



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Continues

We continue to make progress in our restoration and old Trinity is regaining a lot of ground she had lost through the ravages of the years. Work continues on the steeple and tower and we hope that will be concluded soon. Many of you have stated how much you like the “primitive look” from the original brick which is now exposed; while others would like to go back to the pristine white plastered wall. Make up your mind, as it will be you (the congregation) who will make that decision. Many of our visitors seem fascinated by the exposed brick. If the decision is made to go back to the plaster, we will need to leave the walls exposed for awhile until we are absolutely sure no water is intruding. The tour buses are beginning to return and visitors on Saturdays, so we are getting back to normal. Any of you who might like greeting visitors are invited to join us on Saturdays to meet and greet. It is inspirational to see how visitors react to Trinity. We will be returning to our concert and community programming as soon as the Bishop gives us permission to resume having large crowds in the nave.

## New Bishop in Charleston

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina elected their first female bishop in the person of the Reverend Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley as the 15<sup>th</sup> bishop of the diocese. At her Consecration in October, Bishop Woodliff-Stanley will be the first female bishop in the more than 200 years of this historic diocese—the third oldest in the history of the American Church. A native of Mississippi, the bishop-elect has served as a parish priest, a canon on the staffs of two bishops and also in church ministry focused in the stewardship of finances and property. The bishop-elect is married to Nathan Woodliff-Stanley and they have two adult sons. She will be consecrated to the Episcopate as the 15<sup>th</sup> bishop of the diocese and will lead 31 churches (including parishes,

missions and worshipping communities) affiliated with the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. You will recall the great crisis created in the Episcopal Church several years ago when the Bishop of South Carolina left this diocese and took more than half of its members with him to ultimately enter the Anglican Church in North America. This whole affair shook the entire American Church and has resulted in more than 10 years of battles in the law courts—some still pending. This historic diocese was left with about 7,500 members, about 100 priests and 15 deacons who are canonically resident or licensed. Bishop-elect Woodliff-Stanley was elected on the second ballot, beating-out four other priests all of whom were distinguished and accomplished as priests and Church leaders.

## Who and Where Are We??

As in our previous article, we in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina are also involved in a search for a new bishop. The nominating committee for the IX Bishop invites you to learn more about who we are and the bishop we seek through the pages of the Diocesan Profile. Explore our diocese in detail. Within the profile you will find underlined in blue text that is hyperlinked to information about us and our ministries. Where is the process now? On June 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, the nominating committee will retreat with potential bishop candidates and on August 14<sup>th</sup> present a slate of finalists to be reviewed and approved by the Standing Committee of the Diocese. On September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the candidate walk-outs will be conducted and on the 12<sup>th</sup> we will be invited to Christ Church to meet the candidates and hear a short address from each. Hopefully, we will be able to take a large crowd from Trinity so you can get a feel for each of the candidate’s positions. As a mission church, we will have only two votes for the new bishop. Parishes have more votes, based on their member-

ship and some of the large parishes may have 8 to 10 votes. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the election conclave will sit at Trinity Cathedral to elect the IX Bishop. On January 2022, Bishop Waldo’s retirement will begin following an enormously successful Episcopate which has been characterized by his excellent example and forward-looking guidance. May God always bless and protect the VIII Bishop. On February 26<sup>th</sup> the IX Bishop will be consecrated at Trinity Cathedral. God Save the IX Bishop! The diocesan website contains a much more detailed explanation about the entire election process if you are interested.

## The Robert Elsner Labyrinth

On May 9<sup>th</sup> following another excellent homily by Dr. Robert Elsner, the congregation adjourned to the parish garden and the Robert Elsner Labyrinth on which the entire Elsner family had worked so hard to design and develop. The Senior Warden presented the ceremonies which will denote the new labyrinth as the Robert Elsner Labyrinth. The ceremony was somewhat bitter-sweet as this was the last Sunday the Elsners would be with us at Trinity as they are moving to Alabama where Dr. Elsner is taking up his new post as professor and lecturer at Samford University. Almost totally constructed by members and friends of Trinity, the labyrinth was a true labor of love and designed as a means to bring people closer to Christ through centered and contemplative prayer techniques. Dr. Jan Haldeman, Erskine Botanist and long time member of Trinity has designed a beautiful garden to accommodate the labyrinth which features “trees from the Bible.” A special thank you to Jan, Dick, Ann and Gene for all the lovely plantings for the new garden. This labyrinth is for the enjoyment and Christian edification of all Abbeville people who might benefit from its use. We are ever grateful to Dr. Elsner and family for the idea and plan. Invite all your friends to come and enjoy the labyrinth.

## **Feast Days in June:**

### **Saint Barnabas**

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle*. Barnabas, born Joseph, was an early Christian and one of the first disciples in Jerusalem. According to the *Acts of the Apostles* (4:36), Barnabas was a Cypriot Jew. Named an apostle in Acts 14:14, he and Paul undertook several missionary journeys together and defended many gentile converts against the Judaizers. They won many souls to the Faith and participated in the very important Council of Jerusalem. St. Barnabas' story is told in the *Acts of the Apostles*, and St. Paul mentions him in several other of his epistles. The historian Tertullian refers to Barnabas as the author of the epistle to the Hebrews, but this and other attributions are mostly conjecture. Christian tradition holds that Barnabas was martyred in Salamis, Cyprus in 61 AD. He is usually identified as a cousin of Saint Mark the Evangelist on the basis of Colossians 4.

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### **Nativity of Saint John Baptist**

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint John the Baptist* on June 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 called 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

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### **Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul* on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a liturgical feast to commemorate the martyrdom of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Rome. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> century, faithful Christians have commemorated this day as a solemnity, the day when these two great 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 the day of their birth into eternal life. The ancient tradition holds that the two apostles were put to death by the Emperor Nero. Peter died by crucifixion in the public circus 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 a fever). Above all he has been venerated from the 10<sup>th</sup> 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, say many people in many places even today. Saint Peter is probably best remembered as the "Rock" on which Jesus built his Church and as the first Bishop of Rome. The throne on which the Pope sits today is still referred as the Chair of Saint Peter. Likewise, Saint Paul has many attributes, but is probably best remembered as the great apostle to the Gentiles.

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### **Bus Tours Resuming**

We are happy to report that we are receiving more requests for bus tour visits to Trinity. Tours stopped completely during the height of the pandemic. Many of these new visitors are vaccinated, though many are still wearing masks until the all clear. A recent bus tour brought more than 70 visitors to Trinity whom we were very pleased to receive. For many years we received hundreds of visitors alone from the bus tours and we hope to reach that level again soon. Thanks to our local Abbeville Tour Guide Fred from First Baptist who brings all his tours through Trinity. We love to make new friends for Trinity from all these visitors. Please feel free to

call Lewis if you wish to make arrangements for a tour. For almost a hundred years the church was open daily from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm for prayer and meditation and anyone could visit at will. We hope to resume that practice as soon as restoration is complete.

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### **Evening Prayer**

Some of you have been asking about the if and when the Wednesday night service of Evening Prayer will resume. Dick, our Worship Leader and the person who conducted Evening Prayer for many years, has stated that the service might resume sometime in the late summer, possibly in July or August. That would be influenced by the situation, of course, with the pandemic. It is believed that all those persons attending Evening Prayer in the past have been vaccinated and with the previous numbers, required separation space would be available even in the parish house. It is also pointed out that we now have five licensed Worship Leaders who might assist with the services. We would encourage all members of the congregation who have not attended these services in the past, to consider joining those regulars. The Service of Evening Prayer in the BCP is a beautiful and uplifting prayer time in the middle of the week and good for the comfort of the human soul. We will keep you posted about the resumption of Evening Prayer.

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### **News You Can Use**

The Episcopal News Service, great award winning news service of the Episcopal Church, presents a comprehensive website at [www.episcopalnewsservice.org](http://www.episcopalnewsservice.org). Easy to navigate, visually appealing, and very mobile friendly, the website was designed to improve the overall user experience and generate interest and more participation in the life changing ministries not only in the Episcopal Church, but also in the worldwide Anglican Communion. The service does an excellent job of keeping interested Episcopalians advised of all "goings-on" of interest in the Anglican world. The ENS has long been the most reliable reporting authority on the Episcopal Church and its relationship with the Mother Church and the Anglican Communion. Our diocesan website also does an excellent job of keeping us posted on all the events and activities in the diocese and provides a link to the ENS. As stated in an earlier article, the diocesan website contains all you need to know about the process concerning the election and consecration of our new Bishop.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year B  Office Lectionary Year 1	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Saint Barnabas The Apostle (Altar: Red)	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> Father's Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist (Altar: White)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  The Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Altar: Red)	<b>30</b>		All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary	<b>REST IN PEACE</b> Bob McIlbain 1922-2021  Michele's Father  Served as acolyte at Trinity on many occasions as a young teenager.

**June 6, 2021 (Proper 5)**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Colors: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-11  
 Psalm: 138  
 The Epistle: I Corinthians 4: 13-5:1  
 The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

**June 13, 2021 (Proper 6)**

Celebrant: Rev. Peggy Muncie  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Betty  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Colors: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34-16: 13  
 Psalm: 20  
 The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
 The Gospel: Mark: 26-34

**VESTRY MEETING:**

Sunday, June 13th, to immediately follow the Eucharist.

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**June 20, 2021 (Proper 7)**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Colors: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11  
 Psalm: 9: 9-20  
 The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10  
 The Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

**June 27, 2021 (Proper 8)**

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Ruth  
 Altar Colors: Red  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Samuel 1:1, 7-27  
 Psalm: 130  
 The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15  
 The Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

**TOO Much Mail? If you do not wish to receive our newsletter, please advise to PO Box 911, Abbeville, 29620. Thanks.**

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**Happy Birthday**

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| 06/13--Akil              |
| 06/15--Shane             |
| 06/16--Glen              |
| 06/18--Caroline          |
| 06/26--Charles (Claxton) |

**Forward Day by Day**

Some of you have asked about your June copy of Forward Day by Day. You may pick up a copy from the table in the back of the nave or from the library table in the parish house. If you wish a copy and are unable to attend church, request from Box 911, Abbeville, 29620 and indicate your address.

**Happy Father's Day**

June 21<sup>st</sup> is Father's Day. We extend a sincere wish for a happy Father's Day to all our fathers still with us; and to all those departed, Requiescant in Pace.

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## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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Abbeville, South Carolina 29620  
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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:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)  
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)  
Dick Haldeman, Clerk (21)  
Myra Keith (22)  
Ilona Anderson (23)  
Betty Tucker (21)  
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  
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 & Grounds):**

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Lewis Ashley (Voting)  
Hank Baggett (Voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)  
Dick 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.**

## **Letters From Our Friends**

Dear Editor:

My wife and I are new in the area and are looking for a church. We visited Trinity and were much impressed by the beauty of the service, though a little Catholic for our tastes. We are also looking at a church in Greenwood which is a megachurch and, of course, very different from Trinity, but very good preaching. Neither my wife nor I were raised in church and are basically unchurched. We are receiving your newsletter. Can you give us, or send us some of the basic information about how the Episcopal Church operates? Thank you.

Michael and Rachel

Dear Michael and Rachel:

I will respond with some basic information here and will send some additional information to the address you enclosed. A diocese is a geographical grouping of congregations with a bishop as a chief pastor. The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina is made up of 61 churches in 22 counties in upper South Carolina. The diocese is a part of the two million -member Episcopal Church in the US. The Episcopal Church is a part of the world-wide Anglican Communion- 85 million members strong, and evolving from our Mother Church, the Church of England. We are a diocese committed to renewal, to sharing the Faith that has changed our lives and to increasing diversity among our ranks. In doing so, we celebrate and affirm the broad Anglican Tradition that welcomes seekers, embraces inquiry, and offers a wide variety of worship styles grounded and unified by the liturgy in our *Book of Common Prayer*. Our diocesan mission statement is that of *Making, Equipping, and Sending Mature Disciples of Christ*. We are especially thankful for our own Trinity Church which for almost 200 years has been actively engaged in the propagation of the most Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom on this earth. We would very much welcome you to our church. If you would like a conference with one of our priests, I will be happy to arrange

that for you. May God guide you in this extremely important decision.

Sincerely  
Editor.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

My mother and I came to see you on the bus tour and we had a good time. She is helping me write this letter. My name is Sam and I am 10-years-old and I would like to help you with the jobs that young boys do that you talked about. I would like to ring the bells and light the candles and I can sing very loud. I can't remember what that job was called because it was a word I did not know. I may be too young. Is there any pay? Thanks. Sam.

Hi Sam:

Thanks for your letter and interest. You are not too young. Most of our acolytes are on Social Security, so a young face in the crowd might be refreshing. Sorry there is no pay. Your service would be a gift to Jesus, and hopefully you and He would become lifelong friends. Bring your mother to see me on a Saturday afternoon at the church and we will have a long talk. Hope to see you soon. Lewis.

Direct reply to address on Sam's letter.

Dear Sir:

I wandered into the church on a recent Saturday afternoon and was embarrassed as I was in a state of deep distress over some pressing personal matters. I spoke with the organist and he asked one of the priests who happened to be there to pray for me. After the prayer and sitting in the quiet for a while and listening to the music, I was able to reboot. It was like being in the Emergency Room with out having the shot. I now get the newsletter and it helps me feel a personal connection to Trinity. Thank you.

Name withheld by request

Thank you. In some ways the Church is like the ER and takes you straight to the Great Physician, and the fees are better. We would also like to see you at Mass on Sundays. The Blessed Sacrament is the most perfect nourishment for the human soul. Hope to see you again soon.

YOUR LETTERS AND COMMENTS ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Some parting thoughts. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams thereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Psalm 46: 1-4, 11 KJV.