



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE CALLED "TO BE A LIGHT, LIVING AS A WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE, SERVING AND NURTURING ALL"

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CTK Headlines:

Bishop Fisher's Visit

On Sunday, March 9th, Bishop Jeff Fisher came to Christ the King and presided over the 8:00 am service and the 10:30 am service that included Confirmation of Edward Sellar, Beverly Painter, Xavier Goudeaux, Tamara Phillips, and Noah Dawlearn and the Reaffirmation of faith by Lesley Exum-Goudeaux.

A festive, Texas-themed reception followed the 10:30 am service where Edie McDaniel's award-winning chili was served with all the trimmings along with homemade corn muffins. Lyn Goodman provided a beautifully decorated and delicious cake that added a special finale to our enjoyable meal. Special kudos to Sherry Herring, Diane Newport, Bev Silloway, Mike McDaniel, Edie McDaniel and Teresa Simmons for helping decorate and set the colorful tables.

As you can tell by the pictures, it was a joyous occasion that was enthusiastically celebrated by all! *continued on page 4*



Pictured left to right: Edward Sellar, Beverly Painter, Tamara Phillips, Bishop Fisher, Noah Dawlearn, Xavier Goudeaux and Lesley Exum-Goudeaux

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

I want to talk about the vision of our church. I recently shared in a sermon that we have an age gap present in the church. Of those who took surveys for the Master Plan process, two-thirds were 50 years of age or older. In contrast, in the three mile radius of Christ the King, the median age is 35.5 years. Our mission statement says, "We are called to be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all." I believe we do well at loving, nurturing, and serving. One area we need to improve on is serving and nurturing all.

I want to be clear that our church needs to continue to serve every age group. That is part of our mission statement. Part of our challenge is discerning how at Christ the King we can better serve some of the underrepresented age groups in our church. A key demographic is families with children 18 years and younger.

Bishop Fisher recently told our vestry that he's found vibrant and growing churches tend to have this characteristic in common: The young families with babies have become a force in the church. Here's the really exciting thing. We already have 4 very active families with children 2 years old or younger. I am planning on getting this group together to discern ways our church can increase our ministry to young families. There are lots of exciting possibilities. And you will be hearing more about what develops from these conversations.

Of course, we also need to discern how to serve families with youth age children. We are expanding our mission with the youth. At Christ the King we are thrilled to have a mission trip on June 8th to June 13th at Canyon Lake (near New Braunfels). The kids will team up with 3 other Episcopal churches: Good Shepherd, (Kingwood), Trinity (The Woodlands), and St. Francis (Houston). Youth will build homes for those in need and have a little fun tubing and going to Schlitterbahn.

In addition, our vestry has been actively discussing how we can best serve families with youth. This visioning process will continue. I think it is important that we keep our vision sharp. As the book of proverbs reminds us, "Without vision, the people perish" (Book of Proverbs 29:18). Important to this vision is ongoing prayer, reflection, and then taking action. Please pray for our parish. Pray that we can fully live into our mission statement. Pray that we will find creative and exciting ministry opportunities together.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. David†

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~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 4/1 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 4/2 Lenten Bible Studay 6:30-8:00 pm (soup dinner & closes with Compline) each Wednesday through 4/9
- 4/6 Join us for our First Sunday lunch after the 10:30 am service.
- 4/6 **EYC** meet from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- 4/9 Lenten Bible Studay 6:30-8:00 pm (soup dinner & closes with Compline) each Wednesday through 4/9
- 4/10 The **Daughters of the King** will meet at the church at 7:00 pm
- 4/12 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** will be meeting at the church at 8:30 – 9:30 am
- 4/13 Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week
- 4/15 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm
- 4/17 Maundy Thursday service
- 4/20 Easter Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Family pictures and Egg Hunt at Noon
- 4/24 YMCA Dancing with Partners 6:00 pm Humble Civic Center
- 4/27 **EYC** meet from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers 	2 Lenten Bible Study 6:30 pm soup dinner 7:00 pm study 8:00 pm Compline 	3	4	5	
6 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir & Sunday School 10:30 am Service 1st Sunday Lunch Bean Bag Golf Tournament  5:00-6:00 pm	7	8	9 Lenten Bible Study 6:30 pm soup dinner 7:00 pm study 8:00 pm Compline 	10 Daughters of the King meet at 7:00 pm 	11	12 8:30 – 9:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew 	
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~CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATES WITH BISHOP FISHER~

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Bishop Fisher held a meeting with Christ the King vestry members to share insight to our growing congregation and get feedback as to the needs and concerns of our church family as well.

Edward Sellar, Beverly Painter, Xavier Goudeaux, Tamara Phillips, Noah Dawlearn and Lesley Exum-Goudeaux had a special meeting with Bishop Fisher prior to the 10:30 am service as they prepared to make their mature faith commitment to Christ. He wanted to extend a personal greeting to each confirmand as they began a deeper journey in their walk with Christ.

Bishop Fisher's message from the pulpit began with acknowledging his long-time association with Fr. David as they had both attended the same seminary and could give us some interesting stories. This drew a good amount of laughter from the pews. Then, he proceeded with a request none of us had heard from the pulpit before, to turn on our cell phones and tweet during his sermon so that hundreds could be privy to the good news he would share.

His sermon resonated one of hope, instilling the words of Paul that grace is greater than our sin, and that Jesus has already paid the price for each of us so that we have the

opportunity to know God, Our Father and His love because of the sacrifice of His son, Jesus.

Christ the King is fortunate to have Jeff Fisher as Bishop over our diocese as he has fresh and innovative visions for the Episcopal Church as a whole because of his intense focus on evangelism.

He stayed for the reception afterward to dine with us and graciously gave opportunities for conversation and pictures.

If you want to follow Bishop Fisher, his twitter is @jeffwfisher.



Fr David & Bishop Fisher



Edie, our chili chef!



Beautiful cake by Lyn Goodman



Some dining enjoyment



H.A.A.M - The Power of a Coalition

Humble Area Assistance Ministries, often referred to as HAAM, was established in 1990 and has been serving the northeast Houston area for 23 years. HAAM is supported by a coalition of churches and organizations that provide over 66,000 volunteer hours annually. HAAM is the most comprehensive social service agency in the area.

Christ the King is one of the more than 30 covenant churches that participate in funding and supplying goods to keep HAAM operating to serve the thousands in our community each year. Part of our participation includes donating food each month, collecting school supplies in the fall for their distribution to under-privileged children, as

well as donating funds to assist them in reaching their financial goals. John Holmes is the vestry person liaison for this ministry and recently received a letter of thanks from them for our recent donation of \$340.00. It is donations like this that give HAAM the capability to respond to 16,000 requests for food during 2013 as well as assistance in paying rent, utilities and other basic living needs for those less fortunate in our community.

During the year you will have opportunities to give to support their cause and if you would like more information, contact them at: www.haaministries.org

Shrove Tuesday



EYC's Annual Pancake Supper

EYC sponsored the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4th that not only fed some 55 parish members, but also raised \$347.00 for Camp Allen scholarships. Many thanks to Johnny, Beverly and Lewis Painter, Matt and Emily Lalor and, of course, Amy and Andrew Beesley! Way to go EYC!!!



~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

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CHRIST THE KING 2014 VESTRY MEMBERS

Your vestry is a group of lay members elected by you, the church members, to serve with the rector as the leadership and governing body of the church. Through an annual retreat, and monthly and other special meetings, the rector and vestry are responsible to set and oversee the vision of ministry for the church, and to conduct the business of the church as required by canon or civil law. All committees, commissions, or other church groups and their ministries come under the oversight of the vestry.

Each Sunday you can find a ‘Vestry Person of the Day’ present during the services for announcements, and available before and after each service for any questions any parishioner or newcomer might have about the church or any of the ministries.

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One of the responsibilities of the vestry, along with the rector, is managing the church’s finances. We feel it’s important that our parishioners have a sense of our church’s financial position.

Financial Statement as of February 28, 2014:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND</u>
Beginning Balance:	\$58,108.52	\$30,409.86	\$18,071.63
Expenses:	(\$18,407.46)	(\$4,803.49)	
Deposits:	<u>\$17,791.29</u>		<u>\$ 1,381.66</u>
Ending Balance:	\$57,492.35	\$25,606.37	\$19,453.29



4/7 Julie Langler
 4/10 David Nelson
 4/12 P.J. McCluskey
 4/17 Barry Rought
 4/18 Allahyea Preston

4/26 Katie Holmes
 4/27 Matthew Lalor
 4/28 Bob Keller

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4/12 Ruben & Anna Garcia
 4/16 Henry & Debbie Lee
 4/21 Andrew & Amy Beesley



Anniversary Prayer

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

11th ANNUAL BEAN BAG GOLF TOURNAMENT Sunday, April 6th

Sponsored by: The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew



The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew will be sponsoring its 11th Annual Bean Bag Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday, April 6th

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Christ the King

Sign up on the bulletin board and get your teams together. Design a T-Shirt and be prepared to win prizes and have some fun!

Prizes awarded for:

- LOW INDIVIDUAL SCORE AND LOW TEAM SCORE
- CLOSEST TO THE HOLE ON A SELECTED HOLE
- LONGEST TOSS ON THE FAIRWAY FOR A SELECTED HOLE
- BEST SHIRT DESIGN

SPONSORS: \$10.00 will sponsor a hole or a tee box, with your name, organization, business or personal message displayed. All proceeds will be dedicated to mission projects.

COST: \$1.00 Per player

Form a 4 member team and pick a team name or sign up and you will be put on a team.

PRIZES FOR SOME, BUT FUN FOR ALL!!!

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About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral size parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood, Crosby, Huffman and Summerwood. Come visit us for Sunday Service and learn about all the wonderful things our church has to offer!

Our Mission

To be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all

Jesus is Lord – Following the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures

Outreach – Committing to Christ-centered service

You are Welcome – Respecting the dignity of all God's children

Faith and Fellowship – Growing together in joyful celebration of our faith in Christ

United in Prayer and Worship – Praising God through our liturgy

Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Sunday School & Choir
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist with music

For newsletter comments or
submissions, email:
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Have you ever noticed that some women in our church wear the same silver cross with writing on it? Have you seen that same cross on a woman you may meet at the library, store or at the office? These women are members of The Order of the Daughters of the King. The Order of the Daughters of the King is a lay religious order. After completing the eight-week National Study Guide, each Daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of the Order. Our Rule requires a spiritual discipline of daily prayer, service and evangelism. All Daughters promise to wear the cross of the Order at all times as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives.

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. We meet at 7:00 pm for food and fellowship, followed by a devotional and prayer. Anyone interested in learning more about the organization should contact Theresa Reed, president of our chapter.