shane and CT for a whole day of cleaning in the 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
Susanne Bender Heinzerling

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

Christmas is Coming.

As is our custom, we will begin "hanging the greens" on the first Sunday of Advent (December 5th) and getting ready for our Christmas programming. Christmas is always a special time at Trinity! Traditionally we join the City of Abbeville on the first Saturday in December to introduce the Christmas season. On December 8th, Nicole Quinn will present a program of Christmas music at the church at 7:00 pm. Last year, Nicole's program was well attended and we are happy to have her back again this year. Our Saturday afternoons at Trinity will also take on a Christmas flavor in December with some "carol sings" and other musical events. We also anticipate special music at our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve which will be celebrated by Father Schnatterly to begin at 11:00 pm. Look forward to another enjoyable Christmas time at Trinity this year!

Camp Gravatt Conference

Cynthia represented Trinity at the recent conference on Missions and Small Parishes which was held at Camp Gravatt. Conference leaders included Bishop Richards, The Rev. Mary Balfour Dunlap, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection and Chairman of the Diocesan Commission on Congregations and other experts on the special problems and needs that often present in the smaller parish churches and missions. The conference began with dinner on Friday evening (October 27) and concluded with lunch on Saturday (October 28). The Senior Warden reported that the conference provided considerable useful information and ideas that could be helpful in Trinity's future programming. Stay tuned.

A Morning Resolve

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, im-

purity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God. In particular, I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating and sleep, which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right. And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Borrowed from *Forward Day by Day*, Daily Devotions For Disciples.)

Letters from our Friends:

Dear Trinity Abbeville:

In a recent visit to Trinity on a Saturday afternoon, I think you folks saved my life as I was in a mess. I recently went to confession with my priest (Roman Catholic) and confessed that I was in a same sex relationship with a person whom I considered to be my best friend and soul mate. The priest quickly told me that I was destined to hell and that God could not possibly love me as long as I was in this relationship. The priest then broke the Seal of the Confessional by telling my parents with whom he is a personal friend. My friend has now abandoned me because too many people were finding about the nature of our relationship. I just wanted to thank all you folks I talked to at Trinity who made me feel better about myself and brought me considerable comfort. I have a lot of problems with COPD and asthma and get too excited and then have breathing problems. My time at Trinity saved me from a visit to the ER. I am 20-years-old and guess I still have a lot to learn about life and relationships. Thank you all for the time and prayers you spent with me. I am seriously considering a move of my church affiliation from the Catholic Church to your church. Michael—

Dear Michael:

We were happy for the opportunity to see and help you in your time of need. It is extremely important that you understand that there is no power in Heaven, on earth or in hell that can separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord! (Romans 8:38-39) You stated that you might go to spend some time with your brother in California, but check with us again when you get back to this area as we would like to see you again and be sure that you are ok. God bless you and give you his peace. We would very much like to have you with us at Trinity.

Editor.

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