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Welcome Home

Last Sunday was a wonderful day at Trinity. We were back home in the church after about three years of being away. There were a lot of smiles as we settled back in at being at a place we have wanted to be for a long time. Thank you to Bishop Waldo for allowing us to return to our regular services in the church. The church is still in "rough cast" and we still have a long way to go to complete the restoration, but we are at least back in an environment in which we feel comfortable. We were delighted with our special guests: Father Alan Bentrup, Diocesan Canon for Evangelism and Mission, Preservation SC Director, Michael Bedenbaugh and Mr. Bill Fitzpatrick, whose book, *South Carolina Sacred Spaces* features some excellent pictures of Trinity and may be acquired from the SC Preservation website. Michael has announced that we are only \$30,000.00 away from having the necessary \$700,000.00 to stabilize the bell tower and it is absolutely necessary that we get that done so we will not have to leave the church again. Please encourage your friends to help us raise these necessary funds. If the money is raised, work would begin in January. Please remember that our usual worship practices will remain restricted as long as Covid remains a threat.

Please invite your friends to send their contributions to SC Preservation. Org.

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting for the parish has been scheduled for Sunday, December 6th to follow the Mass. At this meeting we will elect two new members to the vestry to replace Mary Anne and Lewis. We will hear brief state of the mission reports from the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Parish Administrator and the Treasurer. The vestry nominating committee will offer nominations for the new vestry members and nominations will also be received from the floor. Diocesan canons require that a

person must be a confirmed member of the parish in order to vote in a parish (mission) election. In the absence of a vicar, the Senior Warden will preside and will grant seat and voice to anyone who is not a member of the parish, but wishes to be heard on any matter concerning the parish. Please make your plans to attend this important parish meeting. Your presence will be appreciated and comments encouraged.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2021 were included with your bulletin last Sunday. Your generosity in the past has been commendable and we request your prayerful consideration for this year as we must keep Trinity in the best possible financial shape as we continue to navigate this unpredictable pandemic. In the past year we did not suffer any loss of support for which we are most grateful. Unfortunately, many parishes were not so fortunate. Please return your pledge cards by the last Sunday in November (29th). If you place your pledge cards in the offering plate, please include in a sealed envelope to assure your privacy. You may also mail to P.O. Box 911 or hand directly to the Treasurer. A report of the pledge status will be made at the Annual Meeting. Thank you for all you do for Trinity!

Parish Luncheon

You are cordially invited to enjoy a parish luncheon on Sunday November 22nd at the Belmont Inn to immediately follow Mass. This establishment is known for its good food and relaxed atmosphere. We will be selecting our lunch from the regular hotel Sunday buffet. If you are a new person or family attending our church, please be with us for this occasion—we would like to get to know you better. There will be no charge for the luncheon. Please advise the hostess that you are with the Trinity Church group. We hope you can be with us and Bon Appetit!!

Diocesan Convention

For the first time in the history of our diocese, this year's diocesan convention be conducted via the Zoom Conferencing Network and delegates and alternates will be attending, voting and commenting via their computers. This ought to be interesting! The Diocesan Convention is usually a major event for the diocese and often a lot of fun in addition to taking care of the diocese's serious business like the Statement of Mission (Budget), the elections to the commissions, and committees of the diocese and the presentation of resolutions and canonical changes. The 98th convention will convene on November 7th with a theme of Living Evangelism.

The Labyrinth

Work continues on Trinity's new labyrinth which is located in the parish garden. The scriptural readings are now posted and final touches are underway. Our resident botanist, Jan Haldeman, long time professor of botany and biology at Erskine College will be advising us on appropriate plantings to enhance the beauty of the project; and Professor Rob Elsner, principal developer of the project will be deciding soon on the time and date of the dedication. Beautiful memorial benches are still available for persons wishing to make a special memorial to someone who has been important in their lives. We will soon have an additional brochure with scriptural readings and meditations for use at the labyrinth. On a recent Saturday afternoon a group of young people came with their Bibles and walked the labyrinth as they said their prayers. This is greatly encouraged as we want all our community Christians to enjoy this spiritual adjunct to their prayer and worship experience.

Thanks to Father Alan Bentrup, Diocesan Canon for Evangelism and Mission for the beautiful pictures and article from Trinity's homecoming last Sunday which are posted on the diocesan website. Be sure to see the pictures and article at www.edusc.org.

Feast Days In November:

All Hallows Eve

Not that the Mass of the day has mention of black cats or the Divine Office of witches, but *All Hallows* was once an important feast day in the Church with a beautiful and popular liturgy. During all the Christian centuries up until the Church calendar was simplified in 1956, *All Hallows Eve* was a liturgical vigil in its own right (rite) and was observed throughout most of the Christian world. The day symbolized death in many cultures and was actually referred to as the “Day of the Dead.” Summer was spent, the harvest was in, and the drabness of winter was setting in all around. These morbid preoccupations were largely fueled by modern Halloween celebrations of “Trick or Treat,” costume parties and occult festivals. Of course, *All Hallows* is followed by the happy feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls*. There is a beautiful service in the Episcopal *Book of Occasional Services* which is still read in many parishes on *All Hallows Eve* on October 31st.

All Saints

We celebrate the *Feast of All Saints* on November 1st. All Saints is one of the seven principal feasts of the Church and one of the four days recommended for the administration of Baptism. This important feast commemorates all of the saints, known and unknown. *All Saints Day* is the fourth highest of all the High Holy Days of the liturgical year. All Saints is usually celebrated with all the “bells and whistles” of the high church, including incense and the asperges. Unfortunately, we will not be able to practice these beautiful rituals this year due to the implications of the pandemic. *O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.* (BCP, p. 117).

All Souls

All Souls (Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed) is an optional observance and is usually considered to be an extension of *All Saints Day*. While *All Saints Day* is to remember all the saints, popular piety felt the need to make a distinction between the major saints and those unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church, especially family members and friends. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed did not appear in the American Prayer Book (BCP) until 1979, and is observed on the day following *All Saints*. Many priests now celebrate the faithful departed in the context of the *All Saints Day*

celebration. However, many older priests still prefer to say Mass on *All Saints* and *All Souls* and regard them as separate feasts.

Saint Andrew

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle* on November 30th, an important date on the annual liturgical calendar because it determines the date of the first Sunday in Advent, which is the Sunday nearest this feast. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen, Greece, Russia and Scotland. Andrew was the first Apostle to be called by Jesus. He was a fisherman from Bethsaida and the brother of Saint Peter. A follower of John the Baptist, Andrew recognized Jesus as the Messiah when John baptized the Lord in the Jordan River, and he introduced his brother to Jesus. The two brothers continued to fish until Jesus called them as Apostles. After Pentecost, it is believed that Andrew went to Greece to proclaim the Gospel. Saint Andrew, who was called the “Protoclete” (first called) by the Greeks, was crucified at Archaia by order of the Roman Governor Aegeas during the reign of the Emperor Nero. Andrew was bound, not nailed, to an X-shaped cross in order to prolong his suffering. According to tradition, he continued to preach from the cross for two days and died on the third day. The Cross of Saint Andrew has been joined with the Cross of Saint George to form the Great Seal of the Episcopal Church. One day as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon Peter and Andrew and said to them: *follow me and I will make you fishers of men.* (Matthew 4:19). These two brothers, who became essential foundation stones for the early Church, both ended their lives on this earth as beloved martyrs to the Faith.

Almighty God, who didst give such grace to thine Apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of thy Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: give unto us, who are called by thy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. BCP, p. 185.

Christ the King

The *Feast of Christ the King* (last Sunday in Pentecost) is a title of Jesus based on several passages of scripture and, in general, is used by all Christians. The Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, with many other main stream Christian denominations, celebrate under the title, the *Feast of Christ the King* on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (November 22) before a new year begins with the first Sunday in

Advent. Cyril of Alexandria pointed out that Christ has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence or usurped, but by his nature and essence. Pope Pius XI instituted the *Feast of Christ the King* in 1925 to remind us that our allegiance is to Christ our Redeemer as opposed to any earthly ruler who may claim supremacy. *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords* (Revelation 19:16 KJV). This feast day is a favorite for Evensong in the Anglican Communion. Although this feast is important to Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans and Orthodox Christians, it is also observed by many protestants.

Samuel Seabury

Please note the Name Day of Samuel Seabury on November 14th. He was the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the second Presiding Bishop. When the Church of England refused to consecrate a bishop for the American Church, Bishop Seabury was consecrated in Aberdeen, Scotland on November 14, 1784 to the Episcopate by the Bishop and Bishop Coajutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. He thus became a part of the unbroken chain of bishops that links the Church today with the Church of the Apostles (The Apostolic Succession). The Scottish Church asked only one thing in return for their remarkable gift—that the American Church use as its Prayer of Consecration (blessing of the bread and wine at the Eucharist), the Scottish prayer, taken unchanged from the 1549 Scottish Prayer Book, rather than the much shorter one used in the Church of England. This prayer, adopted by the Episcopal Church and heard each Sunday in our Mass, is widely regarded as one of the great treasures of the church in this country. The anniversary of Bishop Seabury’s consecration is now a lesser feast day in the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in Canada, the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church of England.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our First Bishop

We give you thanks, O Lord, for your goodness in bestowing upon this Church the gift of the Episcopate which we celebrate in the remembrance of the consecration of Samuel Seabury. We pray that joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your Holy Sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of Redemption with Apostolic zeal through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 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
1 All Saints Day (Altar: White) 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	2 All Souls Day (Altar: White)	3	4	5	6	7
8 23 rd Pentecost 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	9	10	11	12	13	14 Samual Seabury First American Bishop, 1784
15 24 th Pentecost 11:00 am Holy Eucharists	16	17	18 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	19	20	21
22 Last Pentecost 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	23	24	25 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27	28
29 First Advent 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	30 Saint Andrew The Apostle (Altar: Red)		Our Service Books BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts	Eucharistic Lectionary Year B Office Lectionary Year 1	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary	

November 1, 2020 (All Saints)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm: 34:1-10, 22
 The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3
 The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 8, 2020 (Proper 27)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm: 78:1-7
 The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The November meeting of the vestry will be on November 8th at noon to immediately follow the Eucharist.

November 15, 2020 (Proper 28)
 Celebrant: Father Ken Tucker
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Betty
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Judges 4:1-7
 Psalm: 123
 The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

November 22, 2020 (Proper 29)
 Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm: 100
 The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23
 The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

November 29, 2020 (First Advent)
 Celebrant: Father Swartsfager
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Purple
 1st Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18
 The Epistle: I Corinthians 1:3-9
 The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Happy Birthday

11/02—*Mother Alice*

11/10—*Hank*

11/23—*Rilla*

11/28—*Edel*

Your new copies of **Forward Day By Day** (November, December and January) are now available in the Parish House, large and small print. Persons unable to attend services may request your copy by mail from P.O. Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620.

TIME CHANGE: Eastern Standard Time will resume on November 1, 2020 at 2:00 am. Fall back one hour. See you at Mass!

Trinity Episcopal Church

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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.

Saturdays at Trinity

For about twenty years we carefully developed a program that was generally known in the community as Saturday Afternoons at Trinity. The church was open from 12:00 noon until four and we had quiet music in the church and visitors came to rest, meditate, pray, or possibly just sit and relax and watch the sun play in the stained glass. Some sat in the Lady Chapel and said their rosaries while others lit prayer candles for some friend in sickness or trouble. Some visitors went to the High Altar to kneel and say their prayers as others just sat quietly and often looked through the Book of Common Prayer. As the program developed throughout the years we began to attract more and more young people who had not been reared in the church and things began to get lively. Some of the kids started to bring their instruments (guitars, trumpets, violins, dulcimers and others and would play along with the organ.) The bus tours came on a regular basis and this often led to "sing alongs" at the organ and everyone wanted to sing Amazing Grace. We never knew how many people might show up on a Saturday. Most of the time visitors to the city would casually drop in over the course of the afternoon and on Abbeville festival afternoons there were often as many as 200 visitors over the time the church was open. The numbers greatly increased around Christmas when the church was highly decorated and people were in the mood to sing carols. On the first Saturday in December we always helped the city open the Christmas season with music in the church all afternoon and a more formal concert at about 2:00 pm. We also had the community carol sing around the middle of December. Large numbers of theatre goers would spend at

least an hour in the church on Saturdays while awaiting the plays to begin at the Opera House. We believe this might be a productive way to raise contributions for the restoration with all proceeds going directly to Preservation SC. As members of the parish you can help by just dropping by on some Saturday when you have some time to spare to help welcome and visit with our guests.

On the Same theme of Saturdays at Trinity, the following is repeated by request from the September 2015 newsletter.

The Gardenia Lady

We have been recently saddened to learn of the passing of a dear lady known at Trinity only as the Gardenia Lady. She often appeared only on Saturdays in the middle of the afternoon and brought beautiful gardenias clutched in her small hands which had been crippled by arthritis. She would always make her prayers in the Lady Chapel and would sometimes ask that the Crucifix be lifted down so that she might kiss the feet of the Savior. She would then lay her gift of gardenias at the foot of the cross, a fitting gift to Our Lady and her Most Blessed Son. And as the Lady Chapel was infused with the exotic fragrance of gardenia, she would kneel sometimes for half an hour on those aching knees to offer her prayers; as her misshapen fingers moved slowly and painfully across the beads of her rosary. We never saw her at Mass, only on Saturdays. She was not much for conversation, but her quiet serenity presented a powerful unspoken sermon. Yet now her joy must be unspeakable as she has been taken up on the wings of eagles. She can run and not be weary, walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31) and has seen her precious Jesus face to face. So many sermons here. Trinity is truly a special place. Thanks be to God. Amen.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of (Alfred Lord Tennyson). Even today we are walking in, standing on, and surrounded by answers to prayers prayed by us and others. God wants us to ask, seek, and knock. He wants us to come boldly into His presence, fully assured of His glad welcome. From a sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon William Beckham, later the 6th Bishop of this diocese. Resquiescat in Pace.

Prayer for the victims of Covid-19
Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer. Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of Him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Book of Common Prayer, p.279.