



The Abbeville Anglican



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Restoration Update

Although much additional work needs to be done, the finished work looks good and the Preservation SC people are expecting to open the church to the public soon. It is hoped that the opening of the church will increase contributions to the restoration when visitors are able to view the work that has been completed. Our people need to remember that we will not be able to return to the church until the Bishop gives his approval. Our latest information from the diocese has stated that the diocese will send their own engineer to make an evaluation of the safety factors after the town building officials have certified the building as habitable. Please continue to encourage your friends who are interested in the project to make their contributions directly to the PSC website.

The Labyrinth

We are happy to report that we continue to make good progress on the labyrinth project. Cynthia and Hank located an excellent source of already cleaned bricks ready for installation. They are available at 500 bricks per pallet and are ready for delivery to the project site. You have already seen the prayer benches which are already in the churchyard. If you are purchasing a bench for yourself or as a memorial, please give Rob the information for the inscription. If you are purchasing a bench, please indicate such on your check and give the check to Lewis to be made out to Trinity. We anticipate that the labyrinth will be a wonderful asset to the prayer life of the whole community and it will be advertised as such at the appropriate time. When complete, the labyrinth will be dedicated to the Glory of God in an afternoon prayer service which will be advertised in Abbeville, Greenwood and Anderson newspapers and on Face Book. Rob will continue to be available on Sundays to respond to any questions you may have. We also anticipate the attendance of a number of priests who have made contributions.

Services Going Well

Since Trinity's resumption of in-person church services in July, our services have been going well with good attendance. We are carefully observing all the guidelines for spacing, masks and other safety precautions as stipulated by the Bishop. And the 9:30 am time has made the summer heat more congenial. If you have not yet joined us, we hope you will do so soon. When our church is reopened and the Bishop allows us to resume our services there, the extra space in the nave will also give us ample room for the required separation. When we are allowed back in the church, the service time will return to 11:00 am.

Presiding Bishop Joins Suit

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has joined the leaders of other major religious groups in signing an *Amicus Curiae* brief in support of the City of Philadelphia in *Fulton v. Philadelphia*, in a case now before the Supreme Court. He had done so to affirm the commitment of the Episcopal Church to both equal protection under the law for LGBTQ persons and appropriate protection for religious liberty. *Fulton* involves a suit brought against the City of Philadelphia by Catholic Social Services (CSS). CSS, which contracted with the city to help administer the city's foster care programs, refuses to license persons in same sex relationship as foster parents in violation of the city's nondiscrimination policies. CSS claims that its right to the free exercise of religion exempts it from complying with those policies in carrying out the foster care program. The 3rd Court of Appeals disagreed, ruling in the city's favor in 2019 and CSS appealed to the Supreme Court. Curry, in his capacity as Presiding Bishop and exercising his responsibility to speak on behalf of the Episcopal Church and to "speak God's Word to the Church and to the world." (Canon 1.2.4(a) (2), joined a brief filed by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious

Liberty that also includes the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Note from the Editor

In January of 2008, I published the first edition of the Abbeville Anglican, our newsletter, which I hoped would be an effective tool for keeping our people informed about things going on in the parish. After twelve years, I think it is time for me to step down and turn in my editorial hat. So my last issue will be the December issue of 2020. Now I hope several people reading this will decide that they would really like to take over the newsletter, but I will not hold my breath. I wish I could say how much I enjoyed doing the newsletter, but that would not be true and often it was a real struggle to find material to complete an issue. I apologize for all the mistakes and thank you for not complaining about all the misspelled words. I have wanted to stop on several occasions, but you folks have always persuaded me to stay on; but twelve years is probably long enough, and maybe you need a new perspective. I am sure many of you reading this could do a much better job than I have been able to do. My special thanks to Jennie who has faithfully prepared the newsletter for mailing all these years and has had to put up with my quirky disposition. I really hope someone out there might really want to take over this project. The last three years at Trinity have been extremely difficult for us all. I hope the newsletter has been useful to you and I appreciate your kind words and comments on some of the articles we included. Thank you, and God Bless. Lewis—

Letters:

Many of you have stated how much you enjoy the letters from our readers and friends we have acquired over the years. Please send your letters to: Editor, P.O. Box 911, Abbeville, SC 20620.

Feast Days In September:

Holy Cross Day

We celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Cross* on September 14th. The feast is known as the Exultation of the Cross in the Eastern Church and is referred to as the Triumph of the Cross in the Roman Catholic Church. It was one of the twelve great feasts in the Byzantine Liturgies. In most of the Anglican Communion, the feast is called Holy Cross Day, a name used also in the Lutheran Church. The September 14th feast is the titular feast of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and the Episcopal Church's Order of the Holy Cross. The image of the cross has long been one of the potent icons of mankind and has been for centuries the primary symbol of the Christian Faith. It is an interesting fact that in the Episcopal Church in this country, even in the lowest churches, worshippers are inclined to bow their heads as the cross passes them in procession; and, of course, in the High Church, worshippers go to their knees. This is reminiscent of the fact that the cross is not only a symbol of Christ's victory, but also, a symbol of the great pain and suffering endured by the Redeemer to bring about our salvation.

Almighty God, whose Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself; mercifully grant that we who, glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
BCP, p. 192.

Saint Matthew

We observe the *Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist* on September 21st. Matthew was one of the major apostles and one of the four evangelists. According to the *New Testament*, he was a witness to the Resurrection and the Ascension. Before being called by Jesus, Matthew collected taxes from the Hebrew people for Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee. Jews who became rich in such a fashion were despised and thought of as outcasts. However, as a tax collector, he would have been literate in Greek and Aramaic. Matthew forsook his tax collecting business to follow Jesus and became one of his most effective preachers. It was at a diner at Matthew's house that the scribes and pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This caused Jesus to reply: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17). Later, Church fathers, such as Ireneaus and Clement of Alex-

andria claimed that Matthew preached the Gospel in Hebrew for fifteen years in the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other mission fields. The first of the Synoptic Gospels is technically anonymous, but most often attributed to Matthew. Many ancient and modern scholars have long claimed that Matthew originally wrote his Gospel in Hebrew, but still regard the Greek text as canonical. After many years of preaching the Gospel and advancing the Kingdom, Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia defending his Christian Faith.

Michaelmas

Michaelmas is another name for the *Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels*, and occurs in the western Christian calendar on September 29th. Because it falls near the equinox, it has become associated in the northern hemisphere with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. In medieval England, *Michaelmas* marked the beginning and ending of the husbandman's year when the harvest was over and the baliff or reeve of the manor would be making out the accounts for the year. Michael is probably the best known of all the archangels and is best remembered for defeating Lucifer, also an archangel, in Heaven's great war of the angels. He is the principal warrior angel and will lead the armies of Christ in the last great battle of Armageddon. Michael is also seen at the protector against the dark of night, and the curator of cosmic intelligence. In the middle ages, *Michaelmas* was a holy day of obligation, but this tradition was abolished in the 18th century. The Lutheran Church still lists *Michaelmas* as a principal *Feast of Christ*. In the Anglican and Episcopal Church, we tend to recognize at least four archangels, Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. The Catholic Church names several more. For many years at Trinity, we always presented our popular hymn sing on the Sunday closest to the *Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels*. We look forward to resuming the hymn sing when we return to our church.

Ember Days

Whenever we denote the Ember Days on our monthly calendar, someone always asks: "What are Ember Days?" Ember Days are three days that occur four times a year: the Wednesday, Friday and

Saturday after St. Lucy's Day (Saint Lucia—December 13th), Ash Wednesday, Day of Pentecost and Holy Cross Day. The name comes from the Latin title *Quattuor tempora* meaning four times. In ancient times these days were associated with sowing, harvest and vintage for which one prayed, fasted and gave alms. In more recent times these days have become days for ordination, for which the Christian community prayed for the candidates while they prepared themselves by prayer and retreat. The BCP appoints proper collects and readings for this observation under the titles "For the Ministry," "For those to be ordained," "For the choice of fit persons for the ministry," and "For all Christians in their vocation." (BCP, pp 256-257, 929). Every candidate or postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church is required by canon to report to his bishop four times a year during the Ember Weeks. These reports must be made in person or by letter and must include reflection on the person's academic experience as well as personal and spiritual development.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Like many Catholic and Anglican (Episcopal) churches in the US, we observe the *Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi* on October 4th. The ancient feast day commemorates the life of Saint Francis who was an Italian friar in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. In many of his sermons, Francis pointed out what we reflect in our actions in our everyday lives is often more important than what we say. Saint Francis said: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." Many Anglican churches throughout the world celebrate the Saint Francis Feast with the Blessing of the Animals. This blessing service is one of our most popular annual programs and usually draws many visitors from other churches. Father Tucker will bless the animals this year on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the parish garden. Due to the covid situation, refreshments for our human and canine guests will not be served this year. We will continue our custom of inviting guests who wish to bring a contribution of dog or cat food for the animal shelters. Please be with us and bring your best friend who may be on four legs.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 2	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts	1	2	3	4	5
6 14 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9	10	11	12
13 15 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Vestry Meets <i>Grandparents' Day</i>	14 Holy Cross Day (Altar: Red)	15	16 Ember Day 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	17 <i>Hildegard of Bingen Mystic and Scholar 1179 W</i>	18 Ember Day	19 Ember Day
20 16 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	21 Saint Matthew Apostle, Evangelist (Altar: Red)	22	23 <i>Autumn Begins</i> 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	24	25	26
27 17 th Pentecost 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	28	29 Saint Michael And All Angels (Altar: White)	30 6:00 pm Evening Prayer		All Lessons and Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary	Good, Better, Best Never let it rest Until your good is Better than your Best. St. Jerome

September 6, 2020 (Proper 18)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm: 149
 The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14
 The Gospel: Matthew 8:15-20

September 13, 2020 (Proper 19)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Exodus 14: 19-31
 Psalm: 114
 The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12
 The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

The September meeting of the vestry will be on September 13th at 10:30 am to immediately follow the Eucharist. Members mark your calendars.

September 20, 2020 (Proper 20)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15
 Psalm: 105: 1-6, 37-45
 The Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30
 The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 2020 (Proper 21)
 Celebrant: Father Ken Tucker
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Betty
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm: 78:1-4, 12-16
 The Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13
 The Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

Please feel to call your Senior Warden at anytime to express concerns or request addition to prayer list—864-992-2200.

Happy Birthday

09/02—*Mary Anne*

09/05—*Cynthia*

09/30—*Betty*

Your Opinion Wanted:

Your vestry has been struggling for some time with the decision about whether or not to purchase a new comprehensive heating and air unit for the parish house at a cost of \$5,600.00. Recent votes, when a full vestry was not present, have been a tie. If you have an opinion, please express it to your vestry. Final vote will be taken at the September 13th vestry meeting. Thank you.



Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in thee. Saint Augustine of Hippo

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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

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden
Dick Haldeman, Clerk
Myra Keith
Mary Anne Campbell
Betty Tucker
Mike Clary

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
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Betty Tucker

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & rounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Cynthia Jefferies (Voting)
Jan Haldeman (Voting)
Hank Baggett (Alternate)
Lewis Ashley (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.

Letters:

Dear Editor:

I belong to that group of Episcopalians from Anderson who looks forward to your hymn sing each year in September. We have missed it so much while your church has been closed. You sang all the wonderful old hymns that we do not hear anymore, most of which have disappeared from the hymnals. Sung on the Sunday closest to the *Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels*, your MC would always say: "what better time to sing praises to God that on the feast of his holy angels, who continuously do praise him." That wonderful Pastor Golden who brought his guitar, mandolin, banjo and dulcimer added such a delightful flavor to the ancient hymns and the flute and violin with your excellent organist made it an afternoon to cherish and remember. And we all laughed each year when the MC assured us that the punch which followed in the parish garden was a good Baptist punch and contained no special Episcopal modification. The program director always hid the piper in the slave balcony and when the plaintive voice of the bagpipes joined the singing on the last verse of *Amazing Grace*, I (as an African American) was always overwhelmed at the symbolism which suggested that the voices of those tortured souls had joined the singing: "when we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun." (Free at last!) Such a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in September. Trinity is Trinity, and uniquely Trinity, and stands apart. And in the words of another old hymn, *Whispering Hope*, "a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God." Please give us another hymn sing as soon as you are back in your beautiful church and we will bring a

bus load from Anderson. Thank you.

Tess Moss

Dear Tess:

Thanks for your letter. We love our Anderson friends. The hymn sing will resume as soon as this dreadful pandemic has passed. Hope to see you soon. The Editor.

Editorially Speaking:

Remembering May

In August, May, Trinity's dowager member departed this life after 98 years of joy, fun, adventure and remarkable accomplishment. She was a lady of charm, intelligence, a kind heart, many good works; and could be a force to be reckoned with when defending the honor of her beloved Abbeville and Trinity Church. Many newspapers have reported glowing tributes to her life and work which you have seen, so I will not repeat those things here. But I would like to say a few words about the May that we all knew and loved. When I asked the congregation recently if they would like to make comments for this article on things they remembered most about May, these are some of their responses: "Beautiful Epiphany Party each year." "The hostess with the mostest." "Great asset to church and community." "Strong community support." "She deeply loved her children and Hutch." "Her life was never dull." "We will miss her terribly." "Elizabeth the ghost." "Historical lectures at Trinity Church." May had two favorite jokes that she told frequently. The Biblical pun—What kind of car did the wise men drive? A Honda—they all came with one Accord. She also enjoyed telling the joke about the iconic actress, Mae West, who visited the Episcopal Church for the first time and when the thurifer came down the aisle with the smoking thurible with the incense, Mae tapped him on the shoulder and said: "Honey, I love your outfit, but I think your pocketbook is on fire!" May will be greatly missed. When May and Hutch took their Saturday afternoon walks around the square and down to Trinity, and while May enjoyed meeting and greeting the visitors, Hutch would come over to the organ and ask me to play some of his favorite old Baptist hymns. His favorite was "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie. Oh, who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land." May is now joyful and with her beloved Hutch and they will forever dwell in that "fair and happy land." Amen. The Editor.

Requiescat In Pace

May Robinson Baskin Hutchinson

And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!
Hamlet, Act 5, Scene 2