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Restoration Update

In addition to the \$250,000 grant that was approved from Sacred Places and announced in our last issue, an additional grant of \$30,000 has been approved from the National Park Service to the City of Abbeville for use in the rehabilitation of our church. The last grant will be used for the stucco work necessary for when the roof and crenellations are replaced. These are significant grants, but will require over half a million dollars in matching funds to receive them. At this point no work has started and we have no additional information as to when that will occur. As always, we will attempt to keep you completely updated when we have the information.

Send your contributions directly to SCPreservation.org.

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting for the parish has been scheduled for Sunday, December 1st to follow the Mass. At this meeting, we will elect three new members to the vestry to replace Cynthia, Myra and Andrew. We will also elect two alternates to the 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 on the restoration situation. The vestry nominating committee will offer nominations for the vestry replacements and nominations will also be received from the floor. Diocesan canons require that a person must be a confirmed member of the parish in order to vote in a parish (mission) election. 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 important parish meeting. Your presence is appreciated and comments are encouraged.

Pledge Cards

Pledge Cards for 2020 will be available on the first Sunday in November (3rd) and will also be included with the newsletters. Your generosity in the past has been commendable and we request your prayerful consideration this year as we must keep Trinity in the best financial shape as possible as we complete this restoration. Please return your pledge cards by the last Sunday in November (24th). You may place your cards in the offering plate, mail to P.O. Box 911 or hand directly to the treasurer. A report on the pledge status will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Parish Luncheon

You are invited to enjoy a nice lunch on November 24th to immediately follow Mass at the Talk of the Town Café, directly across from the Police Station. This establishment is known for its excellent food and relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. We will hear some comments about the restoration, but this will mostly be a get-together for the congregation. 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 the luncheon.

Living the Way of Love

A year after the introduction by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of *The Way of Love, Practices for a Jesus Centered Life*, the Episcopal Church continues to offer new resources for congregations interested in following the *Way of Love* as a way of life. New this fall are the FAQ's for Small Group Ministry video, a social media infographic, as well as a postcard-sized infographic. These new resources are available at the Episcopal Office of Public Affairs. A 9-session *Living the Way of Love in Community* curriculum is designed for small groups organized for the purpose of exploring the *Way of Love*. Group members study and experience each of the 7 practi-

ces: *turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest*. These small groups may choose to meet weekly, every other week, or once a month. The facilitation guide offers a process for guiding the intentional small group for 9, 90 minute sessions. Each session includes prayer, discussion, practice time and worship. Suggested Scripture readings and hymns are also included. Many persons having participated in this programming have testified that this program has helped their parishes grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life giving way of Jesus, a way that has the power to change each of our lives and possibly help modify our ever increasing culture of violence, guns, and hate. This program may be downloaded free from the Episcopal Church Public Affairs Office, and would be appropriate for an Advent or Lenten study. If you are interested, please advise the Senior Warden.

Related Story

Churches and schools across our state are not immune to the rise of racist theology and rhetoric. So how do we as Christians confront this hate in our pews and classrooms? Recognizing the Church's role in confronting hate and working toward healing the SC Fellowship of Bishops is hosting an interactive dialogue on the topic. *Confronting Hate: 2019 Fellowship of SC Bishops' Dialogue*, November 21st, 5:30 pm-7:00pm, SC State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia. This year's dialogue takes place during the 2019 Equity Summit, an event hosted by the SC Collaborative on Race and Reconciliation at the University of South Carolina. Interested persons may register for the 2019 Bishops' Dialogue, or other portions of the Equity Summit, at the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the website of the University of South Carolina. Our own Bishop is a long-time leader in this important initiative and would appreciate your participation.

Feast Days In November:

All Hallows Eve

Not that the Mass of the day has mention of black cats or the Devine Office of witches, but *All Hallows* was once an important feast day in the Church with a beautiful and popular liturgy. During all the Christian centuries up until the Church 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 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 the High Holy Days of the liturgical year. When we were in our regular church setting, *All Saints* was 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 Day* 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 24th) before a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent (December 1st). 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 Simon 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 Concentration (blessing of the bread and wine at the Eucharist), the Scottish prayer, 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our First Bishop:

We give you thanks, 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.

Diocesan Convention

Our 97th Diocesan Convention will sit at Christ Church on November 8th and 9th. We have already reported the convention's agenda for Friday and Saturday in our last issue. We will bring you a full report from the convention in our next issue.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2019

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 119:24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Eucharistic Lectionary Year C</p> <p>Office Lectionary Year 1</p>	<p>All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary</p>	<p>BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts</p>	<p>Please Note: Sunday announcements will now be made following the closing hymn.</p>		<p>1</p> <p><i>All Saints Day</i> (Altar: White)</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>All Souls Day</i> (Altar: Black)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>21st Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Diocesan Convention Leadership Day 1:00 pm---3:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Diocesan Convention Business Session 8:00 am ---3:00 pm</p>
<p>10</p> <p>22nd Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Veterans' Day</i> Thank-you for your Service to the Republic.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784 W</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>23rd Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Christ the King 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:00 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (Altar: White)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Saint Andrew The Apostle (Altar: Red)</p>

November 3, 2019 (Proper 26)

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Myra
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Daniel 1-3, 15-18
Psalm: 149
The Epistle: Ephesians 1:11-23
The Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

November 10, 2019 (Proper 27)

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager
Eucharistic Minister: Dick
Lector: Jennie
Acolyte: Lewis, Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm: 145: 1-5, 18-22
The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
The Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

November 17, 2019 (Proper 28)

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Mary Anne
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17-25
Canticle: 9
The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
The Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

November 24, 2019 (Proper 29)

Celebrant: Father Swartsfager
Eucharistic Minister: Dick
Lector: Ruth
Acolyte: Lewis, Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Canticle: 16
The Epistle: Colossians 1: 11-20
The Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

Happy Birthday

11/10—*Hank*

11/23—*Rilla*

11/28—*Edel*

Your new copies of *Forward Day by Day* (November, December and January) are now available in the parish house, large and small print. Persons unable to attend services may request your copy by mail from PO Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620.

The Vestry will meet on November 10th, immediately following the Mass.

Don't be late for Mass. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 3rd. Fall back one hour.

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

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

Worship Leaders:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
John Pullin

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
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.

A Laugh From Trinity's Past

From a private journal of a former Abbeville native of long ago, now belonging to a great granddaughter living in upstate New York. This article originally appeared in the September 2009 newsletter and is repeated by request.

It was a bright sunny afternoon in late September 1875. There was an important meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society scheduled at Trinity Church which would be attended by many of the ladies from the community. The vicar had invited a priest to speak who was just back in this country after two years of mission work in South Africa. The main doors from the street to the narthex were closed, but the doors to the north and south gardens were open to enjoy the warm fall afternoon. Miss Abigail entered the church in the company of her cousin, Sister Mary Rose, a nun in the Anglican Order of the Holy Cross, on leave from her convent. The ladies, both on their mid-fifties, entered a stall near the middle of the church which would allow them to hear the lecture and, at the same time, to observe the afternoon sun as it played in the brilliant stained glass. What they did not know is that the stall they selected was also occupied by a large gray squirrel having an afternoon siesta under the bench. All went well until about the middle of the lecture when the squirrel awoke and realized he was no longer alone in the stall. He made a rapid egress across the ladies' laps, causing Miss Abigail to suffer a most violent attack of the vapors which required her immediate removal to the boxwood garden where she could take the air and regain her composure. The squirrel continued down the central isle, across the chancel, and into the choir, causing great havoc and one lady to completely forsake her dignity and to exit the choir over the railing. At this point most of the ladies who had left the church in the fray elected to take their afternoon tea in the garden and did not return to the church. The lecture was not resumed. What became of the squirrel or the visiting priest is unknown. The "vapors" is a condition affecting only genteel southern ladies in reaction to an unpleasant situation of considerable stress. The vapors are sometimes

cured by a dose of smelling salts, a briskly used hand fan or a tall mint julep. A severe case may require all three remedies! Many of you reading this article are not at all surprised as you have yourself witnessed squirrels coming down the bell rope to have a drink of holy water during Mass; or the great barn owl who had to be evicted from the bell tower due to his toilet habits. Such is life at Trinity and has been so for more than a hundred years.

The following also repeated by request from the September 2015 newsletter.

The Gardenia Lady

We have recently been saddened to learn of the passing of a dear lady who was known at Trinity only as the Gardenia Lady. She often appeared on Saturdays in the middle of the afternoon and brought beautiful gardenias clutched in her small hands which had been crippled by arthritis. She would always make her prayers in the Lady Chapel and would sometimes ask that the Crucifix be lifted down so that she might kiss the feet of the Savior. She would then lay her gift of gardenias at the foot of the cross, a fitting gift to Our Lady and her most Blessed Son. And as the Lady Chapel was infused with the exotic fragrance of gardenia, she would kneel sometimes for half an hour on those aching knees to offer her prayers; often her misshapen fingers moving slowly and painfully across the beads of her Rosary. We never saw her at Mass, only on Saturdays. She was not much for conversation, but her quiet serenity presented a powerful unspoken sermon. Yet now her joy must be unspeakable as she has been taken up on the wings of eagles. She can run and not be weary, walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31); and has seen her precious Jesus face to face. So many sermons here. Trinity is truly a special place. Thanks be to God! Amen.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of (Alfred Lord Tennyson). Even today we are walking in, standing on, and surrounded by answers to prayers prayed by us and others. God wants us to ask, seek, and knock. He wants us to come boldly into his presence, fully assured of his glad welcome. From a sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon William Beckham, later the 6th Bishop of this diocese. Requiescat in Pace.

To Our Many Friends:

We continue to get many visitors and bus tours to Trinity. We love having visitors and you may continue to park your buses in the back of the church. However, please understand that the church is still closed and you may not go inside at this time. Please do not shake the doors attempting to enter. It will be our great pleasure to receive you again as soon as possible. We also miss our many friends who attended performances at the Opera House and spent an hour or so with us before the curtain. We will resume our quiet time and music on Saturday afternoons and you will again be able to bring your instruments and sing your favorite hymns.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen. Compline, Book of Common Prayer, p.135.