



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Update

The church is now completely surrounded with scaffolding and work is well underway in making the necessary repairs. You will see workers on the scaffolding and grounds of the church every day now. One of our members said: "If I were twenty years younger, I would be up there with them." That is probably not a good idea, but there are definite ways in which we can help. Use every opportunity to encourage your friends to make a contribution, no matter how small, to the restoration. Remind folks of the many fine programs they enjoyed every year from Trinity, always presented to the people of Abbeville at no cost. Advise your friends to see the Preservation South Carolina web site and all the interesting information there about Trinity and to make their contributions through that website. We bring will you another update in March.

## Getting Ready For Lent

It is about time to be thinking about Lent and the Episcopal Church's expectations for the observance of these important forty days. Lent is the most somber time of the church year, when worship in the worldwide Anglican Communion is devoid of some of its usual practices and accoutrements. No flowers are allowed on the altars during Lent except on the fourth Sunday (*Laetare*), and in many of our churches all crosses and images are veiled for the entire season. Remember, all Sundays in the Episcopal Church are feast days, even the Sundays of Lent; so they are not numbered among the forty days of Lent. All lesser saints' days are optional, the weekdays of Lent being "Greater Ferias". If these days are celebrated, the season is always commemorated. The *Gloria in excelsis* is not spoken or sung at Mass during Lent and *Alleluia* is not said or sung at Mass or the Offices. *The Prayer Over the People* may be sung or said before the final blessing at Mass. The text of these prayers may be

found in the BOS on pages 24-26. Organ music is also limited during the entire season of Lent. At Trinity, altar servers will wear cassocks (black only) at Mass without surplice. Weddings are not typically solemnized during Lent. The BCP lists Ash Wednesday and other weekdays as fasts "observed by special acts of discipline and self denial." The Church suggests that the faithful should receive the Blessed Sacrament at every opportunity and to take up additional spiritual practice in tribute to the time that Jesus was tempted and fasted in the wilderness. The color of Lent is violet (purple) and the Holy Offices assume a more serious character. The entrance hymn is omitted during Lent and when the bell sounds, the congregation stands and the priests and altar party enter in silence. In large parishes, the *Great Litany* is often said or sung in procession before the principle Mass (BCP 148). The *Stations of the Cross* is a most appropriate devotion for Lent, especially when recited on Fridays (always at noon on Good Friday at Trinity when we are in the church). Many visitors to Trinity during Lent comment on the stark nature of the church upon seeing the crosses under dark veils and even the magnificent stained glass seeming to take on a darker ambience.

## From Common Prayer

Lent is the time of year when Christians are called to observe with great devotion the days of the Lord's passion and resurrection, and we are called to prepare ourselves in this season of penitence and fasting. The season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the Faith were prepared for Baptism. It was also a time when those, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and

absolution as set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. In the name of the Church, therefore, we are invited to the observance of a holy Lent, through self-examination and repentance by prayer, fasting, self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. (BCP, p. 264).

## Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, February 25th, Anglicans all over the world will be eating pancakes and so will we. This old, and much loved tradition in the Episcopal Church, offers an excellent time for a parish and community get-together, and we usually have many visitors for this event. We will begin serving our pancakes at 5:00 pm at the parish house of the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart. There will be no charge for the supper, but donations will be accepted and we will see that you are well fed. Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday marked the last day before the beginning of Lent when the faithful of the church were supposed to fast and not consume meat, eggs, butter or milk. Persons having these foods on hand were afraid they would spoil during the forty days of Lent. With a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in pancakes. In France and New Orleans, Shrove Tuesday is also known as "Fat Tuesday." Traditionally, this supper has been prepared and served by the men of the parish, but at Trinity the ladies also get in on the fun. We really need your help this year as we will be serving the whole community from a much larger parish house. If you will help with the preparation and service of the supper, contact Lewis, Cynthia or Dick. Please plan to be with us. If you have knowledge of families having difficulties (especially with small children), please make them aware of the supper date, place and time. Invite any and all persons you wish to introduce to our parish.

## **Feast Days in February:**

### **The Presentation**

*The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple* is observed on February 2nd. Other traditional names for the feast are *The Purification of the Blessed Virgin, The Meeting of the Lord* and *Candlemas*. In some of the liturgical churches, Compline on this feast marks the end of the season of the Epiphany. In the Church of England the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a principal feast and is celebrated on February 2nd, or, on the Sunday between January 28th and February 3rd. The event is described in the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40). According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple forty days after his birth to complete the ritual purification of the Holy Mother after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn in obedience to the Law of Moses (Leviticus 12 and Exodus 13:12-25). Luke explicitly states that Mary and Joseph took the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb) in Leviticus (12:8) by sacrificing "a pair of turtle doves and two young pigeons." As they entered the temple they came upon Simeon the Righteous. The Gospel records that he had been promised by God that "he should not see death before he has seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). At this encounter, Simeon offered the now famous prayer that has become well known as the *Nunc Dimittis*. This prayer, which we repeat in our daily office of Evening Prayer, prophesies the redemption of the world by Jesus. *Candlemas*, another name for this feast, arises from the ancient custom of blessing candles at this time in memory of Simeon's declaration in the *Nunc Dimittis* that the infant Christ is the "light to enlighten the nations."

*The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)*  
Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2:29-32 (BCP, p. 120, Evening Prayer II).

### **Saint Matthias**

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle* on February 25th. Matthias, according to the acts of the Apostles, was chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following his suicide. Saint Matthias' calling as an apostle is unique in that his appointment was not made by Jesus who had already returned to his Father and occurred before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Church. There is no mention of

Matthias as a disciple or follower of Jesus in the three Synoptic Gospels. According to Acts 1, in the days following the Ascension, the assembled believers (about 120 persons) were addressed by Peter who explained to them about the death and fall of Judas. So they proposed two, Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. They then prayed to God for guidance and voted (cast lots) and the lot fell on Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles. No additional information is to be found about Matthias in the Canon of the *New Testament*. In the writings of the ancient historian, Nicephorus, Matthias began his preaching career in Judea, then in Aethiopia (modern day Georgia) and was stoned to death in Colchis.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of the pre-Lenten season. The name comes from the ancient custom of going to the priest to be "shriven," cleansed of one's sins by making a confession and the receipt of absolution before the beginning of Lent. It is probably fair to say that most people in Abbeville associate the name of Shrove Tuesday with the evening they go to Trinity Church to eat pancakes. We are happy to resume that custom this year with a different location.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is officially the first day of Lent. The day gets its name from the Fast (one of the two great fasts in the Church year, the other being Good Friday). On this day we observe the ancient ritual of the blessing and imposition of the ashes. The faithful kneel at the high altar for the priest to make the *Sign of the Cross* on their foreheads with the ashes. The ashes are obtained from the burning of the palm crosses left from the previous Palm Sunday. This service is extremely somber and the participants are often shaken by the words of the priest as he (she) imposes the ashes: *Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*. This year's mass will be said on the evening of Ash Wednesday (February 26th) at 6:00 pm in the parish house. Mother Alice Haynes will celebrate this Mass as it will also be the 15th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood. Please make your plans to attend and invite your friends to join you.

### **Epiphany Party**

Trinity members and friends very much enjoyed our annual Epiphany Party on Sunday evening, February

5th at the Belmont Inn. The food and the fellowship were great and it appeared that a good time was had by all. If that kind anonymous person who paid for the party is reading this, thank you for your gracious gift of a really wonderful evening!!

### **Confession and Reconciliation**

It has been our practice for many years to offer the availability of a priest during Holy Week to persons wishing to make a confession or have a private consultation with a priest during that time. This year we will provide that opportunity for the entire penitential season of Lent. In the Episcopal Church we prefer to use the term Reconciliation of a Penitent which is explained in the *Book of Common Prayer* on pages 447-452. As this is a private matter, you may feel free to request the appointment with the priest you prefer or the Senior Warden will assist you with the appointment. We have priests available on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Many of us have to deal with unpleasant issues and sometimes it can be extremely helpful to have a private talk with a priest to "clear the air." If you do not have a personal prayer book, feel free to borrow one from the church. You may always find the BCP online at [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org).

### **Great Help From Our Friends**

Trinity has received the welcomed news that we have received a very generous gift of 11 thousand dollars from our good friends at the Church of the Resurrection to be applied to our restoration effort. Resurrection is the closest Episcopal parish to us geographically and one with whom we have enjoyed a most congenial relationship for many years. Their very popular former Rector, Father Beasley, graciously invited us, along with Immanuel Lutheran Church, to join in their celebrations of the *Great Vigil of Easter* to which we contributed Lectors and our former priest, Father Todd, participated in the Liturgy. We have shared many "pot-luck suppers," weddings and other festive occasions at both churches through the years. Our former Senior Warden was given the news of the gift from Resurrection's new Rector, the Reverend Mary Balfour Dunlap. Thank you to all our friends at the Church of the Resurrection!

**WANTED:** Lectors, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Pancake Flippers, Persons who like to invite friends and strangers to church. No previous experience required.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FEBRUARY 2020

*And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him. Mark 1:13*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 2	BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts And Fasts	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary				<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> The Presentation 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 5th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Evening Prayer 6:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Make Someone Smile Today on This Feast of Saint Valentine	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 6th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>17</b>  Presidents' Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Evening Prayer 6:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Last Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>24</b>  Saint Matthias The Apostle (Altar: Red)	<b>25</b>  Shrove Tuesday  Pancake Supper 5:00 pm---7:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish House	<b>26</b> Lent Begins  ASH WEDNESDAY Fast  Mass and Imposition Of The Ashes 6:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

### February 2, 2020 (The Presentation)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Dick  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Myra  
Altar Colors: White  
1st Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm: 84 *Quam dilecta!*  
The Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18  
The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

### February 9, 2020 (5th Epiphany)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Jennie  
Acolytes: Lewis, Andrew  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Green  
1st Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12  
Psalm: 112:1-10 *Beatus vir*  
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16  
The Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

### February 16, 2020 (6th Epiphany)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Mary Anne  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Green  
1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm: 119:1-8 *Beati immaculati*  
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
The Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

### February 23, 2020 (Last Epiphany)

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Ruth  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Green  
1st Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm: 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes*  
The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21  
The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### Happy Birthday

02/13—Audrey

02/22—Ruth

**The Vestry will meet on February 9th following the Eucharist.**

### Please Join Us:

**Morning Prayer**, Wednesdays 11 am,  
Bowie Chapel, Erskine Theological Seminary, Erskine College, Due West.  
**Evening Prayer**, Wednesdays, 6:00 pm  
Parish House  
**Bible Study**, Sundays, 10 am, Parish House

### NOTE:

*Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018* became the official calendar of the Episcopal Church during its General Convention in 2018. However, the two other previously published texts, *Holy Women, Holy Men* and *A Great Cloud of Witnesses* are permitted for optional local use.

## ***Trinity Episcopal Church***

P.O. Box 911, 200 Church Street  
Abbeville, South Carolina 29620

### **Our Mission Statement:**

To do the work that Christ has given us to do.

### **Our Bishop**

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

### **The Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

### **The Vestry:**

Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden  
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden  
Myra Keith  
Betty Tucker  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Dick Haldeman  
Michael Clary

### **Parish Administrator**

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  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich  
Rob Elsner  
Sam Elsner

### **Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Myra Keith  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley

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

Mary Anne Campbell  
Jennie Leverich  
Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman  
Betty Tucker

### **Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Andrew Hartsfield

### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich  
Rob Elsner  
Sam Elsner

### **Greeters/Ushers:**

Ilona Anderson  
Hank Baggett

### **Parish Historian:**

May Hutchinson

### **Children's Programs**

Jan Haldeman

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

John Pullin  
Jennie Leverich

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

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Jan Haldeman (Voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies (Voting)  
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)  
Hank Baggett (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.**

### **The Sacred Assembly**

Do you believe that prayer can change this troubled world? About 70 people from several Abbeville churches believe so and they met in January to complete plans for a Sacred Assembly which is scheduled to come together on March 22nd in Abbeville's Court Square as one to pray. This is basically an Abbeville grass-roots effort, with input from similar events in other parts of the country. The hope is that hundreds of Abbeville people will join this effort to pray for an end to unrelenting sin and wickedness, crime, senseless gun violence on innocents, and ever increasing decay to the moral fiber of this great nation. The theme of this group is simple—"God Help Us!" and the guiding verse from the Bible is 2 Chronicles 7:14 which reads: *If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sins, and will heal their land.* There have been great revivals in this country in the 19th and 20th centuries, and also in England, which successfully brought people to their knees and healing to the land. There will be an additional Abbeville meeting in preparation for the Sacred Assembly on the first Monday in March and on April 20, there will be a follow-up meeting which will provide an opportunity for testimonials to the event. The time for the main meeting is perfect as it will be on the fourth Sunday of Lent, a time when we in the Episcopal Church are especially concerned with re-

conciliation, healing, fasting and increased prayer in our personal lives as we endeavor to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the *Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord*. (Easter Sunday). Our Junior Warden (Hank) will be coordinating our effort in this event and requests that we all make a strong effort to represent Trinity on Sunday, March 22nd at this Sacred Assembly on the square. We will be praying for the Sacred Assembly every Sunday in our Prayers of the People and request that you will remember their important mission in your personal prayers and special intentions. Thank you!

*The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. Psalm 34:15, KJV.*

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

Dear Trinity:

I can't tell you how much I have missed Trinity these last few years when you have been out of your church. The sight of the scaffolding surrounding the church and the workers is a welcome sight to all of Abbeville. I especially miss Trinity at Christmas and Easter. My Good Fridays always started with a "whopper" from Burger King and then a trip to Trinity by noon to hear the Stations of the Cross. I was taught by my grandmother that it was only proper to observe the Watch By The Cross (that time that the Savior was on the cross (12:00--3:00 pm) by sitting in the church to pray the Rosary and meditate on Jesus' sorrowful Passion. To stay on one's knees for three hours can be difficult, so you always had the side doors open to your lovely garden where one could take a brief respite before returning to his prayers and devotions. As a private duty nurse with a long-term patient, I have never been able to attend Mass on Sunday, but spent many Saturday afternoons there listening to the music. One of your visitors sang the Ubi something which I have never been able to get out of my mind. I can't wait to get back to Trinity on Saturday afternoons.

Robert Wagner, RN, Greenwood.

Great! We love our Saturday visitors. Your reference is to a Gregorian chant melody dating to the 5th century and always sung in the original Latin. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est! (Where there is charity and love, God is there.) It is usually sung at the Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, long used as one of the antiphons of "the washing of feet ritual" on Maundy Thursday. We will be more than happy to copy the music for you. Please know that you are always welcome at Trinity. We hope to see you at Mass someday.

*May Christ Lead You All  
To A Blessed Lent.*