



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Update

We continue to make progress in our overall restoration plan and hope that the work can begin soon on the stabilization of the bell tower and steeple. Much of the work to be done remains in the planning stage. But that process is ongoing and the Preservation South Carolina people are consulting with the best qualified experts to solve our problems and are also continuing the consultation we initiated with the Meadors preservation and conservation group of Charleston who are regarded as among the best people in the southeast in the restoration of historic structures. Michael Bedenbaugh and his staff at Preservation South Carolina are doing an excellent job in planning and executing the early stages of the restoration. You are referred to a rather lengthy article which appeared in the January 31<sup>st</sup> issue of the *Charleston Post and Courier* that described Trinity's current situation, its illustrious past, and its numerous historical connections to the "Holy City." See the newspaper's archives and read this interesting article for yourself or request a hard copy from Lewis. We will have another update for you in April.

## Our Lenten Pilgrimage

On March 6<sup>th</sup> we begin our observance of the forty days of Lent with the Ash Wednesday Eucharist and the Imposition of the Ashes. During this entire season our churches are dark, our altars have no flowers and our mood is somber. Visitors to our churches are often stricken at the sight of our crosses under dark veils and a heavy ambience of shadows and quiet demeanor. This, of course, is appropriate as we need to be in serious contemplation on the passion and resurrection of the Redeemer. For much of the Church's history, Lent was strictly observed. Sadly, that is no longer the case. Recent studies suggest that many modern Christians do not pay much attention to Lent at all. In

the Episcopal Church, we are called to observe the season by prayer, self-examination, self-denial, *Bible* study and fasting. Some of our major theologians have written that the somberness of the season should lead us to psychologically spend time with Jesus in the wilderness and to stand (or kneel) on Good Friday at the foot of the cross and attempt to feel some of the emotion of those cataclysmic events which were necessary to achieve the salvation of our souls. Lent can be a difficult time for those Episcopalians who are truly able to immerse themselves into the nature and essence of the season. But our great reward comes on that blessed Easter Sunday in April (21<sup>st</sup>), the highest Feast of the Christian Church, when we are able to proclaim with the saints and the angels: *It is finished* (John 19:30). *The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!* (Hymn #208). (Some thoughts in this article borrowed from the *Anglican Digest*, 2016).

## From Common Prayer

Lent is the time of the year when Christians are called to observe with great devotion the days of our 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 which 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).

## Bishop's Visit

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Bishop Waldo on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop gave an excellent homily, celebrated a beautiful Mass and was pleased to receive Hank and Mike into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church. In the 5:00 pm Forum, the Bishop engaged the group in a lively discussion on the importance of social justice and reconciliation in this extremely troubled world, a concern he shares with the Presiding Bishop. He suggested that we might attempt to find ways to use our diocesan mission statement of "making, equipping, and sending mature disciples of Christ" to encourage reconciliation, compassion and healing in these troubled times. Many of you have commented on how much you enjoyed the Bishop's forum discussion. The Bishop was assisted at Mass by the Rev. Deacon d'Rue Hazel, a longtime and reliable friend of Trinity for many years. This month, the Bishop will attend a meeting of the House of Bishops which will sit at the Episcopal Church's very popular camp and conference center at Kanuga in the mountains of western North Carolina. The spring retreat will run from March 12<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Interested persons may follow the proceedings at the Episcopal News Service at [www.episcopalnewsservice.org](http://www.episcopalnewsservice.org). We very much appreciate all the good work of the Bishop in our diocese and are proud of the high esteem in which he is held in the House of Bishops. Thank you Bishop for your recent visit to Trinity. We will bring you a report from the House of Bishops meeting in our April issue.

Send your contributions for Trinity's restoration to Preservation South Carolina at [preservationsc.org](http://preservationsc.org). Excellent pictures, videos and easy access to make a gift. Trinity, a beacon to the Faith for almost 200 years. Thank you!

## **Feast Days in March:**

### **Saint Joseph**

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Joseph*, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and step father of Jesus. This feast has the rank of a solemnity in the Roman Church where it is celebrated as a first class feast. It is also an important feast in all the provinces of the Anglican Communion, and a feast in the Lutheran Church. In many parts of the world the Saint Joseph altars are decorated with flowers, images and elaborate food items. This has been a major problem for cooks throughout the world as this feast always occurs during Lent and traditionally is a day of abstinence. The Saint Joseph table is always covered with meatless dishes. Everything we know about Saint Joseph comes from Holy Scripture. We know he was a working man and a carpenter. He was not rich because when he took Jesus to the temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified, he offered the sacrifice of two turtle doves and pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree somewhat about the details of his genealogy, but both mark his descent from King David. Since Saint Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death or Resurrection, many historians have suggested that he died before Jesus entered his public ministry. Saint Joseph was a compassionate and caring man who followed all of God's commands for the care of the Blessed Mother and the Messiah. We are told that he took his family every year to Jerusalem for Passover, something that could not have been very easy for a working man. Saint Joseph has always been loved and revered by Christians for the great care and protection he gave to the *Theotokos* (Mother of God) and to the Redeemer. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the universal church, fathers, social justice and carpenters.

O God, who from the family of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thy incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: give us grace to imitate his uprightness and life and his obedience to thy commands; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
Book of Common Prayer, p. 188.

### **Laetare Sunday**

Laetare Sunday (March 31) so called from the incipit of the Introit at Mass, *Laetare Jerusalem* ("O be joyful Jerusalem") (Isaiah 66:10) is the name used to denote the fourth Sunday in Lent. This Sunday is also

known as *Mothering Sunday*, *Refreshment Sunday* and *Rose Sunday* (because of the golden rose sent by the popes to the catholic sovereigns were blessed on this date). This Sunday was also known as the "Sunday of the Fives Loaves" from the traditional Gospel reading for the day, the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, which was, before the adoption of the modern common lectionaries, the Gospel reading for this Sunday in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox, Lutheran and other Churches. This is the only day in Lent when the rigors of the season are relaxed with flowers on the altar and the full musical compliment to the Mass: a day of hope with Easter being at least in sight.

### **The Annunciation**

We celebrate the *Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary* (anglicized from the *Latin Vulgate*, Luke 1:26-39, *Annuntiatio natiuitatis Christi*) on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the Christian celebration of the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "Savior." This feast usually occurs nine months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus. According to the Gospel of Luke, the Annunciation occurred "in the sixth month" of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist. Approximating the normal vernal equinox, the date of the Annunciation also marked the New Year in many places including England where it is also called *Lady Day*. A separate annunciation, which is briefer, but in the same vein as the one in Luke, is given to Joseph in Matthew (1:18-21). The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church and is among the eight that are considered *Feasts of the Lord*. The Annunciation is also mentioned in the Muslim Holy Book (the *Quran*) in Sura 003:045: *Behold! The angel said: O Mary! Allah giveth thee good tidings of a word from Him. His name will be Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah.*

### *Ave Maria*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus; for thou hast brought unto us the Savior of our souls. Alleluia and Amen.*

### **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. Consistent with the tradition throughout the Anglican Communion, the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at Trinity has become a much anticipated event in Abbeville with our people serving free pancakes to large numbers of people from the community. We very much regret that we will be unable to have our pancake supper this year due to the parish house now being configured as a chapel during the restoration. Please tell your friends that we very much hope to resume the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper next year.

### **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 over from the previous Palm Sunday. This service is extremely somber and the participants are often shaken by the words of the priest as he 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 (March 6<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 pm in the parish house. Please make your plans to attend and bring your friends.

### **Newsletter Returns to Website**

We are happy to report that our newsletter is again appearing on our website. We are already receiving emails from some of our former readers not on our mailing list that they are pleased to be seeing the newsletter again. We have received an interesting email from a young presbyter in Scotland that we will share with you in our next issue. We received several letters suggesting that the newsletter on the website might facilitate the restoration. Thank you to the Senior Warden for this accomplishment. Persons who are interested in the restoration progress, but not on our mailing list, can now get monthly updates on the website at [www.trinityabbeville.org](http://www.trinityabbeville.org). Please refer as many people as you can to our website.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MARCH 2019

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalms 118:24)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Eucharistic Lectionary Year C</b>  <b>Office Lectionary Year 1</b>	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.	The Church suggests that all weekdays of Lent be observed by special acts of discipline and devotion through Holy Saturday.	Ember Days are days for ordination. We pray for those to be ordained and they prepare them-selves by prayer and retreat. See BCP, pp. 256-257.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Last Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Shrove Tuesday	<b>6</b> <i>Lent Begins</i>  Ash Wednesday Fast  6:00 pm Mass & Imposition of the Ashes	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Ember Day  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Ember Day	<b>16</b> Ember Day
<b>17</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist  <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Saint Joseph (Altar: White)	<b>20</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent  =====	<b>25</b>  The Annunciation Of Our Lord Jesus Christ To The Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>Laetare</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent						

**March 3, 2019 (Last Epiphany)**  
Morning Prayer  
Worship Leader: Dick  
Lector: Jennie  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Myra  
Altar Colors: Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm: 99 *Dominus regnavit*  
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2  
The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a

**March 10, 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent)**  
Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Mary Anne  
Acolytes: Andrew, Lewis  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16 *Qui habitat*  
The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13  
The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

*... I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Joshua 1:5*

**March 17, 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent)**  
Celebrant: Father Ken Tucker  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Joy  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm : 27 *Dominus illuminatio*  
The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1  
The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

**March 24, 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent)**  
Celebrant: Father Charles Davis  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Ruth  
Acolytes: Andrew, Lewis  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm: 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*  
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

The March meeting of the vestry will be on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, following the Eucharist.

**March 31, 2019 (4<sup>th</sup> Lent/Laetare)**  
Celebrant: Father Ken Tucker  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Dick  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm: 32 *Beati quorum*  
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### *Happy Birthday*

03/09—Eddie

03/10—Robin

**Reminder:**  
Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am. Move your clock forward one hour. Don't be late for Mass!

**Fish Fry**—all you can eat! Sacred Heart, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5pm-8pm, parish house, \$10.00. Get your ticket from Lewis. Support our Catholic friends.

## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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[www.trinityabbeville.org](http://www.trinityabbeville.org)

### **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

### **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 March.

Cynthia  
Myra  
Dick  
Jan  
Martha  
Mary Anne  
Ruth  
Andrew



### **A History of Lent**

What are the origins of Lent? Did the Church always observe this time before Easter? Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works to help us get prepared for the highest feast of the Church year—*The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. The word lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* which means spring and *lenctenid* which means springtime and is also the word for March, the month in which the majority of Lent falls. Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. Lent became more regular after the official legalization of Christianity in AD 313. The Council of Nicaea (325), in its canons, noted

that two provincial synods should be held each year, one before the forty days of Lent. St. Athanasius, in his *Festal Letters*, implored his whole congregation to make a forty day fast prior to the more intense fasting of Holy Week. Finally, Pope Leo preached that the faithful must “fulfill with their fasts the apostolic institution of the forty days,” again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the forty day preparation for Easter known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises. The number “40” has always had a special spiritual meaning with regard to preparation. We are told that Moses remained on Mt. Sinai with the Lord for forty days and forty nights as he was preparing to receive the *Ten Commandments* (Exodus 34:28). Elijah walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of the Lord, Mt. Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kings 19:8). Jesus fasted and prayed forty days and forty nights in the wilderness before he began his ministry. (Matthew 4:2). Eventually the practice began to fast for six days over the course of six weeks, and Ash Wednesday was instituted to bring up fast days to forty before Easter. Fasting is a very personal decision and is often determined by one’s state of health. Many faithful Episcopalians still follow the ancient practice of giving up something that they very much enjoy for Lent as a sacrifice; and others attend no social functions at all during the forty days of Lent. Moreover, an emphasis is often placed on performing special works like participating in the *Stations of the Cross*, attending Mass and making extra time for prayer and *Bible* study. Although many practices have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to joyfully celebrate the mysteries of our salvation. Enjoy a blessed Lent! (copied from the *Living Church*).

### *A Hymn for Lent*

*Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights, tempted, and yet undefiled. Should we not thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain? Then if Satan on us press, Jesus savior, hear our call! Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall! So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that we may appear with thee at the eternal Eastertide. Hymn #150, The Episcopal Hymnal 1982.*

**The Lord bless thee and keep thee.**  
Numbers 6:24, KJV.