



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Restoration Update

Considerable progress continues to be made in the restoration with much of the outside and inside work nearing completion. In May a very elaborate heating and air conditioning system was installed with a sophisticated dehumidifying unit making the environment in the church completely controllable and will no longer allow water to be retained in the walls which has caused so much damage in the past years. If present progress continues, it is hoped that the church could possibly reopen to the public in the summer.

**Send your contributions directly to [SCPreservation.org](http://SCPreservation.org).**

## Churches May Reopen

In a recent directive the Bishop has stated his specific requirements for the parishes to resume in-person services. These stipulations are rigid and designed to insure the greatest level of protection for people together engaged in worship. The Bishop has required each parish interested in resuming normal church services to submit a detailed plan designed according to his directive. The following is required: six-foot distancing except for same household; face masks are required for all participants; Communion in one kind with stipulations for communication of the Sacrament; all worshippers required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the communion area. Although the Blessed Sacrament will be consecrated as usual by the priest, it will not be placed in the hand of the communicant; but each person will pick up the precious Body of Christ with their own hand from a tray which also has been sanitized and consecrated. All altar vessels and implements must be carefully sanitized before and following the Mass. The usual Asperges, incense and parish picnic will not be done this year. If approved, the Mass will be said in the parish garden under the shade trees which will

easily allow for the required distancing. We have requested this Eucharist for our Feast Day, the *Feast of the Holy Trinity* on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Modern day weather forecasts are usually extremely accurate. If rain is predicted, we will attempt to come up with an alternate plan; but that will also have to also be approved at the diocesan level. If we have not heard from the diocese by the time of this mailing (May 28<sup>th</sup>), we will let you know as soon as we know if our request for a service has been approved.

## Forward Day By Day

Many of you who are fond of reading your daily devotionals in *Forward Day By Day* have not yet been able to receive your current copy which initiated in May. We have the new issues in regular and large print on the library table in the chapel area. If for some reason church services do not resume as expected, you may request that a copy be mailed to your home. Call, email or send request to P.O. Box 911.

## News You Can Use

The Episcopal News Service, 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 of the Episcopal Church, but also the world wide Anglican Communion. The website does an excellent job of keeping interested Episcopalians advised of all "goings-on" of interest within the Anglican world. In recent times the ENS has been especially effective in reporting numerous stories about the affect of the pandemic throughout the Anglican Communion. 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 ex-

cellent job of keeping us posted on all the events and activities in the diocese and provides a link to the ENS.

## Covid-19 Update

At this writing, the public health department is reporting 35 active cases in Abbeville County. We have made an attempt to keep-up with the health status of our members and thankfully all our people appear to be well. We do not know about those people who get our newsletter and have family connections to this parish. If you have a need for prayer for anyone please call (864-992-2200) and please continue to remember in your prayers all those who are suffering.

## The Labyrinth

On a bright spring day recently, Dr. Elsner and Sam spent part of the day drawing out a labyrinth on our parish green to test its feasibility as a new ministry for our church programming. Dr. Elsner had prepared a group of beautiful meditations and prayers to be contemplated at each station of the labyrinth. Labyrinths are found at many of the great churches and cathedrals in this country and Europe and have been used for centuries as an adjunct to the overall Christian experience. If you really do not understand how a labyrinth functions, don't worry. Dr. Elsner will give us an article on what they are and how they work as a psychological and theological enhancement to deepen our overall Christian experience. We believe that a labyrinth at Trinity would give us another opportunity to make a contribution to the community and give a meaningful experience to many of our friends from other churches. Stay tuned for Dr. Elsner's article.

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

## **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 earliest 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 gentile converts against the Judaizers. They won many converts to the Faith and participated in the very important Council of Jerusalem. Saint Barnabas' story is told in the *Acts of the Apostles* and Saint 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 the cousin of Saint Mark the Evangelist on the basis of Colossians 4.

### **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

We celebrate the *Feast of the Nativity 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 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.

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

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul*. This is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome 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 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 their day of 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 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 tentmakers (having been one himself) and theologians (because of his profound writings). From ancient times, both apostles have been invoked against the bite 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.

### **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin**

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (Transferred from May 31<sup>st</sup>). Mary left Nazareth at the end of March and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. At this time Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary, likewise, was expecting Jesus. When they met a miraculous event occurred which is recorded in Luke (1:39-57). Feeling the presence of the Divine Savior, John leapt in his mother's womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit: *and she spoke out with a loud*

*voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.* The Blessed Mary now for the first time exercised the office which would be uniquely hers as the one to be the mother of the Incarnate Christ, the Savior of the world. Joseph probably accompanied Mary to Hebron, returned to Nazareth, and after three months came to take Mary home.

*The Song of Mary (The Magnificat)*  
*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:46-49.*

### **Trinity Sunday**

We celebrate *Trinity Sunday* (the *Feast of the Holy Trinity*) on the first Sunday in June (7<sup>th</sup>) and we hope this will be our first Sunday back together after a long absence due to the pandemic. 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.

### **Evening Prayer**

Several of you regulars at Evening Prayer have stated how much you miss that quiet time for prayer and meditation. If the churches are successful in the reopening plans, we would like to resume our Evening Prayer services on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the parish house on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Dick and Hank will continue to present our lessons. Hope to see you then.

### **Foothills Convocation**

The Convocation is scheduled to meet on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Redeemer in Greenville at 2:00 pm. This meeting probably will be rescheduled due to the pandemic. Delegates and Alternates to the Diocesan Convention are expected to attend meetings of the convocation as the convocations do much of the planning for the diocesan convention in November. If you are a delegate or alternate, we will keep you posted.

*Come unto to me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*  
Matthew 11:28, KJV

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## JUNE 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	<b>1</b> The Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White) Transferred from May 31st	<b>2</b> First Book of Common Prayer 1549 W	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 1st Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Saint Barnabas The Apostle (Altar: Red)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 2nd Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>15</b> Saint Barnabas Apostle (Altar: Red)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Summer Begins
<b>21</b> 3rd Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist  <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist (Altar: White)  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 4th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>29</b> The Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Altar: White)	<b>30</b>			All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary	Our Service Books BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts

### June 7, 2020 (Trinity Sunday)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Dick  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Myra  
Altar Colors: White  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm: 8  
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
The Gospel: Matthew 28:16-29

### June 14, 2020 (Proper 6)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Mary Anne  
Acolytes: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-17  
Psalm: 86:1-10, 16-17  
The Epistle: Romans 5:1-8  
The Gospel: Matthew

The June meeting of the vestry will be on June 14th immediately following the Eucharist. Members mark your calendars.

### June 21, 2020 (Proper 7)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Ruth  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 21 :8-21  
Psalm: 86 :1-10, 16-17  
The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11  
The Gospel: Matthew 10

### June 28, 2020 (Proper 8)

Celebrant: Father Tucker  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick  
Lector: Betty  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm: 13  
The Epistle: Romans: 6:12-23  
The Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-42

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.  
2 Corinthians 5:7.*

### Happy Birthday

06/13—Akil

06/15—Shane

06/16—Glen

06/18—Caroline

06/26—Charles (Claxton)

### Bible Study Change

Beginning on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the location for Bible Study will change to downstairs. Some of our people with bad knees are having trouble with the stairs. The meetings will be in the chapel area and on some of the pleasant days in the garden at the picnic tables. Hank is doing a great job with the Bible Study and the lessons are insightful and well presented. If you have not been to Bible Study, you might want to give it a try—10:00 am every Sunday in the parish house. *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.* Psalm 119:105, KJV.

## **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.**

### **Who Are We?**

A diocese is a geological grouping of local congregations with a bishop as a chief pastor. The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina is made up of 61 congregations in 22 counties in upper South Carolina. This diocese is a part of the 2.1-million-member Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church is a member of the world wide Anglican Communion, 85 million members strong, 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 which 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. Amen.

### **Letters From Our Friends:**

#### **Dear Trinity Episcopal Church:**

I am so proud of what you are doing to save this wonderful church. I want to say thank you for the example you set for all of us—in so many ways. God Bless. Please accept this donation in honor of Mike Clary. He has been kind to me and always speaks and acts in a Christian way. My heart and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely,  
Frank Phillips  
Sunset Drive

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your kind letter and your most generous contribution. We are very proud of the many programs we do for the community and when we reopen, we look forward to seeing you at Trinity often. Mike is a very fine young man and we are so glad to have him with us at Trinity. Editor.

Dear Trinity:

When I entered Trinity for the first time several years ago on a cold, wet Saturday afternoon, I was a loser, drunkard and reprobate. I had lost my family and especially missed my children. I was attracted to a beautiful lady who was playing the violin with the organist. I am a college graduate and had studied violin at the College of Charleston. I expected to be thrown out on the street as I am sure I smelled like a brewery. But I was received warmly and treated like a welcome guest. When the musicians played *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*, a song I had sung as a child in the Baptist Church, I broke forth in song and pretty nearly emptied the church. I came back to Trinity for many weeks and received a lot of help in turning my life around. I was told that I needed to come to Mass and to receive the Blessed Sacrament, but I could not receive the Sacrament in the Episcopal Church because I had not been baptized. The organist solved that problem by dragging a priest out of the sacristy who baptized me on the spot. Upon receiving the Sacrament I received the grace from the Holy Spirit that I would reform my life and I have not had a drink of alcohol in years. I now work with alcoholics in a rescue mission and my life has taken on a new meaning. I am so thankful that on that cold rainy afternoon I came into Trinity where people practice what they preach. I have kept up with you through the years and read your newsletter on your website. Please feel free to use my testimony in any way that might save another soul.  
Max

Dear Max,

I remember you well and am so happy for your success. Please visit us at Trinity when you can, but you may not be asked to sing. Editor.

*The Holy Eucharist is the best possible nourishment for the human soul. Blessed are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Amen.*