

# *The Abbeville Anglican*

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## **Restoration Update**

Preservation South Carolina continues to report good progress in our restoration effort. Three contractors who are interested in the project issued their preliminary bids on April 30. It has since been determined that some of the engineering drawings will need to be reworked to better accommodate the architectural needs for the tower. These new designs were submitted on May 27<sup>th</sup> and the finalized bids of the contractors will be submitted about the middle of June. The contractor winning the project will then decide when he can get the scaffolding up and when the work can begin. Mr. Bedenbaugh and his staff are moving the process along as efficiently as possible. You can help. When your friends ask, tell them to send their contributions directly to [preservation-sc.org](http://preservation-sc.org) and click on the Trinity icon. You will also be interested in knowing that a five-minute segment on Trinity will be heard on National Public Radio Morning Edition in a June broadcast. The exact date is not known at this printing, but we will announce the date if we get it in time. Continue to pray for old Trinity and keep the Faith!

## **Trinity Sunday Picnic**

Because Trinity Sunday is our official feast day, it has long been our custom to celebrate this day with a picnic on the parish green. As usual, the church will supply the entrée and we will all contribute some covered dish for the buffet. This is always a fun day of great food and fellowship. Please make your plans to be with us on this day. Our members and friends who live such a distance from Trinity as not to be able to attend services on a regular basis are especially encouraged to be with us on this special day. The luncheon will immediately follow the Mass. Trinity Sunday occurs this year on June 16<sup>th</sup> which is also Fathers Day. Last year it was necessary to postpone the event because of rain. We will keep you posted of any anticipated changes.

## **Bishop Curry Wins Award**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has recently been awarded the 2019 Sanford St. Martin Trustee Award in recognition for the global impact generated by his sermon at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and American film actress Megan Markle. An estimated 1.9 billion people watched the Presiding Bishop, first African American head of the Episcopal Church, tell a congregation of royals and celebrities that “love is the way” which helped to bring a better understanding of religious belief and its modern relevance to a new audience. His reminder to audiences of the “important stuff in life—like fellowship and love—has been crucial at a time such as this, when the social and political divisions around the world are being so deeply felt.” The Jesus Movement, which has been a dominant theme in the Bishop’s Episcopate, teaches that when Christians make an active effort to communicate the love of Jesus Christ to the people around them that a comfort zone is created which greatly facilitates peace, understanding and reconciliation.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13, Paul delivers to the Church at Corinth one of the most remarkable, yet challenging, pieces of prose on the subject of love. In the process he shatters many of the myths which abound today. He effectively says it does not matter who you are, who you think you are, or who others think you are; if you sacrificially act toward others with “agape” love, your life will be meaningful and blessed.

## **A Gift of Love and Life**

On a recent Saturday afternoon we received an unexpected visit from a young Haitian man (25-year-old Camille) who reported many benefits that he had received from our diocesan ministries in Haiti and also from our church. He stated that he had been “saved” by the preaching of Father Fritz LaFontant at Bon Saveur, our parish church in the village of Cange. When he was five he had fallen from a precipice about 200 feet into a rocky ravine. In the fall, he incurred a broken leg and a severe back injury and was confined to a

wheel chair. Father LaFontant had many friends in Greenville at Christ Church and through these connections was able to get this child seen at a prestigious orthopaedic clinic there. The surgery was successful and Camille was actually able to walk, though slowly, to his airplane at the Greenville airport when he returned home. Now the Trinity connection. He stated that while he was suffering with considerable pain from the operation that a lady who was a retired nurse and a member of Trinity, spent a week with him in the hospital as his private nurse and brought him great comfort by reading to him and singing to him in French. When he came back to Abbeville years later to see her, she had passed away. He thought she was buried in the Trinity graveyard and had hoped to be able to kneel at her grave to say an Ave for her on this visit, but she is not buried at Trinity. We said the Rosary for her at the picnic table in the garden. Our diocese has a thirty year history in Cange with the parish church, the parish school, vocational programming, a new water filtration system and the small hospital. Cange, and its satellite villages, have about 20 thousand residents. The Church of the Good Savior (Église Bon Saveur) is the primary religious presence in the area, and is among the largest congregations in the diocese. The Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church. On the day of his visit, Camille’s Haitian Reggae Band was playing in Greenville and he could not resist the short visit to Abbeville. His only regret—Father LaFontant had wanted him to be a priest. He was told it was not too late. Camille expressed his deep appreciation to this diocese as all the costs of his medical services were paid by our parishes. “I could not have endured a life in a wheel chair,” he said, “so your gift of love, also gave me the gift of life.” This is the kind of love that the Presiding Bishop often speaks about in his homilies.

### **Feast Days in June:**

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle*. Barnabas, born Joseph, was an early Christian and one of the earliest disciples in Jerusalem. According to the *Acts of the Apostles* (4:36), Barnabas was a Cypriot Jew. Named an Apostle in Acts 14:14, he and Paul undertook several missionary journeys together and defended gentile converts against the Judaizers. They won many converts to the Faith and participated in the very important Council of Jerusalem. St. Barnabas' story is told in the *Acts of the Apostles* and St. Paul mentions him in several other of his epistles. The historian, Tertullian, refers to Barnabas as the author of the epistle to the Hebrews, but this and other attributions are mostly conjecture. Christian tradition holds that Barnabas was martyred in Salamis, Cyprus in 61 AD. He is usually identified as the cousin of Saint Mark the Evangelist on the basis of Colossians 4.

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### **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

We celebrate the *Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist* on June 24<sup>th</sup>. John, a distant cousin of Jesus, was the prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, whom he later baptized. Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ; and the circumstances of his birth, as stated in the New Testament, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the Gospels is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and to the event itself, somewhat prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. Apart from the Holy Solemnity commemorating the birth of Jesus, the Church keeps the birth of no other person except that of John the Baptist. The other saints are remembered on the day of their death when they entered into the full Glory of the Lord. We are given the story of the ministry of John the Baptist, often called the Precursor or Forerunner of Jesus, with some variation of detail in the Synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke, as well as the Gospel of John.

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### **Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul*. This is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the Apostles, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. This celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being the anniversary of their death or the translation of their relics. In England, Scotland

and Wales the feast is a Holy Day of obligation, while in the US and Canada it is not. Since at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, faithful Christians have commemorated this day as a solemnity, the day when these two great pillars of the Church, Peter and Paul went to be with God whose kingdom they had advanced for so long. The Christian tradition usually celebrates the death of the saints, their *dies natalis*, as their day of birth into eternal life. According to tradition, the two apostles were put to death by the Emperor Nero. Peter died by crucifixion in the public circus at the Vatican Hill; while Paul was beheaded outside the city walls. Saint Peter is the patron saint of sailors and fishermen, key makers (because he carries the keys to the Kingdom) and watchmakers (the reference to the crowing of the cock—an ancient time signal). He was also invoked against fevers (because Jesus cured his mother-in-law from fever). Above all he has been venerated from the 10<sup>th</sup> century as the gatekeeper who guards the gates of Heaven and admits or turns away approaching souls. Saint Paul is the patron saint of tentmakers (having been one himself) and theologians (because of his profound writings.) From ancient times, both apostles have been invoked against the bites of poisonous snakes. If you pray very hard on Peter and Paul's day, no snake will bite you for the whole year, say many people in many places, even today. Saint Peter is best remembered as the "Rock" on which Christ built his church and as the first Bishop of Rome. The throne on which the Pope sits today is still referred to as the Chair of Saint Peter. Likewise, Saint Paul has many attributes, but is probably best remembered as the great Apostle to the gentiles.

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### **Day of Pentecost**

*The Day of Pentecost*, also known as *Whitsunday*, occurs 50 days after Easter. It is the *Feast of the Holy Spirit* and is generally considered to be the third highest feast of the Church year. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Church and is often referred to in theological writings as the "birthday of the Church." The dramatic events of the first Pentecost are described beginning with the second chapter of the *Acts of the Apostles*. *And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire and sat upon each of them.* There were persons present from all over the

world who heard the Apostles preach and each person heard the Gospel in his own native language. Pentecost is a Holy Day of obligation and we are expected to receive the Blessed Sacrament on the *Feast of the Holy Spirit*. On Pentecost in most Episcopal Churches both men and women usually wear some article of clothing which is red to pay silent homage to the Holy Spirit who is our Comforter. Many visitors through the years have commented on how strongly they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in our church and we thank God for this grace. This year we observe the *Day of Pentecost* on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Trinity Sunday**

We celebrate Trinity Sunday (the *Feast of the Holy Trinity*) on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the date of Easter, the rather long Trinity Season varies in length from 22 to 27 Sundays. Trinity Sunday introduces the second half of the Christian year, which concerns the life and work of the Church and her members under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although the altar color for Trinity Sunday is white, green is used for the remainder of the season which continues until *Advent*.


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### **Great Balls of Fire**

A most unusual event occurred on April 28<sup>th</sup> when one of our acolytes burst into flame in the middle of Mass. The acolyte (the culprit will remain nameless) apparently stood too close to the Credence Table where a candle was burning. The choirmaster sprang from the bench and was able to remove the vestment before any damage was done. The choirmaster later suggested to the culprit that if such an exhibition was entirely necessary, it would more appropriately have been saved for the *Feast of Pentecost* when the flames and smoke might have been more in keeping with the Gospel for the day. Another communicant suggested that if such an act of penance were necessary, that setting oneself on fire at the High Altar was a bit much and perhaps a simple flagellation might have sufficed, and perhaps not at Mass. In her own inimitable style, Mother Alice Haynes, the Celebrant for the day, was able to maintain her usual quiet decorum and resume the Mass. Members of the congregation were extremely happy that it was not necessary to summon the fire brigade to hose down the acolyte. Such is life at Trinity. Lord, have mercy!

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 6:17



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH						
JUNE 2019						
<i>This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 119:24)</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year C  Office Lectionary Year 1	BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts And Fasts	All Lessons and Readings are from The Revised Common Lectionary	HAPPY FATHERS' DAY to all Trinity's dads. June 16 !!	Don't forget. Excellent Bible Study every Sunday with Hank, 10:00 am in the Parish house.	Vestry Meets June 9 <sup>th</sup> Following Mass	1
2 7th Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Day of Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	10	11  Saint Barnabas Apostle (Altar: Red)	12 Ember Day   6:00 pm Evening Prayer	13	14 Ember Day  Flag Day	15 Ember Day
16 Trinity Sunday 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12 :00 Noon Picnic on the Green  Father's Day	17	18	19   6:00 pm Evening Prayer	20	21  Summer Begins	22
23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist  30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pentecost	24  The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist (Altar: White)	25	26   6:00 pm Evening Prayer	27	28 	29 Saint Peter And Saint Paul, Apostles (Altar: Red)

June 2, 2019 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter)

Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Mary Anne  
Acolytes: Andrew, Lewis  
Altar Guild: Myra  
Altar Colors: White  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm: 97 *Dominus regnavit*  
The Epistle: Revelation 22: 12-21  
The Gospel: John 17:20-26

June 9, 2019 (Whitsunday)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Jennie  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Red  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21Psalm:  
104:25-35, 37  
The Epistle: Romans 8:14-17  
The Gospel: John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 16, 2019 (Trinity Sunday)

Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Betty  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: White  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm : 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*  
The Epistle: Romans 5:1-5  
The Gospel: John 16:12-15

June 23, 2019 (Proper 7)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Dick  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Psalm: 14 and 43  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29  
The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2019 (Proper 8)

Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Ruth  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm: 77:1-2, 11-20 *Voce mea*  
The Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Happy Birthday

06/01—Charles Cann

06/03—Rocky

06/13—Akil

06/15—Shane

06/15—Lily

06/16—Glen

06/18—Caroline

06/21—Betsy

06/26—Charles Claxton

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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

**The Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

**The Vestry:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden  
Andrew Hartsfield  
Myra Keith  
Betty Tucker  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley

**Parish Administrator**

Dick Haldeman

**Treasurer:**

Lewis Ashley

**Musicians:**

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster  
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist  
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor  
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley  
Ruth Freeman  
Joy Bolen

**Worship Leaders:**

Dick Haldeman  
Joy Bolen  
Lewis Ashley  
John Pullin

**Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Myra Keith  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley

**Lectors (Lay Readers):**

Joy Bolen  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Jennie Leverich  
Betty Tucker  
Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman

**Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Andrew Hartsfield

**Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
John Pullin

**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:**

Jennie Leverich (Voting)  
Lewis Ashley (Voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)  
Jan 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.

**Intercessory Prayer List**

Each issue of our newsletter will include a list for intercessory prayer to include all our members and friends of this parish. Some are sick and some are well. We simply request that in your personal prayers and special intentions that you will lift these friends up unto the Lord who will know specifically what their needs are. When we have been through our entire list of members and friends, we will begin over again. Please feel free to advise us of any person not a member of this parish who you might wish to be on this list. Thank you!

**Intercessory Prayer List**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers during the month of June.

Trudy  
Larry  
Audrey  
Rocky  
Robin  
Rebecca  
Jacob  
Mother Alice  
Father Davis



**The Late, Great Planet Earth**

Several weeks ago the UK and Ireland became the first two countries to declare a climate emergency, the same week that the Anglican Communion became the first religious global body to recognize a climate emergency—the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care released a report, *A Declaration of Unprecedented Human Emergency* at its annual gathering in Washington DC. The statement clarifies two essential facts: humanity has an extremely short window of time in which to avert irreversible climate chaos, and religions around the world to consider protecting God's

creation, a spiritual and moral imperative. Scientists have been sounding the alarm for decades, saying that the burning of massive quantities of fossil fuels could lead to catastrophe. Many of the world's most reputable scientists say that the clock has run out and that the time of reckoning is at hand. Foreseen or unforeseen, the climate crisis is here and calls for immediate action. The NRCC's declaration has been signed by religious leaders across the country including heads of denominations, clergy, leaders of international interfaith environmental organizations and many Episcopal bishops. Climate change is unlike any other challenge that confronts humanity, because it is largely irreversible for a thousand years after emissions stop, and its effects may be felt for a thousand years after that. This rather scary scenario brings to mind Hal Lindsey's book, *The Late, Great Planet Earth*, and some of the predictions he offered in that premillennial dispensational eschatology. Beware! (Parts of this article from the Episcopal News Service).

*Letters from our friends:*

Hi Trinity Friends:

In May we rolled up in your church yard in two buses hoping to enjoy another great visit to Trinity. It has been four years since we were there last, but your church is on our list of favorite places to visit. We usually enjoy a tour of the church, hear wonderful stories about your history and eat our picnic lunch on your beautiful green. Then your organist spent about an hour with us singing our favorite hymns. We are all Baptists, so we had a good laugh when the organist told us Baptists make great Episcopalians! The organist did come over from across the street and explained that the church had been closed for two years, but that the restoration was beginning. We will be sending a contribution to your restoration fund. Your warm hospitality to your visitors is generous and real. On our previous visit the last hymn we sang was the old Baptist standard *there's a sweet, sweet feeling in this place and I know it is the presence of the Lord*. You have that sweet presence in your church and your visitors recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit. We will follow your progress on your website and be back for a visit when the work is done. God bless you all as you continue your labors for his Kingdom.  
Reverend Michael Carlton

Dear Pastor:

Thank you! We look forward to your next visit. If you care to let us know in advance when you are coming, we will be better prepared to receive you. And Baptists do make great Episcopalians!

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*  
(Come, Holy Spirit)