

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE CALLED "TO BE A LIGHT, LIVING AS A WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE, SERVING AND NURTURING ALL"

March 2011

The Reverend
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Farewell to Father Nick!

"And we're outta here!"

We will all miss those "famous last words" of Sunday Service from Father Nick! In a special **goodbye reception** on Sunday, March 20- in true Aggie fashion, of course - the congregation honored Father Nick for his interim service at Christ the King.

It was **standing room only** at the pot luck lunch after the 10:30 service, with tables decked out in Maroon and White, a special Aggie cake (compliments of Lyn Goodman) and plenty of farewell wishes drawn by the kids!



*Insight from Father Nick to the people of Christ the King:
"Accept the new rector and work with him and find out what he can do for you and what you can do for him. Every person has their own ideas; give him a chance to walk and then walk along beside him."*



Father Nick in his famous "tithe or die" stewardship pose!



Father David Nelson begins as the new rector for Christ the King in March

“Christ the King Episcopal in Atascocita Welcomes New Rector”

From an ARTICLE published in the February 16th edition of the Atascocita Observer:

Following a 15-month search for a new pastor and a lot of prayer, Christ the King Episcopal Church in Atascocita will welcome Father David Nelson in March. “When we learned that our previous rector was going to retire, the vestry conducted a survey of the congregants to find out what each of us was looking for in a rector and what we felt were the needs of our church,” said Debbie Lee, chairman of the church’s Search Committee. “The results of the survey were compiled and used as a tool by the Search Committee when looking for our rector. “The entire process took fifteen months, but we were committed to finding the right person for our congregation.”

During the time the committee searched for that person, the Rev. Nicolas Dyke served as interim rector of the 200-member congregation. The retired priest was assigned by the bishop of the diocese to fill that role and to provide continuity for the church. In his experience as a priest in the Episcopal Church for 34 years, he said he’s learned that it’s the people who make the church. “If the rector doesn’t take advantage of the people in the church and their talents, he’s only hurting himself,” said Dyke. “This is a wonderful congregation, very involved, very talented people; they step in and do what’s needed. They are excited and want to grow.”

To the people of Christ the King who are getting ready to transition under the leadership of a new rector, he shared this insight: “Accept the new rector and work with him and find out what he can do for you and what you can do for him. Every person has their own ideas; give him a chance to walk and then walk along beside him.”

Prior to coming to Atascocita, David Nelson served as a parish priest and a campus minister in Bowling Green, Ohio. His wife, Beth Anne, is an ordained American Baptist pastor, and she has a passion for youth ministry.

The church is ready to meet the new rector and to see where this spiritual journey they have been on continues to take them. “There was a lot of time and teamwork involved to find the Rev. David Nelson, but we feel that we found the person who was being called to our church,” said Lee. “We believe that Rev. Nelson will bring to our congregation strong spiritual leadership, with a warm, compassionate and joyful approach. We anticipate that he will infuse our church life with a new energy and enthusiasm that will pour over into the community.”

In a letter to the congregation, the new rector expressed his feelings about coming to Christ the King, a church that believes it is called “to be a light, living and witnessing to Christ’s love, serving and nurturing all.” “When I first saw your Parish Profile I was touched by your commitment to outreach, the way you treat everyone like family and the joyous spirit of this church. When I met with the Search Committee and vestry, this confirmed my initial feelings about Christ the King,” he wrote.

“Your love for Christ is evident in how you speak of each other. Your love for serving the community is evident in the many outreach ministries of your parish. I am getting excited pondering what God has in store for us in our ministry together.”

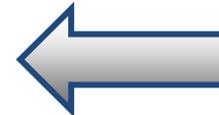
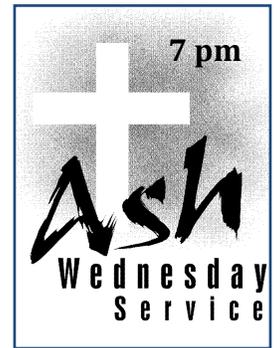
“To an individual, a couple or a family with children looking for a new church home, Rev. Nelson and Christ the King have a lot to offer,” said Lee. “Rev. Nelson shares Christ the King’s passion for outreach, both in our local community and more broadly, and we look forward to joining with him in continuing to make outreach one of the defining characteristics of our church.”

“I am so grateful to God and to the members of Christ the King for the opportunity to serve Christ and the world together,” said David. “My wife, Beth Anne, is equally excited. **We can’t wait for March to arrive!**”

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Calendar of Events

- 3/1 **The Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP on FM 1960 in Atascocita at 8am
- 3/6 Is **First Sunday lunch** immediately following the 10:30 service
- 3/8 **Join us on Shrove Tuesday for a Pancake Supper at the Church!**
- 3/9 **Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7pm**
- 3/10 & 3/24 **The Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7pm
- 3/12 **The Brotherhood of St Andrew** is meeting at the church at 8:30 am
- 3/13 & 3/27 **Youth Meeting** at the church
- 3/19 Let's put on the gloves for an **ALL CHURCH WORKDAY**
- 3/20 **Join us for a special evening service at 5pm with BISHOP DOYLE**



~ March 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8am Breakfast Buddies @IHOP	2	3	4	5
6 8:00 Service 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Choir Practice 10:30 Service 12:00 1 st Sunday Lunch	7	8 5:30 – 7:30 pm Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE Supper	9 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	10 7:00 pm Daughters of the King	11	12 8:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew
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20 8:00 Service 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Choir Practice 10:30 Service 5pm Bishop Doyle	21	22 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	23	24 7:00 pm Daughters of the King	25	26
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Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER

Please join us on Shrove Tuesday,
March 8th from 5:30 ~ 7:30 pm for an

**All You Can Eat
PANCAKE SUPPER!!**

Adults \$6.00 Children \$3.00

*All proceeds go to the Camp Allen
Scholarship Fund*



Church Wide Workday

There will be a CHURCH WIDE (inside & outside) workday on
Saturday, March 19th beginning at 8:00 am

We will be getting our church ready for the Bishop's visit.

For more information, contact Aaron Holbrook or Robert Lunson



Bishop Doyle to Visit Christ the King

Help us welcome the Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, to Christ the King on his visit:

**Sunday, March 20th
5:00 pm Service**

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join us for this special service!



The Book of Esther

The Daughters of the King are studying the book of Esther. Any woman that is interested in joining the study is welcome! You don't have to be a member of the Daughters of the King to come.

We will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00~9:00 pm at the church. *Light snacks will be provided.*

For more information, contact Theresa Reed @ (713) 444-6943



3/3	Chuck Matthews	3/14	Glenda Jordan
3/4	Henry Lee	3/19	Rod Rodriguez
3/4	Connie Matthews	3/21	Wynter-Rose Glover
3/4	Bill Reed	3/21	Shawn Sanders
3/12	Bade Baker	3/27	Kenny Lo
3/13	Adler Buras	3/31	Theresa Reed

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3/18 Bruce & Diane Newport
3/17 Tom & Debra Hale



Anniversary Prayer

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

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About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral size parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood, Crosby, Huffman and Summerwood. We invite you to join us in our spiritual journey, through the various worship, educational and ministry opportunities we have.

Come learn more about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Order of the Daughters of the King, the Episcopal Youth Community, the Choir or any of our worship services (Acolytes, Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Guild).

Our Mission

To be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all

Jesus is Lord – Following the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures

Outreach – Committing to Christ-centered service

You are Welcome – Respecting the dignity of all God's children

Faith and Fellowship – Growing together in joyful celebration of our faith in Christ

United in Prayer and Worship – Praising God through our liturgy

Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

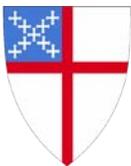
Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Sunday School Choir Practice
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist with music

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study



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