



The Abbeville Anglican



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Restoration Update

Progress continues in our restoration effort and we continue to see the sought after improvements all around us. Sunday services are going well and we continue to have visitors almost every Sunday. Our delightful new Bishop visited us on May 4th to see Trinity for the first time and to get an update on the restoration process. The Bishop was accompanied by the new Archdeacon, d'Rue Hazel, who is a long-time and much valued friend of Trinity. It was announced that Preservation South Carolina had withdrawn from the restoration endeavor as of April 28th. We remain extremely grateful to all the folks at Preservation South Carolina, especially Mr. Michael Bedenbaugh and Mr. Bill Fitzpatrick who helped us get off to such a good start on the project that we knew was going to take years to complete and a great deal of money. It is interesting to note that this magnificent gothic church which was build for about \$30,000 will take about three million to completely restore—a daunting task; but one that we are determined to successfully finish with God's help!! The Bishop's visit was a great success and he asked all the right questions and listened graciously to all our comments, suggestions, hopes and aspirations for this grand old church. The Bishop is a gentleman of great kindness and good-humor; but also presents the "presence" and dignity of a Bishop, as is appropriate as he now stands duly in the Apostolic Succession and is a successor to the most Blessed Apostles.

New Canon to the Ordinary

The diocese has announced that the Rev. Father Stephen Rhoades Rector of Saint James Church has been named by Bishop Richards as his new Cannon to the Ordinary. The Canon to the Ordinary in an Episcopal diocese is a senior priest who works directly for the diocesan bishop and aids the bishop in the administration of the affairs of the diocese. In addition to his role of Rector

at Saint James, Father Rhoads has recently served the diocese in the important position of Chairman of the Standing Committee. Our congratulations to Father Rhoades in his new position.

The Archdeacon

The Reverend d'Rue Hazel has recently been appointed to the new position of Archdeacon of the diocese. The Venerable Archdeacon has a long history with the diocese in important management positions and will continue as liaison to the Standing Committee and most of the other diocesan commissions. She has always be a good friend to Trinity and has often assisted our mission in difficult matters, especially during our painful time of being out of our church during the long restoration process. Our congratulations to the Venerable Archdeacon in her new position.

Spring Festival

Abbeville's recent spring festival drew several thousand visitors to the town on a warm and pleasant weekend. We had the wonderful opportunity to receive more than 300 visitors to our church during the festival. Thanks to Charleen, Steve, Cynthia, Buddy, Michele and Jenny who represented the congregation in welcoming these visitors to our church. It was also great to have Father Manning with us during the Saturday afternoon session and it was meaningful to have the presence of a priest to help with the welcomes. We were careful to invite all our visitors to join us on Sundays when they are in the area. You are invited to help us meet and greet Saturday visitors if you are so inclined. The church is open for visitors every Saturday from noon until four.

Old and Dear Friends Visit

Our Father Manning will have to be away from us for the first two Sundays in June, but in his absence we will be happy to welcome back two priests who have said Mass here on many occasions and are dear friends of this parish. On June 5th, our

officiant will be Father-Canon Douglas Renegar whom many of you will remember from his many visits and excellent sermons. You will recall that when Canon Renegar retired from his large parish on St. Simons Island he came here to live on Lake Greenwood where he enjoyed fishing every day and long walks in the woods with his best friend, his beautiful dog. Father Renegar's career in the Anglican Church has been distinguished and colorful. Although an American priest, he had caught the eye of the Archbishop of Canterbury and had been appointed by His Lordship as a Legate and the Anglican Observer to the United Nations where he was the eyes, ears, and voice for 80 million Anglicans in the world. He handled many very private and extremely delicate matters for the Archbishop all over the world and he often illustrated his excellent sermons with exciting stories from his many adventures. The Father and Mrs. Renegar now live in Aiken. It will be a great pleasure to welcome Father Renegar back to Trinity. On June 12th our priest will be Father Charles Davis, another great friend of Trinity who has said Mass here on many occasions. Father Davis served as the very popular and long-time priest at Saint Simon and Saint Jude and was admired throughout the Diocese for his preaching and good works. It will be great to have Father Davis back with us on our Feast Day, Trinity Sunday.

Special Saturday

Saturday, June 11th will be a special day at Trinity. This will be the day before Trinity Sunday and although our Saturday programming will remain much like our usual Saturday programs, we will have issued invitations to many more people than the usual "drop-in" crowd. We will have our usual music and some extra singers and musicians—and maybe some other surprises as well. The next day (Trinity Sunday) is our official feast day and we will be having a great "old fashion picnic" on the parish green under the shade trees. Hope to see you there!

Feast Days in June:

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 Church and is often referred in theological writings as the "birthday of the Church." The events 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 as 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*. In most Episcopal Churches both women and men wear some article of clothing which is red to pay silent tribute to the Holy Spirit who is our Comforter. Many visitors to Trinity 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 5th.

Saint Barnabas

The Episcopal Church observes the *Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle* on June 11th. "Joseph a Levite born in Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which usually means Son of Encouragement), sold a property he owned and turned the money over to the apostles." (Acts 36-37). This is the first reference to Barnabas in the *New Testament* and introduces one whose missionary effort would cause him to be called, like the twelve, an apostle. As a Jew of the diaspora, Barnabas had much in common with Saint Paul. When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, the disciples were afraid to receive him. It was Barnabas who brought Paul to the apostles, and declared to them how, on the road to Damascus, Paul had seen the Lord, and had preached boldly in the Name of Jesus (Acts 9:27). Later, Barnabas, having settled in Antioch, sent for Paul to join him in leading the church in that city. Barnabas and Paul conducted numerous missionary journeys together in Cyprus, Asia Minor and Jerusalem. Barnabas was martyred in Salamis in Cyprus.

Trinity Sunday

We celebrate Trinity Sunday (the *Feast of the Holy Trinity*) on June 12th. 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.

Trinity Sunday Picnic

Because Trinity Sunday is Trinity's official feast day, it has long been our custom to celebrate this day with a picnic under the shade trees on the parish green. As usual, the church will supply the entrée and we will all contribute some picnic item for the buffet. This is always a wonderful 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 day. The luncheon will immediately follow the Mass. Hope to see you all there.

The Nativity of Saint John Baptist

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint John the Baptist* on June 24th. 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 referred as 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. John the Baptist was imprisoned and beheaded by the Tetrach, Herod Antipas.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

On June 29th, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul*. This is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom 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 Canada and the US it is not. Since at least the 3rd century, faithful Christians have commemorated this day as a solemnity in which these two pillars of the Church, Peter and Paul, went to be with God whose Kingdom they had advanced for so long. The Christian Church tradition usually celebrates the death of the saints, their *dies natalis*, as their birth into eternal life. According to ancient tradition, the two apostles were put to death by the Emperor Nero. Peter died by crucifixion in the public circus (amphitheater) 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 10th century as the gatekeeper who guards the gates of Heaven and admits or turns away approaching souls. Saint Paul is the patron saint of tent makers (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 all through the year, say many people in many places even today. Saint Peter is probably 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.

Special Visitors

We were recently pleased to welcome 200 9-year-old school kids to our church for a visit. They were a delight and full of questions; and came in groups of about thirty. They were fascinated by the Holy Water and lighting prayer candles in the Lady Chapel and appeared to enjoy their visit very much—maybe some budding Anglicans in the crowd!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JUNE 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year C Office Lectionary Year 2	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary	1 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	2	3	4
5 Day of Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon	6 The First Book of Common Prayer 1549 W	7	8 Ember Day 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	9	10 Ember Day	11 Ember Day
12 Trinity Sunday 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon	13	14	15 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	16	17	18
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 2 nd Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	20	21	22 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	23	24 The Nativity of Saint John Baptist (Altar: White)	25
26 3 rd Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	27	28	29 The Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Altar: Red) 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	30		Excellent Bible Study with Hank, every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the parish house!

June 5, 2022 (Pentecost)

Celebrant: Father Renegar
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Mary Ann
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm: 30 Exaltabo te, Domine
The Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14
The Gospel: John 21:1-19

June 12, 2022 (Trinity Sunday)

Celebrant: Father Davis
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Charleen
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Myra
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Acts 9:36-43
Psalm : 23 Dominus regit me
The Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17
The Gospel: John 10:22-30

The June Vestry meeting will be on June 12th immediately following Mass.

...and lo, I am with you always,
Even unto the end of the world.
Matthew 28:20, KJV.

June 19, 2022 (Proper 7)

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Ruth
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Acts 11 :1-18
Psalm: 148 Laudate Dominum
The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6
The Gospel: John 13:31-35

June 26, 2022 (Proper 8)

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Acts 16: 9-15
Psalm 67 Deus miseratur
The Epistle: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
The Gospel: John 14:23-29

Father's Day is June 19th
We extend a sincere wish for a happy Father's Day to all our dear fathers still with us; and sincere thanksgiving and gratitude for all fathers now at rest. Resquiescant in Pace. Amen.

Happy Birthday

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| 06/13—Akil |
| 06/15—Shane |
| 06/16—Glen |
| 06/18—Caroline |
| 06/25—Josh |

Notes for visitors to Trinity:

Sunday is traditionally when Episcopalians gather for worship. The principal weekly worship service is the Holy Eucharist, also known as the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass. In most Episcopal Churches, worship is accompanied by the singing of hymns and much of the service is sung. Episcopalians worship in many different styles ranging from very formal, ancient, and multi-sensory rites with lots of singing, music, fancy clothes (called vestments) and incense, to less formal services and music. Yet all services in the Episcopal Church are based in the *Book of Common Prayer*, which gives worship a familiar feel, no matter where you go.

Liturgy and Ritual:

Worship in the Episcopal Church is said to be "liturgical" meaning that the congregation follows service forms and prays from texts that do not change greatly from week to week during a season of the year. This sameness from week to week gives worship a rhythm that becomes comforting and familiar to the worshipper. All are welcome to the Lord's Table and invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Once familiar with the service, you will feel comfortable in any Anglican church anywhere in the world.

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Our Mission Statement:

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards
The IX Bishop

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)
Mary Lynn Lyle (24)
Myra Keith (22)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Lewis Ashley (24)
Mike Clary (22)

Parish Administrator and Registrar:

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
Cynthia Jefferies
Hank Baggett
Jennie Leverich

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Charleen Clark

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson (In Memorium)

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Cynthia Jefferies, Delegate (Voting)
Dick Haldeman, Delegate (Voting)
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)
Mike Clary (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.

At the Lord's Table

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord (Psalm 116:11, Dilexi, quoniam). Not much about our lives is predictable, however hard we try to make it so. But no matter what a mess we have made of our week, on Sunday we are transformed by one certainty—the Eucharist. Healing begins when we kneel at the altar. As one priest put it: This is the table of Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. We hear these familiar words: *the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation* and once again *with his stripes we are healed* (Isaiah 53:5). Amen. (From *Forward Day by Day*).

After Receiving Communion

O, Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen. *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 834.

Letters from our friends:

Dear Editor:

I have been reading your newsletter for years and am especially touched by the poignant letters that recount how in their association with your church peoples' lives have been greatly changed. I would like to use some of these letters in my new book, *The Road to Salvation* and would like to use a picture of your church on the cover. What would be the charge for this concession? I have visited Trinity myself on

several Saturdays during visitation and have always been received warmly. My book will be published by Amazon Publishing. Can you please send me a copy of the article from the young man from Aberdeen Scotland who is now a priest which I cannot seem to locate. Thank you so much.

Kyle Worthy
Greenville, SC

Dear Kyle:

If your book is inclined to help lost souls down the "road to salvation," there would be no charge for the use of the material. Just mention in the credits that the article came from Trinity Church newsletter in Abbeville, SC. To use a picture of the church on the cover of your book would need the approval of the church wardens and the vestry. Stop by the church on a Saturday and we can discuss the matter. The letter you requested is reprinted below. Good luck with your book and perhaps you can send us a copy.

Editor

Dear Trinity Friends:

Several years ago, my father, a presbyter in the Church of Scotland, spent a sabbatical year in Greenville preaching and leading seminars on centered prayer. My mother had died the year before and he did not want to be away from me for a year, so he brought me with him to beautiful South Carolina. At this time in my life, I was troubled, agnostic and angry at God for taking my mother. My father was scheduled to preach in a large Presbyterian Church in Abbeville and we came over on a Saturday afternoon. Some kind of spring festival was going on and the town was full of people. When my father looked down Trinity Street and saw Trinity Church he was intrigued and we walked down to see the church. When we entered, the church was full of visitors, and was beautiful, adorned in spring flowers; and the altar in the Lady Chapel was aglow in candlelight from where people had said their prayers. The organ and the violin were playing softly and a young priest was singing the beautiful setting of the 84th psalm, *How Lovely is thy dwelling place*. When the musicians took a break, the organist and the violin lady walked around greeting the visitors and finally came over to greet me. They were very caring people and made me feel comfortable. When the priest joined us, the conversation continued and the violin lady asked if they could pray for me. She was clearly concerned as she had perceived my troubled spirit. Her prayer was powerful and the Holy Spirit hit me like a bolt of lightning and raised me to an unimaginable state of joy, peace and reconciliation. May Christ be praised! We returned to Scotland at the end of the year and after considerable contemplation and prayer, I was accepted into the Anglican Seminary and am now a priest and vicar of a small parish in Aberdeen. I am anxious to visit Trinity again with my wife and daughter. I have read your newsletter for years and so glad it is back on the website. I have prayed often for Trinity's complete restoration. I left Trinity that day with the joy of the Lord in my heart. I remember that the last thing I saw upon leaving the church was the wonderful picture of the Redeemer in the stained glass above the High Altar and thinking "how lovely is thy dwelling place."

Ian Frasier
Aberdeen, Scotland

Dear Father:

May Christ be praised! We thank God for you, your ministry, and that it pleased him to give you a special blessing at Trinity. We look forward to your visit. That lovely violin lady (Susan) who prayed with you is now with the Savior. Dominus Vobiscum. Editor